



Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In-Office Location: Blue Crab/Oyster Room

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AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Bill Dennison (UMCES), Ken Hyer (USGS) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State) - STAR co-chairs and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator**

Announcements

Strategic Engagement Team Update - Marisa Baldine (CRC)

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Update – Ken Hyer (USGS) and Peter Tango (USGS)

[STAR Accessibility Survey](#)

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [University of Maryland Symposium on Environmental Justice and Health Disparities](#) – September 11-12 ([virtual](#)) and September 14-16 ([in person](#)), University of Maryland, Stamp Student Union.
- [Chesapeake Studies Conference](#) – September 15-16, 2023, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD.
- [Potomac Conference](#) – September 21, 2023, Lorton, VA.
- [Virginia Water Monitoring Conference](#) – September 26, 2023, Henrico, VA.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) – November 3-5, 2023, Shepherdstown, VA. Session proposals were due June 11. Poster proposals are due July 28.

- [CERF 2023 Conference: Resilience & Recovery](#) – November 12-16, 2023, Portland, Oregon. [Abstracts](#) were due May 10, 2023.
- [National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration](#) – April 14-19, 2024, Albuquerque, New Mexico. [Abstracts](#) are due September 1, 2023.

10:15 AM UMCES Chesapeake Report Card – *Bill Dennison and Vanessa Vargas-Nguyen (UMCES)*

Bill and Vanessa will provide an overview of the most recent Chesapeake Report Card, identify new metrics, and discuss the take home points of the report.

10:45 AM Global Sustainability Scholars Report Out – *Bill Dennison (UMCES) and the Global Sustainability Scholars*

The [Global Sustainability Scholars](#) for summer 2023 will reflect on their work this summer and what they heard in [community listening sessions for the Potomac Report Card](#).

11:15 AM Updating the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership (CCP) Priority Habitat Dataset of the Chesapeake Conservation Atlas: A Scoping Project – *Bianca Boggs (Skeo)*

This 2022 GIT Funding scoping project was sponsored by the Stewardship GIT, with the hope that the information generated from this project will be used to help update the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership (CCP) Priority Habitat dataset. Skeo and an advisory team have been working to research various potential approaches, and associated resources required, for the updated, watershed-wide dataset of important habitat to guide land conservation and terrestrial and aquatic habitat conservation, restoration, and stewardship. Bianca will present the findings from this project and next steps.

11:45 AM Follow up from the STAR Coordination Quarterly Meeting – *All*

This time is reserved for any needed follow up discussion from the STAR Coordination Quarterly meeting on July 20th.

12:00 PM Adjourn