

# Stewardship Workgroup Meeting

May 16, 2024



# Agenda

<b>10:00 – Welcome/Intros</b>	<i>Ashley Traut, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, Stewardship Workgroup Chair</i>
<b>10:10 – Updates on Workgroup activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Stewardship Indicator</u> – Amy Handen, EPA and Steve Raabe, OpinionWorks</li><li>• <u>Chesapeake Steward Map</u> demonstration and update – Local Concepts project team and Meredith Lemke</li></ul>
<b>10:45 – Action Plan</b>	Opportunity for feedback from participants/Workgroup members
<b>11:35 – Sept. Meeting Brainstorming</b>	<i>Britt Slattery, National Park Service, Stewardship Coordinator</i>
<b>11:50 – Wrap Up/ Announcements</b>	
<b>12:00 – Adjourn</b>	

# Management Approaches

**1) Network Development** – Build a professional community through the growth and advancement of stewardship networks. Develop stewardship networks to increase novel and long-term partnerships and promote collective, emergent thinking and action.

**2) Increase Individual and Community-Scale Stewardship** by tracking existing actions, building a resource hub for practitioners to easily access stewardship tools and guidance, and promoting the use of resources through trainings and sharing practitioner success stories.

# Management Approaches

**3) Explore opportunities to innovate the Workgroup's structure** and methods to facilitate strategic collaboration and support larger scale stewardship efforts across the watershed.

**4) Prioritize Equity** – Create a more inclusive, welcoming approach to building stewardship by tending to terminology/language, practices, and systems that can help to remove barriers to participation and result in more effective means to engage a more significant portion of the watershed's population in appropriate, meaningful ways.

**Network Development** – Build a professional community through the growth and advancement of stewardship networks. Develop stewardship networks to increase novel and long-term partnerships and promote collective, emergent thinking and action.

## **Draft Actions:**

- **1.1** – Complete and build out the Chesapeake Steward Map
- **1.2** – Track and report on a more complete picture of stewardship
- **1.3** – Collaborate with the CBP Strategic Engagement Team to identify Workgroups & Outcomes that stewardship efforts could support
  - Use the Ches. Steward Map to assist matching WGs to potential new partners
- **1.4** – Continue to use SWG quarterly meetings to convene Network partners and encourage collaboration.
- **1.5** – Connect and work with other large networks such as National Park Service Networks, e.g., Chesapeake Gateways.

# MA 2

**Increase Individual and Community-Scale Stewardship** by tracking existing actions, building a resource hub for practitioners to easily access stewardship tools and guidance, and promoting the use of resources through trainings and sharing practitioner success stories.

## Draft Actions:

- **2.1** – Continue and improve the tracking of individual and community-scale actions
- **2.2** – Build/ expand a stewardship resource hub
- **2.3** – Promote the use of resources gathered on the resource hub
  - Ex) potentially promote the Chesapeake Behavior Change resource with a GIT-Funded training project

# MA 3

Explore opportunities to innovate the Workgroup's structure and methods to facilitate strategic collaboration and support larger scale stewardship efforts across the watershed.

## Draft Actions:

- **3.1** – Determine a new way for the Stewardship Workgroup to function that amplifies the work of Workgroup members and partners.

### For example:

- *WG serves as a Steering Committee to a Network*
  - *WG acts as a peer resource/ team of experts/ think tank*
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- **3.2** – Identify potential game changers
    - Seek out methods for/examples of catalytic innovation in stewardship work
    - Learn more about theories of change

