



**Habitat Goal Implementation Team**  
**Strategic Framework**  
**Fall 2024**  
**HGIT Meeting**



## Guiding Principles

- Infusing social science and ecosystem service evaluation into our work
- Ensuring that we have considered Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) considerations into workgroup and HGIT decisions
- Coordinating and working across the six Goal Implementation Teams (GITs), STAR, and federal, state, and local groups/efforts to ensure we are leveraging resources towards common goals

## Near-Term Priorities - the next 6 months:

- Meeting the Executive Council Charge to Evaluate Progress Towards the 2025 Agreement and Develop a Strategy on How to Move Beyond 2025
- Implement Wetlands Action Plan, and Brook Trout GIT Funding Project recommendations.
- Focus on geographic targeting, social science, robust monitoring networks, the environmentally and economically important shallow waters of the Bay and addressing rising water temperature implications.



## Near-Term Priorities - the next 6 months:

- Improve outcome tracking and reporting for the wetland, black duck, stream health, and brook trout workgroups
- Supporting current and future Workgroup Activities around emerging science.
  - CESR report
  - Rising Water Temperatures report
  - Dartmouth report: Chesapeake Governance Study
  - Social Science report
  - SRS activities



## Long-Term Priorities - 6 months and beyond:

- o Social Science and Ecosystem Services- Structured Decision Making (SDM), Partnership building, Collective Impact Model, Community Science, Ecosystem Services.
- o Cross GIT Coordination – identifying more joint workgroup meetings
- o Warm Water Stressors in Streams – incorporating recommendations from the STAC temperature report
- o Wetlands and Shallow Water Habitat Opportunities - Participate in EPA's coastal adaptation/blue carbon pilot. Support more aggressively the four GIT funded projects and find ways to integrate these project results into the Living Resource tracker database and Bay Program indicators. Develop SAV sentinel site monitoring program.
- Support 3 new GIT funding projects and the STAC workshop.

# Long-Term Priorities - 6 months and beyond:

- Creating habitat in more developed portions of our watershed – Integrate social science to inspire change. Use River to Harbor Urban Refuge model.
- **Develop social science strategy around recalcitrant dam owners.**
- **DEIJ Accessibility-** Connect people to nature create habitat in densely populated areas as well as rural landscapes, make sure Workgroups are integrating with the diversity Implementation strategy including workplans and management strategies. Work with diversity workgroup and Stakeholder Advisory Committee to identify pilot projects. Work with Communications Team to make the HGIT webpage more accessible.



# Questions



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