

**Vital Habitats GIT**  
2012-13 **DRAFT** Work Plan

Topic	Task	Lead POC	Timeline	Status
<b>Submerged Aquatic Vegetation</b>	Review methodology for SAV aerial survey and work with EPA on new 5-year RFP.	Lee Karrh		In progress
	Incorporate findings of STAC panel report into updated SAV restoration strategy.	Lee Karrh	December 2012	In progress
	Develop new research agenda and identify funding sources for research projects.	Lee Karrh	December 2012	In Progress
	Work with Wetlands WG and GIT 1 to identify areas where opportunities align for SAV, black duck habitat (intertidal mud flat), and fringe oyster reef restoration; communicate these priority living shorelines to coastal communities.	Peter Bergstrom?	January 2013	
	Hold workshop on SAV & Global Change at Horn Point with invitations to researchers and managers.	Lee Karrh	December 2012	In Progress
<b>Fish Passage</b>	Use the recently completed Fish Passage Prioritization Tool to identify the highest priority fish passage projects VA, PA, and MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with partners to fund and implement top Tier I and Tier II projects in 2012-2013.</li> </ul>	Mary Andrews	Ongoing	In Progress
	Work with American Rivers, TNC and other NGOs on to demonstrate for local governments the utility of the fish passage prioritization tool in decision making. Tool identifies two scenarios; Anadromous fish and Resident Fish	Mary Andrews	Ongoing	In Progress
	Work with states to ensure that monitoring for shad, river herring, American eel and/or brook trout are included in at least 50% of new fish passage projects	NFWF, USGS	Ongoing	In Progress
	Work with hydropower companies through FERC relicensing process to plan, design, and install passage at all dams on Susquehanna River	Workgroup member or feed info through Rich Starr	Ongoing	In progress
<b>Streams</b>	Finalize decision framework for stream health per CBP and present to STAR, GIT	Mark Secrist	October 2012	In Progress
	Work with STAR and GITs 3 and 4 to host Chesapeake Streams scoping forum in winter 2013; propose 2014 STAC workshop focused on maximizing benefits (water quality and habitat) of stream restoration/protection	Jeff Horan	January 2013	Steering group forming
	Target streams for restoration of brook trout habitat and provide input on the Fish Passage Prioritization Tool.			
<b>Wetlands</b>	Facilitate focused discussions in VA, DE, NY, PA, and WV to identify state-specific step-down contributions to the watershed wide milestones of 5,000 acres restored	Bernie Marczyk	October	Not started

	and 12,500 acres enhanced between 2012-2013			
	Work with NRCS to explore potential options for a Ches Bay WREP initiative to create greater incentives for ag landowners to restore wetlands on their property	Steve Strano	March 2013	In progress
	Host STAC workshop to apply tools to target tidal wetland restoration to adapt to rising water levels in the Chesapeake Bay and protect near-shore habitat	Donna Bilkovic	March 2013	Steering Comm forming

<b>Brook Trout</b>	Work with EBTJV's Science and Data Committee to recommend to the MB a revised performance metric reflecting 2011 re-assessment at catchment level	Doug Stang	February 2012	Completed
	Work with STAR to translate existing EO outcome from sub-watershed level to catchment level; recommend criteria for prioritization of projects	Peter Tango & STAR Taskgroup	December 2012	In progress
	Prioritize patches in each State occupied by brook trout for restoration and protection; share these priorities with GITs 1, 3, and 4	STAR Taskgroup	May 2013	
	Develop adaptive management plan for brook trout outcome per CBP		2013	
<b>Black Duck</b>	Host Strategic Decision Making workshop on black duck habitat needs in Chesapeake Bay watershed	Pat Devers	April 2012	Completed
	Work with ABDJV and ACJV, and North Atlantic LCC, to apply results of research on energetic carrying capacity of Chesapeake for wintering black ducks to regional population goals; present recommendations to GIT steering committee and STAC	Alicia Berlin	August 2012 GIT (web); Dec 2012 STAC?	Report expected July 2012
	Recommend to Management Board and FOD two-year milestones for black duck habitat restoration/protection needed to support 100,000 wintering ducks	Wetland WG	June 2013	
	Develop adaptive management plan for black duck outcome per E.O. pg. 67		2013	
<b>Coordination/ Communication Tasks</b>	Hold monthly Steering Committee conference calls (second Thursday @ 1 pm)	GIT Staff	Monthly	Ongoing
	Hold biannual full GIT meetings (May and November)	GIT Staff	Spring, Fall	Ongoing
	Participate in weekly GIT Coordinator/staffer meetings and use these as opportunity to increase communication on cross-cutting issues between the GITs	GIT Staff	weekly	Ongoing
	Prepare Chair and Vice-Chair for MB meetings and suggest agenda items as appropriate	GIT Staff	October-November	Ongoing
	Videos with Comm Team on brook trout and black duck, emphasizing link between species and habitat, recreational value to people, local governments as audience	Jennifer Greiner, Josh Davidsburg, Hannah Martin,	Preview at Fall Meeting, Premiere by Spring Meeting	In Progress

		Steve Droter		
	Develop Habitat GIT poster display for Fish Shack	Hannah Martin	August/Sept	Complete (need to print)
	Work with GITs 1 and 4 on GIS overlay of priorities/ look for areas of alignment	Hannah Martin	August/Sept	
	Work with CBP web team and ChesStat team to update Habitat GIT content	Hannah Martin	Oct/Nov	
	Respond to request from GIT 3 for recommendations of stream habitat and wetland experts willing to participate on BMP Verification Panel	Debra Hopkins	July 2012	In progress
	Stream/Sediment Coord (CBP and CWP)	Jennifer Greiner		Complete