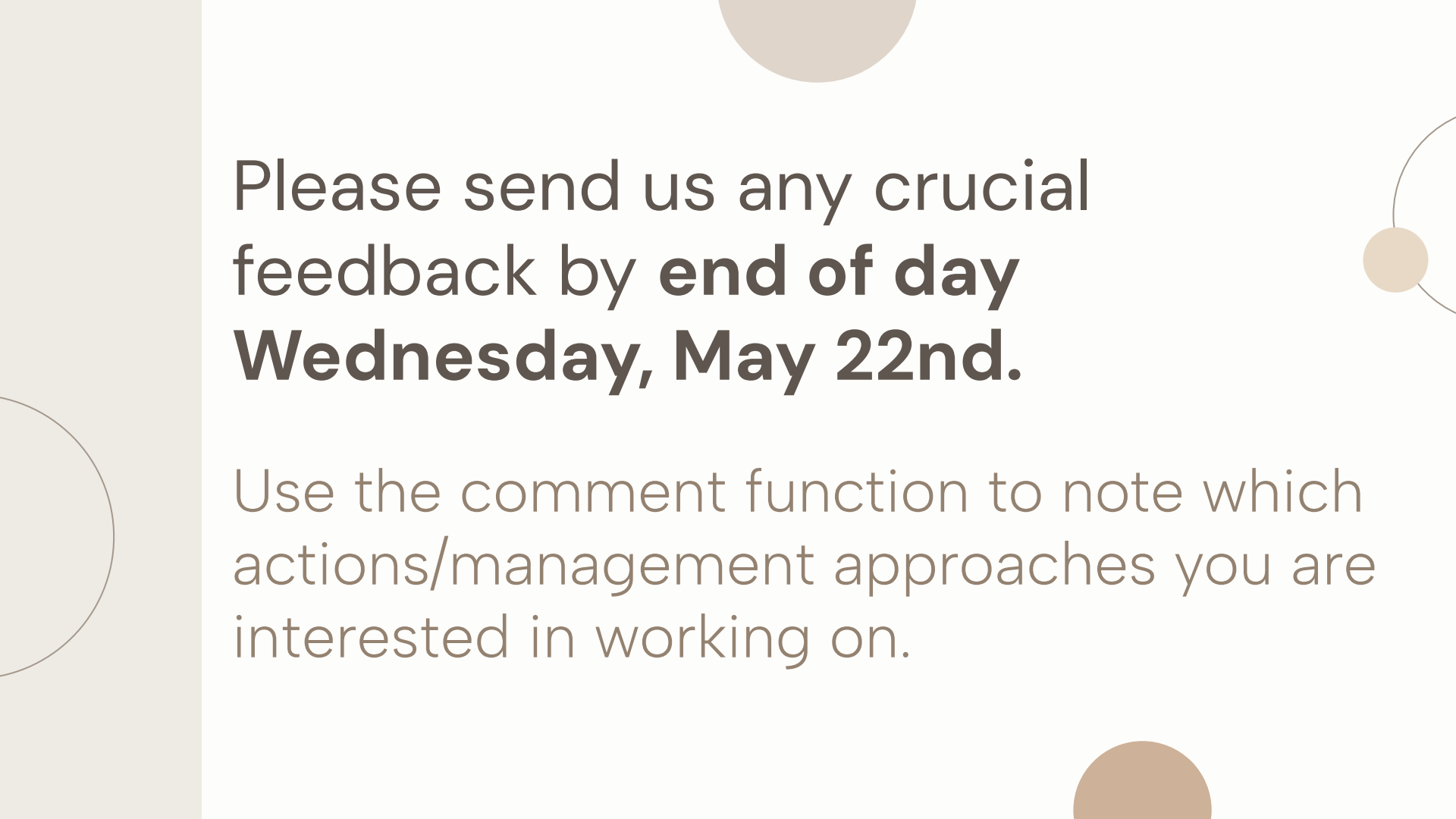
# MA 4

**Prioritize Equity** – Create a more inclusive, welcoming approach to building stewardship by tending to terminology/language, practices, and systems that can help to remove barriers to participation and result in more effective means to engage a more significant portion of the watershed's population in appropriate, meaningful ways.

## Draft Actions:


- **4.1** – Use the Stewardship Index Survey data and analysis + revise the indicator to be more inclusive of more audiences
- **4.2** – Provide guidance on recommended approaches to embrace equity in our practice and support more effective, inclusive stewardship campaigns for more audiences.





Please send us any crucial  
feedback by **end of day**  
**Wednesday, May 22nd.**

Use the comment function to note which  
actions/management approaches you are  
interested in working on.



Our next meeting will be  
**September 19th!**  
in person (tbd)

Any location, activity, etc. ideas?



# Thank You!

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