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Wetlands Workgroup

A Year In Review
Presentation for the PSC

Year in Review

- April 2023 the Wetlands Workgroup was restructured to include a Nontidal Team and a Tidal Team.
- 2 new vice chairs were introduced!
 - Tess Danielson (DC): Wetlands Workgroup Vice Chair: Tidal Team
 - Nancy Schumm (Montgomery County MD): Wetlands Workgroup Vice Chair: Nontidal Team

Wetlands Workgroup Accomplishments

- Wetlands Indicator was updated on Chesapeake Progress
- Living Resources Data Analyst (Emily Young)
- The Wetlands Workgroup Statement on Sackett v EPA
- Progress on the Wetlands Workshop Action Plan
- GIT Funded Projects
 - Tidal Marsh mowing
 - Non-tidal mapping
 - Tidal Health

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.

Wetlands Workgroup Next Steps

- Merge with the Black Duck Action Team Began in May 2024
- CBT tidal wetland Grant for strategic planning
- Student Projects
 - UM project
 - Franklin & Marshall
- SRS in December 2024
- Wetlands Champions MD, VA, USFWS



Let's keep up the good work!

Any questions?



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