

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
DECEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Materials: [Link](#)

Decision: The WQGIT approved a submission extension for chair, vice- chair, and at- large nominees to January 3rd, 2020, after which voting will ensue via email the week of January 6th. Confirmation of new nominees will occur at the WQGIT's January conference call.

Decision: The Habitat and Water Quality GIT postponed approval of the Nontidal Wetland Rehabilitation, Creation, and Enhancement BMP Expert Panel report to the January 13th WQGIT conference call, based on concerns raised by PA regarding: 1) wetland land use mapping and classification, 2) compensatory mitigation wetlands (eligibility, tracking, and reporting toward TMDL targets), and 3) BMP panel report approval process.

Action: The Habitat and Water Quality GIT leadership will meet before the January call to discuss a path forward regarding PA's concerns about the Wetland Rehabilitation, Creation, and Enhancement BMP Expert Panel report. The results from that meeting will be discussed with the WQGIT during their January 13th, 2020 conference call.

Decision: The WQGIT postponed approval of the numeric 2-year milestones language to their January 13th, 2020 conference call. WQGIT co-chairs postponed approval after several jurisdictions (VA, MD, DE and others) expressed their concerns of not seeing EPA's evaluations of the final Phase III WIPs before making a decision.

Action: The WQGIT will bring the revised numeric 2-year milestone language to the Management Board (MB) for discussion at their December 12th meeting. Suggestions from the MB meeting will be incorporated into the language and sent to the WQGIT for final approval.

Action: For programmatic and numeric milestone submissions to EPA, the WQGIT approved a schedule change to March 1st, 2020, to wait for EPA to release the Phase III WIP evaluations and based on the WQGIT's postponement of approval for the numeric 2-year milestone language until the January 13th, 2020 conference call. The WQGIT will bring this schedule change to the Management Board (MB) for approval at their Thursday, December 12th meeting.

Decision: The WQGIT approved the Stream Restoration Prevented Sediment Memo as long as PA and the projects leads meet to resolve PA's concerns and present their solution at the next WQGIT meeting.

Action: The project leads of the Stream Restoration Prevented Sediment Memo will add clarifying language that indicates the memo is only for urban stream restoration, with the understanding that the AgWG will create their own expert panel regarding non-urban stream restoration BMPs.