

## **Habitat Tracker**

https://habitat-tracker.net/

The Habitat Outcome and Attainment Tracking System is a means of collecting and managing the habitat improvement projects implemented in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A central repository of data from multiple agencies and partners allows a streamlined approach to generate reports needed for ecosystem services tracking and assessments. The Tracking System also facilitates evaluating project implementation goals for trend and targeting analyses.

## Data Uploading

An excel spreadsheet serves as the template for reporting projects to the Habitat Tracker. The template helps data submitters in the identification and regular reporting of projects that are expected to impact wetlands and black ducks. Reported projects are used to assess progress towards meeting the goals and outcomes established in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement.

## **Data Reporting**

Jurisdictions, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and other organizations are being asked to complete the template by March 10<sup>th</sup> to upload to the Habitat Tracker. Helen Golimowski at helen@devereuxconsulting.com is working with data reports and providing assistance in getting the historic wetland project information organized and completed for inclusion in reporting.

The data are intended to be used for the Chesapeake Progress Outcome reports. While the information reported via NEIEN to the Chesapeake Bay Program has been critical for measuring progress toward the Bay TMDL water quality goals, it is insufficient for measuring progress toward the Wetlands and Black Duck Outcomes.