

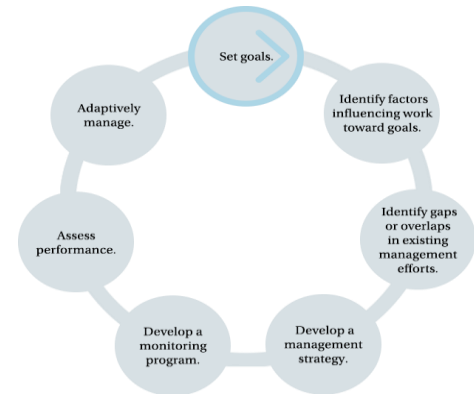


Habitat Goal Implementation Team Spring 2019 Meeting
Tuesday, May 21st – Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019
10am – 5pm Tuesday; 9am-noon Wednesday

Havre de Grace Maritime Museum
 100 Lafayette Street,
 Havre De Grace, MD 21078

Conference Line: 929-205-6099, **Conference Code:** 586-265-401
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/586265401> (please join webinar to obtain participant ID before joining via computer audio)

Objective: Review our team’s work in various phases of the Adaptive Management cycle; **celebrate** progress, **share** Current efforts, and **shape** direction for 2019-2020.



Tuesday, May 21st

- 10:00 am** **Welcome and Introductions** – Christine Conn, Maryland DNR, HGIT Chair
- 10:15 am** **How We Work – Adaptive Management Primer** – Kristin Saunders, UMCES
Update on improvements to the SRS Process heading into the second review cycle.
- 10:30 am** **2019 GIT Funding Opportunities** – Jennifer Greiner, HGIT Coordinator
Review and discuss initial Habitat GIT ideas and identify the top 3-4 ideas to develop full proposals around.

Identify Management Gaps/Overlaps

- 11:15 am** **Evolving USGS Chesapeake Bay Science Priorities** – Scott Phillips, USGS
Update on 2019 USGS Chesapeake Bay science priorities and activities; members will provide feedback on out-year science needs and directions.
- 11:45 am** **Influence of Shoreline Changes on Chesapeake Bay Ecosystems** – Tom Jordan, SERC
Update on a NOAA-funded project and ongoing GIT-funded research to quantify shoreline development impacts to nearshore ecosystems.
- 12:05 pm** **Lunch and 2018 Bay Barometer Update**, Margot Cumming, CRC

Monitor Progress

- 1:05 pm** **Black Duck Decision Support Tool (DST)/Indicator Progress** – Paige Hobaugh, CRC

Paige will demo the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's black duck habitat DST and provide updates on progress toward adopting the DST as the new Black Duck Outcome indicator.

1:25 pm Development of Citizen Scientist SAV Monitoring Protocol and Training Program –

Brooke Landry, MD DNR

Update on FY 2017 GIT Funding project to develop and establish an SAV monitoring protocol for volunteers to ensure collection of appropriate and consistent data to supplement VIMS aerial data imagery.

Assess Performance

1:45 pm Land Cover and Land Use Updates Project – Rachel Soobitsky, Chesapeake Conservancy

Rachel will provide an information session on efforts to update CBP's land use/land cover data and seeks feedback on the possibility of mapping secondary wetland classes.

Adaptively Manage

2:15 pm Climate Smart Tool Application – Jennifer Dopkowski, NOAA

Results of Climate Smart planning tool for black duck habitat and SAV outcomes; discuss lessons learned from this process and applications of the tool to other outcomes.

3:00 pm Break

Engage Others: Role of Outreach in Accelerating Progress

3:15 pm Targeted Outreach for Wetland Protection and Restoration – Mitch Hartley, USFWS

Update on FY 2017 GIT Funding project to hire a landowner outreach expert to assist Delmarva Peninsula landowners in adopting voluntary conservation programs to benefit American Black Ducks.

3:55 pm Delmarva Restoration/Conservation Network (DRCN) – Dan Murphy, USFWS

Update on a regional effort to increase land conservation through partnerships with landowners and county-level planners and WIP writers.

4:35 pm Action Items and Wrap-Up – Margot Cumming, CRC

5:00 pm Adjourn

5:30 pm Optional Happy Hour/Dinner

Wednesday, May 22nd

9:00 am Field Trip Options:

- Land (Conowingo Dam, shoreline restoration tour)
- Water (SAV bed restoration - limited to 8 persons per boat capacity)