

An aerial photograph of a wetland landscape. A dark, winding waterway meanders through a vast expanse of green, marshy land. The waterway has several loops and turns, creating a complex pattern. The vegetation appears dense and healthy, with varying shades of green. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed wetland environment.

# Wetlands Workshop Action Plan Refresher

Wetlands Workgroup Meeting: Non-Tidal

May 16, 2023



# Wetland's Outcome Attainment Strategy







## Recommendations from the Workshop:

### Cohesive Strategy

Cohesive strategy for tidal and nontidal wetlands across the watershed for site selection and priorities that take into consideration 10 goals and 31 outcomes associated with the Chesapeake Bay 2014 Agreement.

### Long-term Capacity

Dedicated increased long-term capacity is needed to accelerate efforts – because of the time and complexity to complete wetland restoration projects, grant funded capacity does not retain and grow expertise.

### Outreach and Design

Outreach and design are priority areas to grow capacity to increase the pipeline of projects and advance them to implementation.

### Increased Funding

New and increased funding should be directed to the states to build wetland capacity. This is critical to be able to access and leverage increased federal funds that will be available.

### Reporting of Progress

MB representatives meet formally with all the agencies within their jurisdictions report out progress of the wetland outcome attainment annually. Bay Program reports to PSC annually.



An aerial photograph of a vast wetland area. A dark, winding waterway meanders through a dense, green landscape of marshes and reeds. The water reflects the surrounding vegetation, creating a complex pattern of light and dark green. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed ecosystem.

# Where are we now?

- Wetlands Workshop Action Plan finalized January 2023
- Tracking system is complete and we are waiting for data: we will be updating indicators to achieve a more accurate public facing communication regarding wetlands – May 23rd
- Wetlands workgroup is reorganized to have focus on tidal and nontidal wetlands
  - Pam Mason (Chair)
  - Tess Danielson (Tidal, Vice-Chair)
  - Nancy Schumm (Non-Tidal, Vice-Chair)
- Starting in May we will begin to implement Wetlands Action Plan



An aerial photograph of a mangrove forest. The landscape is a dense, vibrant green, with numerous small, winding water channels (canals) that meander through the vegetation. The water appears dark, possibly due to the depth or the presence of organic matter. The overall scene is a complex, organic pattern of land and water.

# Jamboard Activity

- <https://jamboard.google.com/d/1N-82kgUQEZFc9Asjr55pT8C6EmlZltf1IKd8n5uueZI/viewer?f=0>
- Reflection: How can we replicate what is going well in other states and find solutions to challenges?