



Habitat GIT, Fall 2012 Meeting DRAFT Agenda
“Wading thru Regulation to get to Restoration”

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Cacapon State Park, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

Conference line: 866-299-3188 **Code:** 267-985-6222

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10:00 Welcome and Introductions—Jeff Horan, Habitat GIT Chair

10:15 Meeting Purpose and Context—Jeff Horan, GIT Chair and Jana Davis, GIT Vice-Chair

- Purpose: Reduce the amount of time needed to get permits approved for good habitat restoration projects.

10:30 Regulatory Perspectives: *When reviewing permit applications, what statutes are used to base decision, considerations for applicants to be aware of, etc.* (10 min each)

- Federal Regulatory Perspectives—Joe Devia or Woody Frances , USACE, Baltimore Dist
- EPA Region 3 rep TBD
- State Regulatory Perspectives
 Pennsylvania—Ben Lorson, PA DEP Fish Passage program
 Maryland—Denise Clearwater, MDE Wetlands and Waterways program

11:15 Practitioner perspectives: Case Study Examples (15 min each)

- A. Information Requirements (St. Clement’s Creek stream example) - Rich Starr, FWS
- B. Definition Debate (Talbot County wetland example) – Steve Strano, NRCS
- C. Resource Tradeoff (living shoreline example) - Jana Davis, CBT

12:00 Lunch (*Load up at on site buffet, then return to meeting room for video premier!*)

1:00 Framing the discussion: Choose case study to focus on, lay out potential solutions

- Jana Davis (CBT) and Denise Clearwater (MDE)

1:30 Facilitated discussion and identifying solutions - Bridgette Costanzo, Appalachian LCC
What were the key bottlenecks? What could have been handled differently, and at what stages of the process? Are there scientific/policy questions to be answered?

2:30 Deliverable: Recommendations for Senior Leadership

3:00 Next Steps, review of Action Items, thoughts on spring meeting

3:30 Adjourn