



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Habitat GIT Fall 2023 Meeting

November 29th, 9:00-12:30 ET & November 30th, 9:00-12:00 ET

MEETING INFORMATION:

<u>In-Person Meeting Location:</u> U.S. Geological Service Eastern Ecological Science Center at Leetown Research Laboratory 11649 Leetown Road Kearneysville, WV 25430	<u>Virtual Meeting:</u> Webex Meeting Link Meeting ID: 2623 260 2636 Meeting Password: hHZxRq2TK28 Join by phone: + 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2623 260 2636
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DAY 1 AGENDA: [Click Here for Day 1 Meeting Materials](#)

9:00 Welcome, Introductions, Updates – <i>HGIT Co-Chairs Gina Hunt (MDNR) & Bill Jenkins (EPA)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks from Tom O’Connell; Director, US Geological Survey Eastern Ecological Science Center• SRS Cohort Update
9:15 HGIT Management Strategy Update – <i>HGIT Coordinator Chris Guy (USFWS)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the Spring HGIT Meeting the Management Strategy was presented and a survey was sent out for workgroup member input. We’ve taken that input and updated the Management Strategy accordingly.
9:30 Workgroup Updates – <i>Workgroup Chairs or Co-Chairs</i> <i>*Workgroups will have 15 minutes each to present updates/highlights and allow for questions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Duck• Fish Passage• SAV• Stream Health• Wetland
10:45 Brook Trout Workgroup and Tracking Project Updates – <i>Katie Ombalski (WW), Dan Goetz (MDNR), Lori Maloney (EBTJV), Matt Mayfield, and Shawn Rummel (TU)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workgroup highlights• Presentation on the current GIT-Funded Project “Facilitating Brook Trout Outcome Attainability through Coordination with CBP Jurisdictions and Partners.”<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion will focus on whether work in other outcomes fall within the scope of this project.
11:15 Break
11:25 GIT Funding Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informational update on GIT Funding.
11:35 Up to 2025 Presentation – <i>HGIT Coordinator Chris Guy (USFWS)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Fall the Executive Council charged the Principal Staff Committee with recommending a path forward that outlines next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake



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Bay Watershed Agreement leading to 2025. A response has been drafted and recommendations from the report, [Charting the Course to 2025](#), will be presented.

12:00 Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (WILD) – Faren Wolter (USFWS)

- The Chesapeake WILD Grants Program supports efforts to improve the condition and connectivity of fish and wildlife habitats in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Faren Wolters will give an overview of the grant program and examples of successful proposals.

12:20 Day 1 Wrap Up & Meeting Adjourn

Additional Day 1 Event for those Attending in Person (Optional)

12:30 Field Trip

- We will be visiting a brook trout hatchery and repatriation site. Dillons Run is in the Cacapon River Watershed and is the focus of an ongoing brook trout repatriation project. This stream is approximately one hour from Leetown, WV. We will also be visiting the brook trout hatchery at Reymann Memorial Farms - West Virginia University Facility along Moores Run near Wardensville, WV. The hatchery is 20 minutes from Dillons Run.

DAY 2 AGENDA: [Click Here for Day 2 Meeting Materials](#)

9:00 Welcome & Summary of Day 1 – HGIT Co-Chairs Gina Hunt (MDNR) & Bill Jenkins (EPA)

9:10 Beyond 2025 Presentation – Anna Killius (CBC)

- The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee has been meeting monthly since June to discuss next steps for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Anna Killius, the Steering Committee's Co-chair, will give an update on those meetings and discuss how the Habitat GIT can be involved in the process.

9:40 Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) Panel & Discussion – Denice Wardrop (CRC), Kirk Havens (VIMS), Andy Miller (UMBC), Kenny Rose, Bill Dennison, & Jeremy Testa (UMCES)

- There will be a short presentation on the [CESR Report](#) followed by a panel discussion.

10:40 Outcome Breakout Group Discussion

- Following the Beyond 2025 and CESR presentations we will breakout by workgroup to further discuss these topics in context of each habitat outcome.

11:20 Breakout Group Report Outs

- A spokesperson from each workgroup will report on what was discussed in their breakout sessions.

11:50 Meeting Wrap Up

12:00 Meeting Adjourn

Additional Day 2 Events for those Attending in Person

12:00 Lunch

1:00 USGS EESC Leetown Facility Tour

- Nathaniel (Than) Hitt will give a tour of his wet lab (brook trout) and then Chris Ottinger will give a tour of the Fish Health building.