

AGENDA
May 21, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes**

Workgroup Chair

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants
- Approval of meeting minutes from the April 16th Conference Call

Implementation

10:05 **NRCS Stream-Related Projects (45 min)**

N. Herbert & J. Fripp

NRCS personal, Noller Herbert, Director of the Conservation Engineering Division and geomorphologist Jon Fripp will explain what NRCS does related to rural streambank stabilization and an examination of the wide potential use of these standards. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Data & Modeling

10:50 **Next Steps: Non-Urban Stream Restoration (30 min)**

Loretta Collins

On the April AgWG call Loretta Collins, UMD, discussed issues related to tracking, reporting, and crediting non-urban stream restoration projects brought to the forefront in December 2019 when the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) approved [Recommendations for Improving the Application of the Stream Restoration Prevented Sediment Protocol](#), a report sponsored by the Urban Stormwater Workgroup (USWG). At the same time, the WQGIT requested that the Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) convene an expert panel (EP) to evaluate

stream restoration practices that do not align with the qualifying conditions outlined in the 2013 [Recommendations of the Expert Panel to Define Removal Rates for Individual Stream Restoration Projects](#) report. Concern was also raised regarding possible discontinuation of default removal rates for TN, TP, and TSS that have been used to credit projects reported under both the Urban & Non-Urban Stream Restoration BMP since the of the 2013 report (and 2014 test-drive revisions). Loretta will review feedback received since the last AgWG call and facilitate discussion on next steps regarding non-urban stream restoration.

Implementation/ Accounting & Reporting

11:20 Impacts of COVID-19 (40 min)

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The current international health crisis is having impacts across every aspect of society. Time is allotted here to provide CBP partners the opportunity to share their recent experiences and what the short-term and potential long-term impacts of stay-at-home orders and critical response efforts will be on the agricultural community and conservation efforts. Below is a non-exhaustive list of possible areas of discourse:

- Technical Assistance Capacity
- Outreach and Education
- Health, Safety, Wellness
- Industry Impacts
- Ag Markets Outlook
- Federal and State Agencies
- Non-Governmental Organizations/ Non-Profits
- Tracking, Reporting, & Verification Challenges
- Adaptive Strategies

11:50 New Business & Announcements (5 min)

- Verification Action Team
 - The Management Board charged the WQGIT with convening an [Ad-Hoc action team](#) to address BMP credit duration and lifespan. This is in response to the [BMP Verification memo](#) the WQGIT sent to the Management Board in September 2019.
- Consensus Recommendations to Improve Protocols 2 and 3 for Defining Stream Restoration Pollutant Removal Credits: Report [here](#). May 19 presentation to urban Stormwater Workgroup (USWG) [here](#).
 - The USWG is seeking comments by **no later than June 19th**. Please send feedback to **Tom Schueler (watershedguy@hotmail.com) and David Wood (wood.csn@outlook.com)**.
- GIT Funding:
 - The Chesapeake Bay Program, in collaboration with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, released the 2020 Goal Implementation Team (GIT) Funding request for ideas (RFP). **The RFP can be found [here](#)**. Project funding is within the \$25-\$75k range and the total funding amount is \$829,250. **If you are submitting an idea, it will be helpful for you to plan on participating during the WQGIT meeting on TUESDAY, May 26th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.**
- Animal Mortality Expert Panel Report- in process
- Soil Health Institute: Evaluating Soil Health Measurements
 - The first of many publications associated with the North American Project to Evaluate Soil Health Measurements (NAPESHM) has been published open source in Agronomy Journal. <https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/agj2.20234>

- Other Announcements?

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

Hilary Swartwood

Hilary Swartwood will review action and decision items from the meeting.

12:00 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

COVID-19 Resources:

Evolving list...

Delaware

UD Extension: <https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/trending/coronavirus-resources/>

Maryland

MDA Updates: <https://news.maryland.gov/mda/category/covid-19/>

UMD Extension: <https://extension.umd.edu/learn/covid-19-resources>

Maryland Farm Bureau: <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/coronavirus/>

New York

Crisis Management: <https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension: <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>

State-Level Ag/COVID resources that are updated, sometimes daily (with some overlap):

Executive Order 2026 on Essential Businesses/Entities:

- <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>

NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets:

- <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>
- https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/covid19_resourceguide_0.pdf

Cornell University / Cornell Cooperative Extension:

- <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/covid-19/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/news-e-alerts/>
- <http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Pennsylvania

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Resources.aspx>

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidance documents:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx>

Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/coronavirus>

West Virginia

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Virginia

Virginia Tech: https://aaec.vt.edu/content/dam/aaec_vt_edu/extension/aaec-outreach-reports/covid-19-resources-may-2020/COVID-impacts-on-Virginia-5-20.pdf

USDA

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>

Coronavirus and USDA Assistance for Farmers: <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus>

Federal Rural Resource Guide: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf

EPA

EPA: www.epa.gov/coronavirus

EPA Policy and Frequent Questions on Grant Issues related to COVID-19 (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2020-g02>

EPA Memo on COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/oecamemooncovid19implications.pdf>

Non-Governmental Organizations

National Association of Conservation Districts: <https://www.nacdnet.org/covid-19/>

Farm Bureau: <https://www.fb.org/land/impact-covid19-on-ag>

Farmer's Legal Action Group Quick Summary of COVID-19 Relief for Farmers:

<http://www.flaginc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Updated-Farmers-Guide-to-COVID-19-Relief-April-27-2020.pdf>

National Farmers Union: <https://nfu.org/coronavirus/>

Center for Dairy Excellence: <https://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/covid-19-farm-resources/>

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association: <https://www.uspoultry.org/COVID-19/>

Pork Checkoff: <https://www.pork.org/public-health/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19/>

National Grain and Feed Association: [https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19 Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19 Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f](https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19%20Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19%20Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f)

National Cattlemen's Beef Association: <https://www.ncba.org/coronavirus.aspx>

Crisis Hotline

Farm Aid: Monday-Friday 9-5 EST at 1-800-FARM-AID: <https://www.farmaid.org/blog/resources-for-farmers-affected-by-covid-19/>

Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI): <https://www.rafiusa.org/hotline/>