



Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship Goal Implementation Team (GIT5) Meeting

Monday, September 23rd | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm EST

Where? [Anacostia Community Museum](#),

1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC 20020

Format: This is primarily an in-person meeting, but all indoor portions of the meeting will be available for virtual participation.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://umces-edu.zoom.us/j/82324687337?pwd=JwWDwWK1zUU54iB3P3oUXBC2oI704N.1>

Meeting ID: 823 2468 7337

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Important In Person Logistics:

- **Lunch: Bring your own lunch.** The lunch break is a time for networking, idea sharing, and/or exploration of the museum. **Note: there are no facilities to chill or heat food.**
- **Dress:** Wear sturdy shoes for our woods walk-and-talk. Please dress for the weather, i.e., raincoats in case of rain, casual attire encouraged.
- **Parking/Public Transport:** The museum has free parking in their lot plus plentiful street parking. The museum is also accessible via the W3 bus line from Anacostia Station (on the Metro Green Line). The museum is not within walking distance from Anacostia Station.
- **Security:** Please arrive promptly at 10:00am, allowing time for participants to go through museum security. **All bags will be checked.**

Logistics for Hybrid Participants:

- Indoor portions of this meeting will be hybrid accessible.
- The morning session will run from the opening of the meeting at approximately 10:00 am until we transition outdoors with Nathan Harrington at roughly 11:45 am. The hybrid session will then reconvene after lunch from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm.

AGENDA

Guiding question for the day –

What does it look like when we effectively combine stewardship, education, diversity/equity, protected lands, public access, and climate and health considerations into a comprehensive approach that centers people in environmental conservation?

10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions –

Attendees will gather, be introduced to each other and the museum, and set guiding intentions for the day.

- **Welcome – Wendy O’Sullivan**, National Park Service, Stewardship Goal Team Chair
- Thematic video – [A reimagined Oxon Run Park takes shape in the heart of Southeast Washington D.C.](#) – *please explore the article prior to attendance.*
- Attendee introductions (brief – name, affiliation)
- **Anacostia Community Museum** introduction/programs – **Katrina Lashley**, Researcher for [The Center for Environmental Justice at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum](#)

10:45 AM Workgroup Updates –

Leads for each of the Stewardship GIT Workgroups will provide a lightning update highlighting what they are focusing on currently. As time allows, other CBP groups represented are invited to give a brief announcement about an item they are working on that is relevant to the Stewardship GIT sectors.

Local Inspiration - Community Connector Organizations

We will hear from two community-facing organizations about their work engaging with local residents and why it is meaningful. Their work spans and weaves together education, stewardship, workforce, health, access to nature and conserving greenspace, and environmental justice/equity.

11:30 AM Nathan Harrington, Director, [Ward 8 Woods Conservancy](#)/ Tour –

Nathan will provide background context about Ward 8 Woods Conservancy and its work with the community and their stewardship of the local forested area. Then we will take a short walk in the Ward 8 Woods just outside of the museum, and talk with each other along the way, to build informal connections.

- *There will be a **brief break** before we go outside.*

12:45 PM Lunch and Networking – Eat and share revelations or ideas from the walk, think about relationships and opportunities for connection.

- **Important:** Bring your own lunch. The Museum does **not** have a refrigerator, microwave, or oven, so please bring your lunch accordingly.
- **Optional time to visit the museum exhibit** – *no food/beverages are allowed in the exhibit area, but those who want to take this time to wander the exhibit are welcome to eat during the meeting.*

1:30 PM Brenda Richardson, Coordinator for the [Anacostia Parks and Community Collaborative](#) – Brenda will present about the Collaborative and its work with the community.

1:50 PM Conversation with Brenda and Nathan

This will be a two-way conversation with opportunities for Brenda and Nathan to both ask the attendees questions and provide perspectives from their communities.

Optional jump-starting questions:

- How can we, as a large-scale regional partnership, help amplify the impacts of and align our work with on-the-ground implementers who tangibly weave together access to nature, stewardship, education, and workforce development?
- How can we better engage organizations representing diverse communities to excite them about having a meaningful role in shaping conservation priorities in the watershed? How do we honor and center their voices in our work?
- How can a regional collaborative such as the CBP and its partners better support organizations that are rooted in and serving communities, and doing the programmatic work?
- What can we learn from this local level example that we can scale up for greater benefit to both people and the environment?

2:20 PM Ten Minute Break

2:30 PM Small Group Discussions, Reflections, and Ideas for Action

Activity – While up and moving, attendees will talk in pairs or small groups about the guiding questions below. There will be two ‘rounds’ grouped with different people. Remote attendees will participate in the activity in breakout rooms online. Then the whole group will come back together to discuss reflections and ideas for collaborative action.

Discuss today's guiding question –

What does it look like when we effectively combine stewardship, education, diversity/equity, protected lands, public access, and climate and health considerations into a comprehensive approach that centers people in environmental conservation?

- What is working well at the intersection of these topics?
- What is your biggest challenge or where are you stuck?
- How do you want to move forward with what you've learned from today?

3:15 PM Announcements and Closing

3:30 PM Adjourn

After the meeting ends, participants are welcome and encouraged to check out the museum's exhibits if they have not already. The building is open until 5:00 pm. *No food or beverages are allowed in the exhibit area.*