

2022 WETLANDS WORKSHOP
KEY QUESTIONS TO ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSE & OUTCOMES

Purpose: Bring together key people **to identify actions to overcome the barriers** of implementing nontidal and tidal wetland restoration and accelerate progress towards the Wetlands Outcome identified in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Outcomes:

- 1) **Understanding of the barriers** that limit the rate of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration that is necessary to achieve the 2025 Wetlands Outcome.
- 2) **Identification of innovative approaches**, including changes to existing programs and proposing new programs, to increase the implementation of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration.
- 3) Within three months following the workshop, work with partners and workshop participants to **develop an action plan** that outlines steps and a timeline for dedicating resources to implementing these approaches.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3
NONTIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What constraints or “strings” will be attached to the federal infrastructure funds? What are the opportunities to overcome these constraints to the federal infrastructure funds? What are the non-federal funds that we need to bring to the table in order to access the infrastructure money? 	NONTIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the big ideas that can put us on schedule to meet our Outcome? What governance changes need to be made at the local, state, or federal level to maximize attainment of outcomes? What are the programs that have the greatest amount of funding we can access for nontidal wetlands? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we incorporate these new approaches/big ideas into our processes and efforts for both tidal and nontidal wetlands? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer: Develop an action plan How do we address these issues through the development of an action plan? (e.g., National Academy of Sciences oyster report)
TIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the technical constraints (knowledge and expertise) that prevent the attainment of this outcome? What constraints or “strings” will be attached to the federal infrastructure funds? 	TIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can we learn from case studies and projects in other watershed regions that have been successful in creating and restoring tidal wetlands? What are the big ideas that can put us on schedule to meet our Outcome? 	

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