

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday February 24th, 2025
 Time: 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s) Materials
	1:00	<u>Welcome and Introduction</u> <i>We will use Teams for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</i>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
	(15 min)	<u>Announcements & Verbal Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC Workgroup Updates 	
Beyond 2025	1:15 (30 min)	<u>Beyond 2025: Report out and status update for Outcome Assessment at the Management Board, Rounds 1 & 2</u> <i>Jeremy and Suzanne will give a brief recap and overview from the first round of the Management Board outcome assessment on February 13th. (10 minutes)</i>	Materials: Presentation Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair & Jeremy Hanson, CRC, WQGIT Coordinator

They will then recap of the Feb 11th office hours and preview the materials submitted for the Water Quality outcomes heading into the Feb. 27 MB meeting. (20 minutes)

Discussion and Input requested.

Beyond 2025	1:45 (30 min)	<u>Beyond 2025: Looking ahead to Management Board Outcome Assessment, Round 3</u>	Greg Allen, EPA CBPO
		<p>At this meeting we will cover the two outcomes under the Toxic Contaminants Goal, which are in the third round of MB review (materials due Feb. 27 and MB meets Mar. 13). A draft outcome assessment template will be posted when it's available for each outcome under the Toxic Contaminants goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome • Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome <p>Greg will present the current thinking, feedback heard thus far, and the likely response to the “Big Question”. The group will discuss each outcome and seek additional input as time allows.</p> <p>In reminder, the “big question” from the November Management Board retreat is: “<i>what advice do you have for the Management Board on how to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes within your Cohort/GIT</i>”</p>	Materials: draft outcome review 2-pager; slides
		Discussion and Input requested.	
		2:15 10-minute Break	
Phase 7 model development	2:25 (45 min)	<p><u>Construction in Phase 7 model</u></p> <p>Peter will review existing methods for estimating construction acres in the Phase 6 watershed model using state-reported data, and seek WQGIT input on potential updated methods in Phase 7 using remote-sensing. This is a follow-up to the February 6th Watershed Technical Workgroup meeting.</p>	Peter Claggett, USGS
		Discussion and Input requested to inform next steps and an Action Item.	
Milestones	3:10 (20 min)	<p><u>Near-term milestones next steps</u></p> <p>At their January 29th meeting the PSC supported the WQGIT's recommended option for the near-term milestone period. It was noted that the partners will</p>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair & Milestones WG Chair

need updated “expectations” to reflect the approach for that 2026-2027 milestone period. Suzanne will solicit any updates to the Milestones Workgroup distribution list and seek the WQGIT’s preference for next steps to discuss draft expectations.

Decision request: Confirmation by the WQGIT to either discuss draft expectations for the near term milestones at the Milestones Workgroup before bringing to the WQGIT, or, begin the conversations at the WQGIT.

WQGIT Planning	3:30 (10 min)	Previewing upcoming topics/needs for our 2025 WQGIT calendar <i>Jeremy will share a preliminary overview of the year ahead and request ideas and input.</i>	Jeremy Hanson, CRC, WQGIT Coordinator
	3:40	Recap of Actions and Decisions	Caroline Kleis, CRC
	3:45	ADJOURN	

Written announcements or reminders

- **Announcements or opportunities**
 - **The next CRC Roundtable is Thursday, February 20th from 12-1pm.** This session is titled " Prioritizing People and Participation in Chesapeake Bay Restoration". The meeting will focus on public participation processes and their importance to the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. Guest speakers include Rachel Felver, Director of Communications at the Chesapeake Bay Program and Rob Beach, Vice President for Communications at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Please note this CRC roundtable takes place on a Thursday instead of the usual Wednesday meeting time.
 - Please view the following links to [register](#) for the roundtable and [view previous sessions and additional information](#).
 - **The February CAST webinar is Thursday, February 20th at noon** and it will highlight the interactive Ecosystem Benefits browser. This webinar will be an opportunity to learn how to use this browser and other CAST resources in watershed planning efforts. Zoom meeting information is below, and previous CAST Webinar videos can be viewed on the [CAST ‘Free Training Videos’ page](#).
 - Topic: Ecosystem Benefits Browser
 - Time: February 20, 2025 at noon EST
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 838 6648 5237
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 - **New!** Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Morgan State University’s Symposium on Emerging Contaminants in the Chesapeake Bay

- The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Morgan State University will be hosting a symposium on **February 21st, from 9:00AM-6:00PM** to discuss emerging contaminants in the Bay. Potential symposium topics include Microplastics, Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Pharmaceuticals, Ecotoxicology, and Community Health.
 - For additional information and to register, access the following [link](#).
- **Chesapeake Bay Program’s Water Quality Goal Implementation Team Staffer Position Opening**
 - This position opening is for one of two WQGIT Staffer positions. This Staffer position will support the work of the WQGIT and be the primary support for the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup, Wastewater Treatment Workgroup, and the Urban Stormwater Workgroup.
 - Applications are due **February 17, 2025**, and the anticipated start date is late March.
- **Chesapeake Stormwater Network’s Best Urban BMP in the Bay Awards (BUBBAs) now accepting submissions!** These awards honor best practices being implemented in urban areas of the Chesapeake Bay. Awards fall into five categories: Habitats and Streams, Residential Stewardship Practice, Resilient/Renewed: Green Infrastructure, Stormwater Controls, & Retrofits, Education & Outreach Impact, and Stormwater Program Pioneers.
 - For additional information and to view submission instructions, view the [BUBBAs 2025 Contest Packet](#)
 - Deadline for Submissions: **February 21, 2025**

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Acronyms

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

GIT: Goal Implementation Team

MB: [Management Board](#)

PSC: [Principals’ Staff Committee](#)

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

WG: Workgroup

BMP: Best Management Practice