



**CSPDC Chesapeake Bay TMDL
Watershed Implementation Plan
Stakeholder Meeting**

September 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Video Conference Call
Meeting Summary

In attendance:

Rachel Soobitsky, Chesapeake Conservancy	Hunter Moore, CSPDC
John Reeves, Rockingham County citizen	Rebecca Joyce, CSPDC
Sandra Stuart, NBSWCD	Olivia Raines, CSPDC
Jason Weakley, VDH	Morgan Shrewsbury, Augusta County
Jeff Johnson, City of Staunton	Tom Roberts, City of Buena Vista
Peter Kesecker, City of Staunton	Sara Bottenfield, DEQ
Keith Thomas, City of Harrisonburg	Mark Frondorf, Shenandoah Riverkeeper
Brooke Solderich, City of Harrisonburg	

Welcome and Introductions

- Hunter Moore welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the call. She asked the group to introduce themselves through the video call or in the chat box.

Chesapeake Conservancy High-Resolution Land Cover Project

- **Rachel Soobitsky**

- Ms. Soobitsky presented on the Chesapeake Conservancy’s High-Resolutions project which is related to WIP deliverable 3B.
- She discussed changes in the data between 2013/2014 and 2017/2018, and classes of the land cover. New information shows not only land cover but also land use for that cover.
- The new high-resolution land cover data will be available February 2022 (raster format) and will be free for download on their website. The data will be available by State baywide and county.

- Ms. Soobitsky answered questions on river buffers and solar farms land codes.
- Ms. Moore asked a question on the Conservancy's best management practice opportunity mapping. This is another project that the Conservancy is working on and this data will also be available to localities. The contact for this project is Louis Keddell (lkeddell@chesapeakeconservancy.org).

Stormwater Toolkit Review

- Olivia Raines, CSPDC

- Ms. Olivia Raines with the CSPDC presented the Stormwater Best Practices Toolkit that she created for deliverable 4M.
- Ms. Olivia went through the document with the group and gave a brief description on each section. The document is designed to be an easy to use resource for localities.
- John Reeves gave comments and asked about including local examples in the toolkit. He also mentioned issues with BMP maintenance and large amounts of fertilizers on lawns.
- Ms. Moore will send out the toolkit to all stakeholders for comments and questions.

WIP III 2022 Regional Deliverables

- CSPDC 2022 WIP regional deliverables are due at the end of September to DEQ.
- Ms. Moore will be sharing these deliverables to all WIP stakeholders via email for comments, suggestions and questions.

2022 NFWF Project Ideas

- The 2021 NFWF SWG planning grant that the CSPDC applied for this past Spring did not get funded. The grant funds would have been used to conduct assessments of three stormwater detention sites in the City of Buena Vista and Rockbridge County to determine what retrofit or rehabilitation tasks need to be implemented to improve local water quality as well as meet Chesapeake Bay WIP goals. PDC staff hopes to discuss the grant with NFWF contacts.
- Ms. Moore asked for 2022 NFWF project ideas or to reach out to the PDC if anyone is interested in pursuing NFWF funds and needs grant writing assistance.

Community Updates

- Morgan Shrewsbury with Augusta County asked about the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) grants. Mr. Reeves commented that this grant is helping with EV busses.
- Ms. Joyce discussed the flood prevention grants that are due this Winter, Waynesboro's application and possible resiliency plan, and modifying the CSPDC Hazard Mitigation Plan to a resiliency plan. Tom Roberts commented that he was in favor of a regional resiliency plan.



- Ms. Shrewsbury also shared that the S-A-W Hazardous Waste Day will be on Sept 18th.
- Tom Roberts with the City of Buena Vista shared that their Hazardous Waste Day will be on October 2nd for the Rockbridge, Buena Vista and Lexington areas.
- Hunter Moore shared that the next WIP meeting is scheduled for Dec 9th.

VIII. Adjourn

- With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.