



Updates

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Photo by Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program



Something positive

- 2022 “Treelay”
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay held 8 back-to-back plantings over a 24-hour period (Oct 28 – Oct 29)
 - Six events in Pennsylvania (Lancaster, York, Adams and Cumberland counties) and one each in Maryland (Carroll county) and DC
 - 178 volunteers, 3500 native trees planted
 - Check out the Bay Journal article for more info--
 - https://www.bayjournal.com/news/pollution/volunteers-plant-trees-around-the-clock-in-chesapeake-region-treelay/article_3ed800c6-5ba5-11ed-a2e3-e7ae32bd7a33.html

Not a part of Treelay, but for something else *paws-itive* from the Alliance, check out a tree planting from a beagle’s perspective

https://youtu.be/x7ZvzVI_VgI

#NewtCam

Newt the beagle's perspective at a tree planting event

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on YouTube



GIT Funding status

- ✓ 11 of 18 project proposals selected by GIT Chairs for funding (listed on the right)
- ✓ approved by CBPO Director
- Next: project leads/teams will move ahead with Chesapeake Bay Trust to refine projects' scopes of work

*indicates the project was among the 9 ideas ranked by WQGIT members (5 out of 9 were selected for funding)

Project lead	Project title
Rachel Felver, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	Community Response to Land Use Changes
Shannon Sprague, NOAA	Workforce Development Action Team support
Rachel Felver, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	Advancing Social Marketing Through Three Pilot Programs
Britt Slattery, NPS	Stewardship Network Study and Asset Mapping
Katie Brownson, USFS	*Optimizing Riparian Forest Buffer implementation for climate adaptation and resilience
Brooke Landry, MD DNR	*Determining the local effect of flow/stormwater runoff on SAV density and acreage and options for targeting watershed BMPs that protect priority SAV areas
Shannon Sprague, NOAA	Determining evidence-based criteria to highlight how MWEs are advancing K-12 student outcomes
Julie Mawhorter, USFS	*Addressing Regional Tree Supply Challenges & Opportunities
Peter Claggett, USGS	*Monitoring vegetation condition throughout the DelMarVa peninsula.
Peter Claggett, USGS	*Mapping non-tidal wetlands in areas with outdated wetland maps
Alison Santoro, MD DNR	Literature Review: Building Climate Resilience in Stream Restoration Practices

Conowingo Dredging request

- Draft charge for an Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG) will be ready for distribution soon
- EPEG will consider the need for a panel
 - if one is warranted, will recommend resource needs to convene a panel
- Staff/admin support for the EPEG is TBD
- Prospective EPEG members will be listed in draft charge
- Will distribute the EPEG charge to the WQGIT, if no objections over email (deadline TBD) then the EPEG will convene after the new year once support and prospective members are confirmed

2025 WIP Outcome Science Needs

- Granted extension from Nov 10 → Nov 23

Other updates/reminders not listed on agenda

- **Management Board approved Multiple Tributary Models (MTMs) for Phase 7 development at Nov 10 meeting**
 - Consensus at the Management Board for “Option B”
 - In-house, led by CBP modeling team: Potomac, James and York
 - For RFA: Choptank, Patapsco, Rappahannock
 - If funds become available to support additional MTMs: 1. Patuxent, 2. Chester, 3. Pocomoke [will add as Science Need]
- **NFWF’s Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum**
 - Virtual sessions ranging from Nov 8 to Jan 24
 - Free, but space is limited and registration required for each session you wish to participate in
 - For more information and registration info for each session:
 - <https://sites.google.com/view/2022canf/home>
 - You’ve likely received emails from Jake Reilly with information, reach out to him or Joe Toolan (joe.toolan@nfwf.org) with questions

Thank You

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