

**Joint Mid-Atlantic (MAWWG)-  
Northeast Biological Assessment Wetland Workgroups (NEBAWWG)  
Maritime Conference Center, Linthicum Heights, Maryland  
May 10-May 12, 2022**

**AGENDA  
(Last Updated 5-6-2022)**

**DAY ONE - Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

**8:30 Welcome**

- EPA Regional Management – Jeff Lapp, R3 and Jackie LeClaire, R1

**8:40 Agenda, Intros and Logistics**

- EPA Region 3, Danielle Algazi, and EPA Region 2, Jaclyn Woollard
- NAWM and NEIWPC – Brenda Zollitsch and Jordan Bishop

**9:00 Region 3 State Updates**

*States in the region will share updates on projects, latest research, wetland program priorities, technical assistance needs and current challenges. (20 min each, followed by Q&A)*

- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Alison Rogerson, Environmental Scientist, Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program
- District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DC DOEE) – Jennifer Dietzen, Environmental Protection Specialist, Regulatory Review Division
- Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) – Denise Clearwater, Special Projects Coordinator, Wetlands and Waterways Program
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) – Dave Goerman, Water Programs Specialist, Division of Wetlands, Encroachments and Training

**10:30 Break**

**10:50 Communicating Wetland Data**

*Best practices of sharing wetland communication and data panel presentations*

- **Evolving Approaches to Restoration Planting Recommendations in Pennsylvania and West Virginia** – Elizabeth Byers, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and Ephraim Zimmerman, PA Natural Heritage Program (NHP) (20 min)
- **New Jersey Long Term Tidal Monitoring Network: Data Protocols, Storage, and Communicating Results** – Brittany Wilburn, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) (15 minutes)
- **Building a Communication Strategy** – Rachel Felter, Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Communications Director/Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Pam Mason, CBP Wetlands Workgroup Chair, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) (25 min)
- **Q&A with panelists and participant sharing** (20 min)

**12:10 Lunch**

## **DAY ONE, CONTINUED - Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

### **1:45 Region 2 State Updates**

*States in the region will share updates on projects, latest research, wetland program priorities, technical assistance needs and current challenges. (15 min each)*

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) – Kathleen Walz, Ecologist, Office of Natural Lands Management, Natural Heritage Program
- New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) – Terry Doss, Co-Director, Meadowlands Research & Restoration Institute

### **2:15 Participant updates continued**

*Each presenter will have 15 minutes to provide updates from their organization*

- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ) – Michelle Henicheck, Senior Wetland Ecologist
- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WV DEP) – Elizabeth Byers, Senior Wetland Scientist
- National Association of Wetland Managers (NAWM) – Mark Biddle, Chair and Brenda Zollitsch, Senior Policy Analyst
- NEIWPC – Jordan Bishop, Environmental Analyst

### **3:15 Break**

### **3:45 Technical Assistance – What's Your Problem? – Facilitated by Jordan Bishop, NEIWPC**

***Bring a question! We'll brainstorm potential solutions together!*** Examples of possible question topics: How do other states store data and make it useful to the public? How do I monitor success on my social media post? What are effective methods participants have used for measuring function?

### **4:45 Adjourn**

**5:00-6:30 pm Dinner**

## **DAY TWO - Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

### **8:30 Welcome, Day 1 Recap and Agenda Review**

### **8:45 Climate Change Projects**

*Each presenter will share 20+ minutes of project results followed by Q&A*

- **Monitoring for a tidal wetland beneficial use project in Delaware** – Alison Rogerson, DNREC
- **Long-term monitoring of peat-accumulating wetlands in Pennsylvania** – Mary Ann Furedi, PA NHP and Western PA Conservancy and Ephraim Zimmerman, PA NHP
- **Wetland & Stream Assessments & Environmental Reviews – Adapting to Climate Change in New Hampshire** – Mary Ann Tilton, NHDES

### **10:15 Break**

### **10:30 Region 1 State Updates**

*States in the region will share updates on projects, latest research, wetland program priorities, technical assistance needs and current challenges. (20+ min each, followed by Q&A)*

## **DAY TWO CONTINUED - Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) – Mary Ann Tilton, Assistant Administrator
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC) – Charlie Hohn, Wetlands Scientist
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) – TBD

### **11:30 Environmental Justice (EJ) and Wetlands**

- **EJ Current Activities and Project Needs in Delaware** – Mark Biddle, DNREC
- **EJ wetland program needs facilitated group discussion** – Richard Friesner, NEIWPC

**12:00 Lunch** (Get your “to-go” lunch for the field trip and come right back to board the field trip bus!)

### **12:45 Field Trip – via Bus**

- Cox Creek Beneficial Uses Site Field Trip - Led by Biohabitats
- Masonville Cove Environmental Justice site - Led by Maryland Environmental Services (MES)

**5:00-6:30 pm Dinner**

## **DAY THREE - Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**8:30 Welcome, Day 2 Recap and Agenda Review**

**8:45 Sharing Assessment Methods Metrics**

- **Overview of Common Assessment Methods-Metrics project started by MAWWG** – Danielle Algazi, EPA Region 3
- Facilitated group discussion/prioritizing, bringing R1 and R2 into the conversation

**9:30 Tools and Approaches**

*Wetland research sharing (20-minute presentations)*

- **Assessing seasonal wetland water quality in relation to watershed Land cover/Land-use** – Sindupa De Silva, WVU
- **Calibrating ecoregional FQA metrics in the MAWWG/NEBAWWG regions: Pilot tests in New Jersey** – Kathleen Walz, NJDEP
- **Assessment Techniques for Evaluating Salt Marsh Resilience to Sea Level Rise in NYC – NYC Parks Beneficial Use Assessment and Technique Evaluation** – Chris Haight, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Tools and Approaches: Mitigation**

- **Baltimore Maryland Stream Mitigation Framework’s Stream Mitigation Calculator** – Nick Ozburn, Baltimore District ACOE
- **Compensatory Mitigation Evaluation Framework** – Brian Topping, EPA HQ

**11:30 National Wetland Condition Assessment Update**

Gregg Serenbetz, EPA HQ

**11:45 Take Away and Next Steps; 12:00 pm Meeting Adjourns**