

Wetland Workgroup Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 13, 2014
1:00-3:00PM

Location: Conference Room 305A, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Conference Line: 866-299-3188

Conference Code: 267-985-6222

Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/wetlandworkgroup/> **Note:** Enter as a guest, using your name and affiliation

Workgroup Goals:

- a) *Create or reestablish 85,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and enhance the function of an additional 150,000 acres of degraded wetlands by 2025.*
- b) *By 2025, protect an additional two million acres of lands throughout the watershed—currently identified as high conservation priorities at the federal, state or local level—including 225,000 acres of wetlands and 695,000 acres of forest land of highest value for maintaining water quality.*

To accomplish this goal, we will focus on two primary tasks

1. Improving reporting process to account for progress
2. Accelerating the rate of implementation (restoration, enhancement, and protection)

Agenda

1:00 Introductions

- Allow everyone to introduce themselves and give a brief synopsis of what they do

1:20 Tracking plan:

- Ag Wetlands:
 - a. Update on wetland reporting for each state (NEIEN contacts)
 - b. Request input and assistance from workgroup members to work with reporting contact to improve information transmission
 - c. Develop timeline for when progress is reported and uploaded to NEIEN
 - d. Identify additional issues
- Urban Wetlands:

- a. Update on recommendation to change urban wetland reporting/ BMPs in Version 6 Model 2017, assistance from expert panel

1:35 Accelerating implementation plan:

- Obstacles/ Opportunities in current process
 - a. Presentation on TNC/DU NFWF project and preliminary findings
 - b. Input from states on additional priorities and obstacles
 - Sarah Nicholas (PA)
 - Mark Biddle (DE)
 - Dave Norris (VA)
 - Erin McLaughlin (MD)
 - Melissa Yearick (NY)
 - c. Identification and decision on 2-3 obstacles/ opportunities that the workgroup can address
- Identify next steps

2:20 Opportunities for large gains toward goals

- Solicit Input

2:45 Workgroup Funding/ Management Strategy

3:00 Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- January 8th
- March 12th

**Meetings will be held in Annapolis from 1:00 – 3:00 and have webinar option available.*