

**Budget and Finance Workgroup
Spring 2021 Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Agenda**



Date: April 28, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Call via WebEx

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Members

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Michelle Guck, EPA (Coordinator)	Kristin Saunders, UMCES
Vacant, CRC (Staff)	Ann Jennings, VA DNR
Garrett Stewart, CRC (Staff)	John Maleri, DC DOEE
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Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP	

Agenda Item, Discussion Lead, and Description	Time	Materials, Notes, and Action Items
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Order of the Day (<u>Discussion Leads:</u> Bill Jenkins, EPA and Elliott Campbell, MD DNR) <i>A recap of action items from our previous meeting, including progress made and next steps.</i>	1:00 pm – 1:10 pm	Announcements: 2021 BFWG Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 28, 2021 October 27, 2021
II. Review Updated BFWG Charge (draft) (<u>Discussion Leads:</u> Elliott Campbell, MD DNR, Bill Jenkins, EPA, and Michelle Guck, EPA) Present to the group the updated BFWG Charge draft based on previously received comments. This version was presented at the GIT-6 meeting in March. Allow for open discussion before completing the mark up.	1:10 pm – 1:30 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated BFWG Charge (draft) Action: Michelle Guck will reach out to Loretta Collins (Ag Workgroup Coordinator) about coming to a future BFWG meeting to present on Ag group efforts to coordinate and maximize impact of funding coming from across the watershed. Action: Elliot Campbell , workgroup members please submit any additional comments on the draft charge to Elliot or Michelle in writing after the meeting.
III. Discuss BFWG Workplan (draft) (Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR, Bill Jenkins, EPA, and Michelle Guck EPA) Present to the group the BFWG workplan draft based on previously received comments during the review of the draft. Open discussion, specifically brainstorming vision and mission statements.	1:30 pm – 1:50 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft BFWG workplan Action: Michelle will review and mark up the workplan reflecting the feedback received at this meeting and distribute it to the Workgroup. Workgroup members are asked to submit any specific work items or suggestions. Time will be designated at the next meeting of the workgroup to continue refining the workplan.
IV. Break	1:50 pm – 1:55 pm	

<p>V. Feedback on Finance Coaching experience: Carbon Markets presented to an collective of workgroups and GITs (i.e. Healthy Watersheds, Protected Lands, etc.) (Discussion Leads: John Griffin (Chesapeake Conservancy))</p>	<p>1:55 pm – 2:35 pm</p>	<p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Coach Presentation
<p>VI. Workgroup Member Updates/Announcements (Discussion Leads: Bill Jenkins, EPA and Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</p> <p>A) Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) 2020 EC Recommendation: Restoration Economy: Update (Discussion Lead: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and Michelle Guck, EPA)</p> <p>B) Conowingo Finance Strategy Update (Discussion Lead: Michelle Guck, EPA)</p> <p>C) Budget Impacts as a Result of COVID-19 (Discussion Leads: Bill Jenkins, EPA) <i>Bill will provide updates and lead a discussion on potential long-term budget impacts as they relate to COVID-19. Question to ponder: How might we link CBP work to economic recovery?</i></p> <p>D) Proposed bills in state legislature relating to Conservation finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed bills in Maryland General Assembly 	<p>2:35 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conowingo Finance Strategy available on Conowingo WIP Steering committee website Comprehensive Conservation Finance Act Environment - Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund <p>ACTION: Jim Edward Bill Jenkins and Michelle Guck will talk to EPA Headquarters and the National Center for Environmental Economics to learn more about in-house work done related to restoration economy topic/inquire about what programs they have access to through contractors (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). <i>In Progress</i></p> <p>ACTION: Bill Jenkins and Michelle Guck will continue to investigate methods of assessing economic impact of CBP funds in watershed economy by looking to CBARA for guidance, asking the states if they have already developed estimates of jobs related to funds, how the workgroup can access this data and what resources are necessary to conduct a larger study.</p>

Completed Actions & Decisions

ACTION: ~~Jim Edward~~ **Bill Jenkins** and **Michelle Guck** will set up time with Meg Granato and Elliott Campbell to discuss MD DNR’s efforts on job creation/water restoration programs (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). *Completed*

ACTION: **Michelle Guck** will talk to **Carin Bisland** about working with the contract facilitator to integrate Finance into the Biennial Meeting. *Completed*

- Discuss outcome of Forestry Workgroup finance coach session at future BFWG meeting?

ACTION: **Dave Goshorn, Kristin Saunders** and **Elliott Campbell** will look-into whether background finance training for the PSC and Conowingo Steering Committee is possible. *Completed*

ACTION: **Kristin Saunders** will look-into seeing whether any excess consulting hours/dollars can be re-programmed to help with other efforts (PSC/Conowingo Steering Committee members). *Completed*