



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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# Wetlands Workgroup

## A Year In Review

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# April 2023

- Last April the Wetlands Workgroup was restructured to include a Nontidal Team and a Tidal Team.
- 2 new vice chairs were introduced!
  - Tess Danielson: Wetlands Workgroup Vice Chair: Tidal Team
  - Nancy Schumm: Wetlands Workgroup Vice Chair: Nontidal Team

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## **June 2023 – March 2024**

- Each team met once every other month to discuss their priorities and the wetlands outcome.
- There were two meetings where the Nontidal and Tidal Teams came together (September & December).
- You all became very familiar with Jamboard

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# Wetlands Challenges

## Tracking

There needs to be a system in place to track wetlands lost and long-term monitoring of restoration projects.

## Funding

There is a lack of financial drivers to increase wetland restoration at the scale necessary to meet goals.

## Lack of Consistency

There is a need for a list of practices that count towards restoration and enhancement with guidance on how to calculate acres restored.

## Capacity

There is a need for long term capacity/more expertise in wetland design, permitting, and implementation.

## Outreach

Outreach and education geared towards landowners.

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# **Wetlands Workgroup Accomplishments**

- Wetlands Indicator was updated on Chesapeake Progress
- The Wetlands Workgroup Statement on Sackett v EPA
- Progress on the Wetlands Workshop Action Plan
- GIT Funded Projects

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# **Wetlands Workgroup Next Steps**

- Begin merge with the Black Duck Action Team
- Continue to discuss the wetlands outcome
- Make sure science needs are kept up to date
- SRS in December



# Let's keep up the good work!

Any questions?



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