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BROOK TROUT WORKGROUP SPRING 2025 MEETING

Wednesday, May 21st, 2024, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ET

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9:00 – WELCOME, ROLL CALL, & INTRODUCTIONS (10 minutes)

Presenters: Workgroup Co-Chairs Katie Ombalski (Woods and Waters Consulting) and Dan Goetz (MD DNR)

9:10 – UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)

Presenters: Katie Ombalski, Dan Goetz

- **HABITAT GIT SPRING MEETING:** The Habitat Goal Implementation Team Spring Meeting was on April 29th, 2025. This was a virtual meeting with the main discussion about improving collaboration and effectiveness within our GIT.
 - [LINK TO MEETING INFORMATION & MATERIALS](#)
- **STAC Workshop**
 - Pennsylvania: Lakeview Lodge in DuBois, PA (Clearfield County) on May 29th



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■ [In-person RSVP](#) by: May 22

- Maryland: McDaniel College in Westminster, MD (Carroll County) on June 3rd

■ [In-person RSVP](#) by: May 27

- Q&A

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Fall Brook Trout Meeting: November 19, 2025

9:20 – HABITAT TRACKER UPDATE (20 minutes)

Presenter: Helen Golimowski

9:40 – NEW OUTCOME TARGET METRIC DISCUSSION (1 hour 35 minutes)

Presenters: Katie Ombalski, Dan Goetz

Protect and enhance brook trout within the Chesapeake Bay watershed by increasing occupancy, abundance and resilience to changing environmental conditions.

- By 2035, increase brook trout occupancy by 1% in watersheds supporting healthy populations while achieving no net loss in other watersheds.
- By 2035, increase abundance at 10 long-term monitoring sites.

Q: What does each state have in terms of long-term monitoring sites?

MD – Matt Lawrence or Jason Cessna

PA – Jason Detar

VA – Brad Fink

WV – Dave Thorn

NY – Fred Henson

TU – Dustin Wichterman, Allison Lutz

Q: Does Trout Unlimited have long term monitoring sites?

Speaker – Dustin Wichterman

10:15 – BREAK (15 minutes)



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- By 2035, reduce identified threats by XX% to increase brook trout resilience in watersheds supporting healthy populations.

Draft example approach for resiliency targets:

Type	Number Projects/miles/acres (GIT Report)	10 Year Adjustment	Percent in BKT Patches (13.67)
AMD	5	7	7
AOP (miles opened)	232	331	45
Brook Trout Reintroduction	3	4	1
Dirt Gravel Roads (miles)	730	1043	143
Instream Habitat Enhancement (miles)	78	111	15
Land Protection	13881	19830	2711
Riparian Restoration (acres)	3421	4887	668
Other	222	317	43

11:15 – MEMBER UPDATES (35 minutes)

Presenters: multiple

MD (5 minutes)

PA (5 minutes)

VA (5 minutes)

WV (5 minutes)

NY (5 minutes)

Trout Unlimited (5 minutes)

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (5 minutes)

11:50 – FINAL REMARKS (10 minutes)

12:00 – MEETING ADJOURNED