



Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)

Monday, October 27th, 2025
1:00 - 3:05 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT). Members will hear updates on long-term planning, discuss the Urban Nutrient Management Expert Panel's recommendations and share feedback on the initial proposed structure for the Bay Program.

***Disclaimer:** Please note that the content and leads for these agenda items are subject to change depending on the continuation of the government shutdown due to the lapse in appropriations.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements (1:00 – 1:05 PM)**
Please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. See top of the agenda for details on new meeting security settings.
- Lead: Greg Sandi, WQGIT Vice-Chair
- II. Business & Workgroup Updates (1:05 – 1:15 PM)**
Caroline will share updates from WQGIT workgroups since the last meeting. Jeremy will share general Bay Program announcements, including emerging updates as a result of the federal lapse in appropriations.
- Requested Action: Informational
Lead: Caroline Kleis, WQGIT Co-Staffer and Jeremy Hanson, WQGIT Coordinator
Materials: Workgroup Updates Presentation
- III. Longer-Term Planning and Scheduling (1:15 – 1:40 PM)**
Jeremy will walk through new or updated materials for longer term planning purposes, building on past materials previewed at the [August WQGIT meeting](#).
- Requested Action: Informational, for discussion and input.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, WQGIT Coordinator
Materials: Presentation, other materials TBD
- IV. UNM Expert Panel Recommendations (1:40 – 2:05 PM)**
David will present an overview of the recommendations from the Urban Nutrient Management Expert Panel report. The WQGIT received [initial briefs](#) on the tentative recommendations at previous meetings. By this meeting, the Panel will have completed the report, which will be shared with members ahead of time for review along with a recording of the presentation and discussion from the [USWG meeting](#) on October 21. WQGIT voting members will be asked to approve the report recommendations at the November WQGIT meeting.
- Requested Action: Pre-decisional presentation.
Lead: David Wood, USWG Coordinator
Materials: Presentation, USWG Oct 21 Presentation Recording
- V. Break (2:05 – 2:10 PM)**
- VI. CBP Structure Discussion (2:10 – 3:00 PM)**
At the [Fall Retreat](#) and [Oct 9 meeting](#), the Management Board discussed an initial structure strawman for the Chesapeake Bay Program to implement alongside the adoption of the revised *Watershed Agreement*. Jeremy will summarize the latest strawman or ideas being circulated, and highlight the current schedule for determining the new structure. Greg will lead a discussion to solicit feedback, concerns, alternatives, and general comments about the structure.
- Requested Action: Informational, for discussion.
Leads: Jeremy Hanson, WQGIT Coordinator and Greg Sandi, WQGIT Vice-Chair
Materials: CBP Structure Strawman
- VII. Wrap-Up (3:00 – 3:05 PM)**
Lead: Petra Baldwin, WQGIT Co-Staffer

VIII. Adjourn

(3:05 PM)

Next Meeting: [Monday, November 17th, 2025](#)

Announcements & Reminders

- **EPA has appointed a new Chesapeake Bay Program Office Director, Dan Coogan.** You can read Dan's bio [here](#). Thank you to Lee McDonnell, CBPO's Science, Analysis and Implementation Branch Chief, for serving as the acting CBPO Director since December 2024.
- **Notice a new format to this agenda? CBP has rolled out new [Meeting Guidelines](#) and a template for agendas and minutes to be used moving forward across the partnership.** Please review the [Best Practices for Effective Meetings](#) appendix and reach out with any questions.
- **The next CRC Roundtable, "[A Tale of Two Species: The Connection Between Menhaden and Osprey](#)," will be on **Wednesday, October 15th at 12-1pm**.** Join to hear from leading experts who will explore the current population trends of both osprey and menhaden, the ecological connection between them, and what's being done to support their recovery. Learn more and [register here](#).
- **The next CAST webinar, "[Watershed Planning with CAST: Aligning Local Actions to the Revised Chesapeake Bay Agreement](#)," will be on **Thursday, October 16th at 12-1pm**.** The session will highlight what's new in the Agreement, demonstrate CAST's planning tools, and show how to prioritize actions that deliver both nutrient reductions and community co-benefits. Learn more [here](#).
- **The Chesapeake Bay Trust has launched an initiative to [create science-based tools](#) for policymakers and regulators, and the project lead is seeking input.** The project will transform findings from about 40 scientific studies conducted through the Pooled Monitoring Initiative Restoration Research Program into user-friendly products tailored to decision-makers' needs. Read the [press release](#) to learn more and consider sharing this opportunity, particularly with your stormwater partners. Stakeholders interested in participating in the needs assessment or learning more about the project can contact the project team at seth@thrivingcoasts.com.
- **CBP released new data on the progress of the [Riparian Forest Buffers](#) and [Tree Canopy](#) outcomes.** In 2024, the partnership reported its most successful year to date for planting community trees. However, miles of streamside buffers planted decreased, and updated data shows an overall net loss in both tree canopy and streamside buffers. Read the [press release](#) here.
- **The [Bay in the Balance 2025 Conference](#) will take place **December 8-10, 2025**** at the Wyndham Conference Center and Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. For more information on the event and to register, please visit the following [site](#).
- **The [2026 Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) is accepting special session proposals through **November 21, 2025**.** The 2026 edition of the biennial symposium will be held June 1-3, 2026, in Annapolis, Maryland. The theme of the 2026 Symposium is Chesapeake Bay Research and Restoration: Next Generation Tools for a Dynamic Future. Learn more and submit a proposal [here](#).

Acronyms

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

MB: [Management Board](#)

UNM: Urban Nutrient Management

USWG: [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

WTWG: [Watershed Technical Workgroup](#)