



**Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting Team
(STAR) Meeting**

Theme: Goal Implementation Team (GIT) collaboration and resourcing

Thursday, October 24, 2024

10:00AM – 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (USGS) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State) - STAR chair and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator**

Announcements

- Intern opportunity: [Yale Conservation Scholars Early Leadership Initiative](#). Applications for [host sites](#) are due December 8, 2024.
- December STAR meeting will be December 19, 2024.

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [12th US Symposium on Harmful Algae](#) – October 27-November 1, 2024, Portland, Maine.
- [Maryland Water Monitoring Conference](#) – November 21, 2024, Linthicum, Maryland.
- [Science Serving Communities: Community Workshop Advancing Climate Resilience in Maryland](#) – January 8-9, 2025, College Park, MD.
- [14th National Monitoring Conference](#) – March 10-12, 2025, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

10:10 AM **Overview and discussion: GIT funding cross-GIT collaboration**

Brief overviews of each GIT funded project will be shared, followed by discussion of collaboration across GIT funded projects. (Two of the projects are being funded through sources other than CBT but are still included for the discussion.)

Disclaimer: This will be a discussion based only on the GIT funded projects, NOT on the GIT funding process.

- “Cluster Analysis Code Development” – Kaylyn Gootman (EPA)
- “Hypoxia Collaborative: Sampling Strategy and Design for Chesapeake Bay Habitat Assessment” – Peter Tango (USGS)
- “Beyond Bean Counting: Assessment of Best Management Practices (BMP) Tracking and Accounting Procedures for More Holistic Restoration Goals” – David Wood (CSN)
- “Assessment of BMPs as heaters and coolers for local water” – Katie Brownson (USFS) and Jeremy Hanson (CRC)
- “Training and Technical Assistance on Network Science” – Amy Handen (EPA)
- “Local Government Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis” – Rick Mittler (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)
- “Development of a Chesapeake Bay Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Site Program” – Brooke Landry (MD DNR)
- “Data Review and Development of Multi-Metric Stream Health Indicators (Phase 3B: Physiochemical Metric Analysis)” – Alison Santoro (MD DNR)
- “Increasing Effectiveness of Landowner Engagement to Accelerate Wetland Restoration Across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed” – Chris Guy (USFWS)

Discussion questions:

- What cross-GIT collaborations would enhance the value of these projects (not already mentioned)?
- In order to meet project objectives, what needs do you have from the following teams: GIS, Data Center, SET, STAR?
- Are there any existing resources or research to help inform the contractor?

11:40 PM Funding Resources for GITs – August Goldfischer (CRC)

Overview of a [spreadsheet](#) compiling some funding resources available for GITs. This resource was created by Wuillam Urvina, former CRC Staffer, and added to by STAR. The spreadsheet will be shared in advance of the meeting.

Proposal: Add this information to a new page hosted on the Science Needs Database, organized in a similar manner to the Science Needs.

Discussion questions:

- Does the way the information is organized make sense to you?
- Are we missing any resources or information that would be helpful to you?
- What feedback do you have on the proposal to include this information on the science needs database?
- What would make this information easier to access?

12:00 PM Adjourn

Next meeting: November 21st, 2024