

# GIT FUNDING PROJECTS

Diversity Workgroup Meeting  
September 2019

# BACKGROUND

- Every year EPA funds the Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Teams (GITS)
  - Chesapeake Bay Trust manages the process
- The project should fill a gap in a group's workplan
- 2018: Diversity workgroup's project funded the DEI Strategy and work with Skeo. (on-going)
- Projects are typically \$25,000–\$75,000 and last 1-2 years

# PROJECTS

Directly related to DEIJ

# Increasing Diversity In The Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Through Cultural Competency Training

## DETAILS



### Stewardship GIT

- Build on momentum of DEI strategy and last years project
- Last year: ends with several trainings



### Diversity Workgroup

- This year: additional trainings in order to broaden the reach and impact of DEI in the partnership
- 2 trainings of 30 people each
- Transferability package for greater reach

# Developing a Regional Outdoor Learning Network to Support MWEE Implementation

## DETAILS



### Stewardship GIT

- Build a network of school districts and nonprofit partners to share information and coordinate efforts
- Overcome barriers in systemic implementation
- Promote equity in environmental education

## Public Access Survey: Benefits and Barriers Across the Watershed

### DETAILS

#### Stewardship GIT

- Survey to determine how residents of the watershed utilize public access sites
- Help jurisdictions understand and address barriers to access and what then might be done to address them
- Conduct follow-up focus groups of people identified as underserved or not utilizing public access sites.

## Targeted Local Outreach for Green Infrastructure in Vulnerable Areas

### DETAILS

#### Habitat GIT

- Planning assistance for local communities to facilitate design and implementation of Living BMP projects informed by science, supported by the local community, and have a high probability of long-term success.
- Diversity Workgroup to work with Climate Resiliency to help identify potential sites in communities that might be in areas vulnerable to climate change impacts.

## Improved Technical Service Delivery to Landowners: Achieving Multiple CBP Outcomes

### DETAILS

#### Maintain Healthy Watershed GIT

- Hold workshops to convene regional Technical Service Providers (TSPs) and provide multidisciplinary training.
- Improved coordination and inclusion of less connected audiences/under-served communities.
- Increase capacity of local leaders and citizen stewards through TSPs.



# Correctional Conservation Collaborative: Achieving PA Forestry Goals through Workforce Development

## DETAILS

### Water Quality GIT

- Lack of contract installers, maintainers of riparian forest buffers (RFBs) and community tree projects in PA.
- Project will train returning citizens for these high demand jobs and contribute to workforce development as well as achieving forestry goals.

## Building a Baywide Scorecard to Track Climate Resilience for Watershed Communities

### DETAILS



### Climate Resiliency Workgroup

- Develop an outline for a scorecard that can be implemented and distributed Baywide.
- Help leaders and citizens understand and determine what local actions can increase climate resiliency.
- Promote the availability and accessibility of climate data and information.

# REMAINING PROJECTS

1. Phase II of Scenic Landscape Impact Assessment Project: Training for Practitioners
2. Developing communications and guidance on shoreline protection options for coastal landowners
3. Development of a Protocol and Technical Guidance Manual for Small-scale SAV Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay
4. Piloting the Development of Probabilistic Intensity Duration Frequency (IDF) Curves for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
5. Chesapeake Bay striped bass nursery habitat assessment
6. Implementation of Chesapeake Healthy Watersheds Assessment in Maryland's Tier II Watersheds
7. Development of the "Maryland Stream Crossing Design Guidance": a Fish-Friendly Stream Crossing Design Handbook

# WHAT NEXT?



- Projects are currently being finalized.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be created for each project.
- Mid October: RFPs out
  - Bidders will be able to apply to be the contractor for a project.
- Contracts will be awarded and projects will commence in January 2020

**THANK YOU!**