

Stewardship Workgroup Meeting

Thursday January 26, 2023 1:00 - 3:00 pm Virtual meeting via Zoom Link

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Meeting Purpose / Outcomes:

- **Continue establishing / building a community of practice** among stewardship practitioners throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- **Provide learning opportunities** by sharing best practices, examples, model programs and efforts that can assist and inform work toward the <u>Stewardship Outcome</u>.
- Offer participants opportunities to share what they are working on, to gain support and potential partners; to gather input and solve challenges; and/or learn about similar efforts among peers.
- **Continually update the Workgroup** on news, actions and opportunities from Chesapeake Bay Program that are relevant to stewardship.
- Engage the membership in implementation of the <u>2022-2023 Logic & Action Plan</u> and use the quarterly Workgroup meetings to center our coordination and organization, share information about progress, serve as a check-in and means to keep current on plans and accomplishments, and involve members in actions.

AGENDA

1:00 Welcome & Introductions – Led by Stewardship Workgroup Co-Chairs Ashley Traut, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, and Micheal Weyand, City of Gaithersburg

1:15 Exploring Tools that Connect Us

The Workgroup is preparing to launch a new project focused on a study of our stewardship networks and partners, mapping the assets and connections among us. This is a step toward improving how our networks function to enable stronger working relationships that build more stewardship opportunities across many different areas of environmental work. In this session, we will take a look at an existing tool from the Forest Service that seeks to connect partners around stewardship efforts. Participants will be engaged in discussion about elements of this model and how it can inform the new project, followed by breakouts to dig deeper into how tools such as this can be used to support and help advance our work.

Guest presenters: Dexter Locke, Nanci Sonti, Michele Romolini, U.S. Forest Service Baltimore STEW-MAP: The Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (https://www.nrs.fs.usda.gov/STEW-MAP/)

2:15 What's Happening within Our Network?

Changing the Game: how a small group of practitioners are working to meet a growing demand (tales from the tree planting arena). A brief description of a recent project idea will be followed by discussion, feedback, and shared problem-solving among participants.

Round Robin / Rapid Coordination among all Workgroup Members / participants — Working on something fun, interesting, exciting, new, noteworthy, challenging...? Need advice, input, contacts or peers working on similar efforts? Come prepared to share lightning-fast information about the below, providing ideas that others can respond to as interests and stewardship work activities align:

- What I'm working on/interested in exploring is... What I need is...
- 2:55 Action Items and Closing
- 3:00 Adjourn

2023 QUARTERLY MEETINGS coming up – Please join us!

• • April 27 (Thur 1:00 - 3:00 pm) • • July 20 (Thur 10:00 am - 12:00 pm) • • Oct 4 (Wed 1:00 - 3:00 pm) • •