



Stewardship Workgroup Meeting

Friday May 5, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Virtual meeting via [Zoom Link](#)

Or by phone 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 876 1957 1221 Passcode: 204537

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 [Stewardship Outcome](#).
- **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 [2022-2023 Logic & Action Plan](#)** 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

10:00 Welcome & Introductions – Led by Stewardship Workgroup Co-Chairs Ashley Traut, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, and Michael Weyand, City of Gaithersburg

10:10 Connecting Stewardship Practices to Science/Living Resources Outcomes

Guest presenters:

Rising Water Temperatures in the Chesapeake Watershed

Katie Brownson, US Forest Service - State, Private and Tribal Forestry, Eastern Region; and USFS Liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program

Jamileh Soueidan, Chesapeake Research Consortium Staffer

As atmospheric temperatures go up, water temperatures have been increasing in waterways throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Water temperatures are expected to continue rising, based on climate change projections, with significant ecological implications for Bay and watershed natural resources. This could undermine progress toward Chesapeake Bay Program partnership goals for fisheries management, habitat restoration, water quality improvements and protecting healthy watersheds. What might the CBP partnership do now to actively prevent, mitigate or adapt to some of the adverse consequences? Adapting to new water temperature conditions will have effects across the partnership, including how we approach stewardship actions.

[Rising Watershed and Bay Water Temperatures— Ecological Implications and Management Responses – STAC Report \(chesapeake.org\)](#)

Discussion/ Q&A

Tree Canopy Roundtable update

Julie Mawhorter, US Forest Service, Mid-Atlantic Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, State & Private Forestry, Eastern Region - and Chesapeake Bay Program Tree Canopy Coordinator

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable, a two-day event held in March 2023, was designed to engage selected local and state leaders throughout the Bay Watershed to address challenges and opportunities in advancing tree canopy priorities. The goal of the event was to accelerate equitable climate-resilient tree canopy implementation throughout the watershed. Speakers, panels, and breakout groups addressed three main topics: climate change, tree loss, and equity. States explored policy solutions and programmatic ideas and came away with the beginnings of jurisdiction-specific action plans.

Discussion/ Q&A

11:00 Workgroup Business

- Chesapeake Behavior Change website - update/ feedback
- Pilot Workgroup Budget / Brainstorm training Ideas
- GIT Funded Project Update: Stewardship Network Study and Asset Mapping

11:40 What's Happening within Our Network?

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...

11:55 Action Items and Closing

12:00 Adjourn

2023 QUARTERLY MEETINGS coming up – Please join us!

July 20 (Thur 10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Oct 4 (Wed 1:00 - 3:00 pm)