

### **Wetlands Workgroup Co-Chair Position Description**

The Vital Habitats Goal Implementation Team (GIT) of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership seeks a co-chair to lead its Wetland Workgroup alongside current chair Pam Mason, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). Specifically, Management Board nomination of a State, Federal or NGO partner with both a passion for and technical knowledge of Chesapeake wetlands, is requested to:

1. Reinvigorate and expand membership of this group of wetland experts, and
2. Focus collective efforts on items that are on the current Wetland Workgroup workplan which include: prioritization of restoration projects, expanding involvement of landowners and stakeholders and coordinating efforts with other CBP workgroups.

The WWG primary responsibility is to work toward the stated wetlands goal for increase in wetland acreage to support water quality and habitat. A critical element in accounting for wetland acreage in the watershed is an effective, efficient reporting and verification process. The WWG will engage, support and facilitate this effort via communication and participation with HGIT leadership, EPA and NEIEN (National Environmental Information Exchange Network) data managers.

The workgroup meetings occur every other month on the third Tuesday of each month from 2-4 pm. The time commitment for co-leading this group is estimated to be around 5 hours/month. Staff from the Chesapeake Research Consortium provide the chair/s with administrative support, including meeting and conference call arrangements, note-taking, and group communications. Financial support for projects that support the workplan is also available on a competitive basis.

This is an opportunity to lead, expand professional networks and influence the future of wetland restoration science and implementation for the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Nominations are due by the August Management Board Meeting scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

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