

Habitat Goal Implementation Team Winter 2014 Meeting



North Point State Park
8400 North Point Road
Sparrows Point, MD 21219

Wednesday, February 26th
9:30AM-3:30PM

Conference Line: 866-299-3188 **Code:** 410-267-5731

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Purpose: *Provide a forum at which habitat practitioners from across the Chesapeake watershed will build a strategy for a network of restored and protected habitats capable of supporting the fish, wildlife, recreational and cultural resources most important to communities at local, landscape, and regional scales.*

9:30 Welcome, Introductions, and Vision for Cross-GIT Collaboration (Mike Slattery -FWS, Chair)

10:00 BMP Expert Panel Process: What reports mean for restoration, how process works, how panels are comprised, our GIT's role in recent panels and opportunities to influence upcoming panels

- Matt Johnston (University of MD, CBP Non-Point Source Data Analyst)– Overview of CBP Model (15 minutes)
- Tom Schueler (Chesapeake Stormwater Network, Executive Director)– Expert Panel Process (15 minutes)
- Jana Davis (CBT, Habitat GIT Vice Chair) – Facilitated Group Discussion (30 minutes)

11:00 Integrating efforts across GITs on the Mid-Shore (Kristin Saunders - MDNR)

Input requested of GIT members (for this and the 12:30 and 1:30 pm agenda items):

- *Which tribes/sub-watersheds do you think should be focused on and why?*
- *What role can your organization/our GIT play in implementing this work?*
- *What other key players should be engaged and how can GIT engage them?*

11:45 Break to get lunches / Reconvene at noon for lunchtime presentation

"Bringing BMP's to Life" through aggressive efforts to quantify credits for wetland enhancement, stream restoration, and floodplain connectivity in TMDL model contexts (Debra Hopkins, FWS)

12:30 Brook Trout Habitat Prioritization: A Case Study for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (Genevieve LaRouche– FWS, Todd Petty – Downstream Strategies, Jennifer Greiner - FWS)

1:30 Implementing the Multi-State Wetland Initiative (Mark Bryer - TNC)

2:30 Break

2:45 Discussion on any of the following updates (PRIZES raffled for those who've read advance materials!)

- Stream Health Workgroup and STAC workshop (Rich Starr- FWS, Bill Stack- CWP)
- Black Duck Modeling and Decision Support (Alicia Berlin - USGS, Pat Devers - FWS)
- Floodplain Mapping Project (Peter Claggett – USGS)
- Stream/wetland permitting improvements (Jana Davis - CBT)
- Forestry Updates (Sally Claggett, Julie Mawhorter – U.S. Forest Service)
- Forage Fish Outcome (Bruce Vogt, Tom Ihde - NOAA)

3:00 Next Steps, Team Operations, Closing thoughts from Chair and Vice-Chair

3:30 Adjourn