

An aerial photograph of a vast wetland area, likely a marsh or mangrove system. A prominent, dark, winding waterway meanders through the dense, green vegetation. The waterway is surrounded by thick, low-lying plants, possibly marsh grasses or sedges. The overall scene is a lush, natural landscape with a complex network of water channels and land parcels.

**RESTORING THE WETLANDS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY
WATERSHED:**

POST-WORKSHOP MANAGEMENT BOARD DISCUSSION

DECEMBER 2022

Wetland's Outcome Attainment Strategy

July
15,
2021

August
2-3,
2022

November
23,
2022

December
8,
2022

January
17,
2023

OAT briefs MB on status of 31 outcomes.

- MB/PSC directs the Bay Program to identify why wetlands are so far off course, what can be done about it and develop a plan to achieve the outcome by 2025.

Restoring Wetlands of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Workshop identifies barriers, potential solutions and recommendations on moving forward.

Bay Program submits draft Restoring the Wetlands of the Chesapeake Watershed Workshop Action Plan for MB consideration.

Bay Program and Jurisdictions present wetland's outcome attainment strategy(s) for MB discussion:

- Meet expectations?
- Path Forward?

Wetlands Action Plan Final

Recommendations from the Workshop:

Cohesive Strategy

Cohesive strategy for tidal and nontidal wetlands across the watershed for site selection and priorities that take into consideration 10 goals and 31 outcomes associated with the Chesapeake Bay 2014 Agreement.

Long-term Capacity

Dedicated increased long-term capacity is needed to accelerate efforts – because of the time and complexity to complete wetland restoration projects, grant funded capacity does not retain and grow expertise.

Outreach and Design

Outreach and design are priority areas to grow capacity to increase the pipeline of projects and advance them to implementation.

Increased Funding

New and increased funding should be directed to the states to build wetland capacity. This is critical to be able to access and leverage increased federal funds that will be available.

Reporting of Progress

MB representatives meet formally with all the agencies within their jurisdictions report out progress of the wetland outcome attainment annually. Bay Program reports to PSC annually.

An aerial photograph of a vast wetland area. A dark, winding waterway meanders through a dense, green landscape of marshes and mangroves. The water reflects the sky, and the surrounding vegetation is a mix of various shades of green, indicating different types of plants and water levels. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed ecosystem.

Where do we go from here?

- **Integrate the Individual Jurisdictions plan into Common Watershed Wide Actions in order to develop constancy and efficiencies within the Wetlands community.**
 - **Tidal Subgroup Vice-Chair**
 - **Non-tidal Subgroup Vice-Chair**

An aerial photograph of a lush green wetland area with a winding waterway. The water is dark, and the surrounding vegetation is a vibrant green. The waterway meanders through the landscape, creating a complex pattern of channels and islands.

Where do we go from here?

- Complete New Living Resources data tracking system including long term funding to support this effort.
- Work with Chair/Vice Chairs and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to identify Capacity and workforce development