



Protected Lands Workgroup Call for Chair

The Protected Lands Workgroup will be looking to fill the vacant Chair position, starting September 2025. The Chair of the workgroup will be assisted/supported by a Coordinator and Staffer, both housed at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Office.

PRIMARY ROLES AND TIME COMMITMENT

The Protected Lands Workgroup provides a source of land use/protection expertise at the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Workgroup coordinates and supports partnership efforts to conserve and protect land across the watershed. The Chair will set the vision for the Protected Lands Workgroup, with particular focus towards achieving the Protected Lands Outcome and sub-targets in protecting Forest lands, Agricultural lands, Wetlands, lands supporting watershed health, Tribal lands, and Urban lands, as noted in the process of updating the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The Chair will help guide the workgroup beyond 2025 as we determine how to address emerging issues surrounding land use change across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The Chair will take a lead role in the guidance and facilitation of Workgroup meetings and activities, with support from the coordinator and staffer.

The expected workload is about 1-2 hours a week on average, with opportunities for additional engagement depending on the interests and availability of the Chair. The work includes preparation for monthly workgroup meetings, supporting preparation of Strategic Review System materials, supporting development of project ideas for the competitive annual GIT Funding cycle, engagement with Bay Program partners as necessary, and development of communication messages.

CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS:

We are seeking co-chairs with the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of land use issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including conservation and protection, land competition, and stewardship
- Previous engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Program and/or the Protected Lands Workgroup
- Experience facilitating collaborative meetings and projects
- Experience developing and implementing strategic plans
- Existing relationships with watershed protected lands partners, including state agencies, nonprofits, and/or universities

We are hoping to get a diverse set of candidates and skillsets, so encourage interested individuals to apply even if they don't bring all of these desired qualifications. If you are interested in filling this position or if you'd like more information, please contact:

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Link to nominate yourself or someone else on the workgroup:

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