Wetland Workgroup Meeting

March 2, 2020 | 1 pm – 3 pm
Chesapeake Bay Program Office |Conference Room 305
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Meeting Materials

1:00 pm   **Welcome and Introductions** *(Pam Mason, Workgroup Chair)*

1:10 pm   **Discussion of Thought-Leader Project Ideas: Funding and Incentives, Communication, Data and Reporting, and Leadership and Commitment**

The thought-leaders (Kevin DuBois, Emily Farr, Denise Clearwater, Mark Biddle, and Amy Jacobs) will lead a discussion about project ideas they are interested in having the workgroup pursue. Many of these ideas are listed as actions in the newly updated workplan and are related to our four factors affecting progress: funding and incentives, communication, data and reporting, and leadership and commitment. The thought-leaders will seek out volunteers to join smaller groups focused on each of these four topics.

1:40 pm   **Virginia Wetland Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT)** *(Michelle Henicheck, VA DEQ)*

The Virginia Wetland Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT) is a method that uses different levels of onsite data collection intensity to calibrate and validate remotely-sensed data to develop a model that assesses wetland capacity to perform ecosystem services. Michelle's presentation will focus on use of the tool, so please familiarize yourself with this summary of background information prior to the presentation.

2:10 pm   **Re-defining Wetland Classification and Mapping Updates** (*Peter Claggett, USGS*)

The Bay Program plans to provide an expanded representation of floodplain wetlands that is inclusive of headwater wetlands as part of the recently proposed new land use classification scheme for the CBP Partners. Peter will review the current methodology and propose an approach for improving it and timeline for Partnership approval.

2:55 pm   **The Way Forward**
- Future agenda topics
- Our progress and next steps
- Future meeting dates

3:00 pm   **Adjourn**