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Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting June 13, 2023
11:00 am-1:30pm
Meeting Materials
Meeting Link
Meeting ID: 996 9309 3418 **Passcode:** GIT4
Conference Line: 301-715-8592 **Password:** 416261

This meeting will be recorded for internal use to assure the accuracy of meeting notes.

Meeting Objective: Participants will be asked to provide feedback and give input on initial vulnerability analysis.

11:00 AM **Welcome and Updates –** *Jeff Lerner, HWGIT Chair, Acting Branch Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch*

11:10 AM **GIT Funding Project Presentation: Updating the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership (CCP) Priority Habitat Dataset of the Chesapeake Conservation Atlas: A Scoping Project**
-Bianca Boggs, Miranda Maupin, Skeo Solutions
Over the last year contractor Skeo and an advisory team have been working to research various potential approaches, and associated resources required, for an updated, watershed-wide dataset of important habitat to guide land conservation and terrestrial and aquatic habitat conservation, restoration, and stewardship. Skeo will give a presentation to the HWGIT about their findings and potential next steps.

Action: GIT members to provide reactions and discuss the potential creation of this data set.

(Workplan Actions 1.3 Prioritize protection, 4.1 Provide a valued forum for mutual learning and exploration)

11:35 AM **Updates on Chesapeake Healthy Watershed Assessment 2.0 Project; Progress on 2022 Protected Lands Indicator/update on protection of healthy watersheds –** Renee Thompson, USGS, Coordinator HWGIT

Renee will provide an update on the CHWA 2.0 project and work conducted by Innovate, Inc. In addition, the 2022 Protected Lands Indicator and progress will be shared with the GIT highlighting the level of protection of healthy watersheds and vulnerability to land use change.

Action: GIT members to discuss next steps for reporting progress (including indicator development) toward the Healthy Watersheds Outcome by 2025

(Workplan Actions 1.1 Continue gathering inventory of healthy watersheds, 1.2 Develop vulnerability information, 1.4 Maintain and expand assessment activities and information)

12:05 PM   **Assessment of Tier II waters in Maryland and opportunities related to federal funding and targeting (investigation of methods and results) –** Sophie Waterman, CRC, HWGIT Staffer

Sophie has been working with MD DNR to demonstrate how the MD Healthy Watersheds assessment metrics, data and results can be utilized and combined with other relevant dataset related to Most Effective Basins, EJ communities and other funding programs to demonstrate vulnerable watersheds and areas where grants and other resources could be targeted.

Action: Obtain input from HWGIT members on additional opportunities to connect healthy watershed vulnerability to funding and resources.

(Workplan Actions 1.1 Continue gathering inventory of healthy watersheds, 1.2 Develop vulnerability information, 2.3 Leverage Funding)

12:30 PM   **Wrapping up Land Use Outcomes SRS and moving into Healthy Watershed SRS –** Renee Thompson, USGS; Sophie Waterman, CRC

The Chesapeake Bay Program relies on documenting the Strategy Review System process through three documents: the Logic & Action Plan, the Narrative Analysis and the Presentation. These documents inform Quarterly Progress Meetings and summarize specific commitments, short-term actions and resources required for success. Renee and Sophie will provide some background HWGIT outcomes (land use options evaluation, land use methods and metrics and healthy watershed outcomes), timelines, progress, draft documents and next steps in preparation for the upcoming August 10th Quarterly Progress Meeting.

Action: GIT members are requested to provide guidance and input on factors that could impact the partnership's ability to achieve an outcome and the actions, what we have learned that impact our work, new or emerging science needs, and any specific needs or requests from the Management Board.

1:15 PM   **Adjourn**