



Coordinator updates

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Photo by Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program



Happy Earth Day!

Sharing something
from my watch list...

**Water's Edge: Black
Watermen of the
Chesapeake**



Should be available online (PBS/Maryland Public Television) at least through May 15:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/waters-edge-black-watermen-of-the-chesapeake-logiwq/>

Another positive bit of news...

New EPA Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers

- Seventeen new technical assistance centers nationally. Info about the Mid-Atlantic center, led by National Wildlife Federation (NWF):
 - <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/national-wildlife-federation-selected-serve-new-technical-assistance-center-help>
- Several other partners working with NWF to administer the Mid-Atlantic program:
 - University of Maryland's (UMD) Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH) and Environmental Finance Center (EFC)
 - Morgan State University (Maryland)
 - West Virginia State University
 - Centro De Apoyo Familiar (Arlington, Va.)
 - South Baltimore Community Land Trust
 - Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative
 - Overbrook Education Center (Philadelphia)
 - Sussex Health & Environmental Network/Sentinels of Eastern Shore Health. (Delaware)
- Aim: to help community organizations apply for environmental justice funding made available under both the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act

**Beyond 2025
Steering
Committee,
WQGIT reps**

Thank you, KC and Joe!

**WQGIT Face-to-
face**

Will begin planning in earnest, aiming for late September to early/mid-October

We'll explore possible field tour options. Thanks to Mike LaSala!

**WQGIT quarterly
webinar update**

Planning continues. Thank you, volunteers!

**Wastewater
Treatment
Workgroup
status**

Please confirm your signatory representation

New Chair needed moving forward

Late-breaking updates

- The WQGIT Newsletter is out!
- Announced late last week: EPA and CBF proposed settlement of 2020 lawsuit, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. et al. v. U.S. EPA et al., No. 1:20-cv-2529 (D.D.C.)
 - The proposed settlement agreement is open for public comment **by May 22**. You can view the Federal Register announcement, view instructions for submitting comments, and find the proposed settlement agreement here:
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-08510>
 - Questions? Please contact Terri White at the Office of Public Affairs & Kelly Gable and Allison Gardner in the Office of Regional Counsel

Management Board Updates

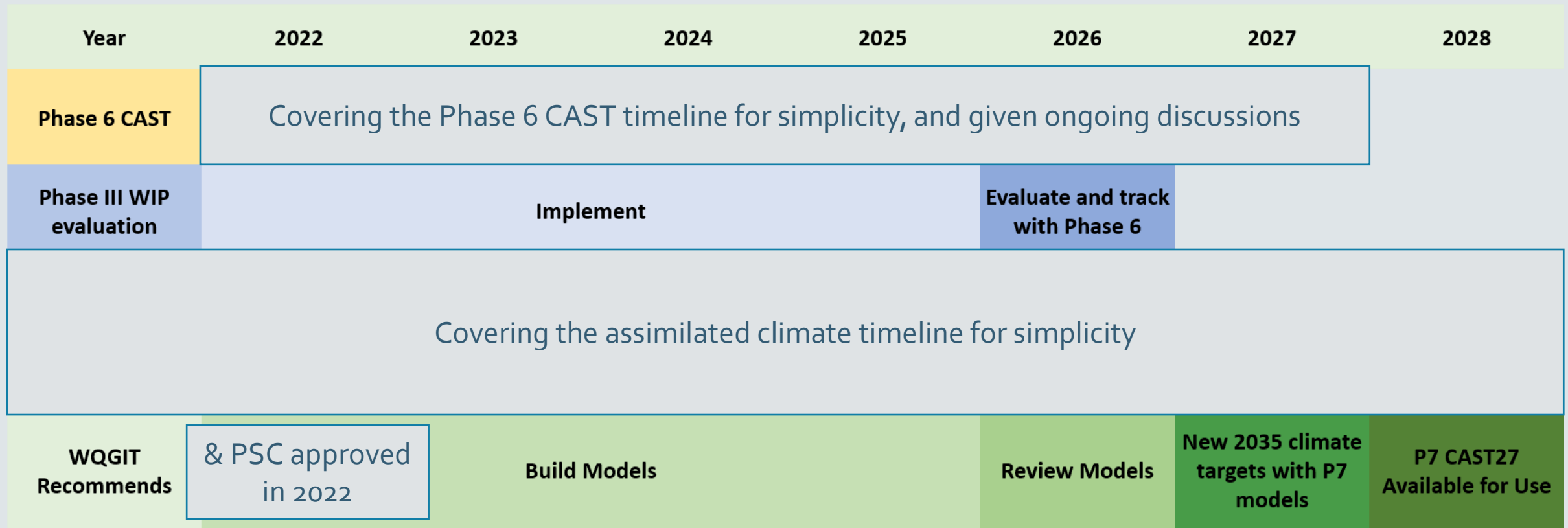
Workgroup Updates

2 minutes or less, open to Chairs or Coordinators

Phase 7 status updates (1 hour)

- 5-minute lightning updates (cut off at 6 minutes)
- discussion following all the updates, with remaining time
- Please use the chat to ask questions throughout, presenters or others can respond in the chat to save time in our general discussion

Overall Phase 7 timeline: quick recap



Important Notes:

- CAST₂₃ will be the model of record for the evaluation of 2025 Progress
- CAST₂₃ will not include the FY22 Ag Census or the High Resolution Land Use Data from 2021-2022
- CAST₂₅ will introduce FY22 Ag Census or the High Resolution Land Use Data from 2021-2022
- Schedule provides a full year of review for Phase 7 suite of tools
- Schedule results in Climate Targets at the end of 2027

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We'll restart at 2:30