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# CRC Environmental Management Program Presentation to STAC

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# Personal Background

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## ○ Education

- Thiel College: B.A. in Biology and Conservation Biology (04'-08')

## ○ Work Experience

- Cambria County Conservation District: Water Resource Specialist (08'-09')
- Chesapeake Bay Program: Scientific, Technical Analysis and Reporting Staffer (Nov. 09'-Current)

# Scientific, Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR)

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- Evolving STAR to meet the needs of the Goal Implementation Teams.
  - STAR Action Team Report
  - Moving forward with topical meetings and 2011 work planning

# Workgroup Staffing

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- Tidal Monitoring and Analysis Workgroup (TMAW)
- Nontidal Water Quality Workgroup (NTWG)
- Analytical Methods and Quality Assurance Workgroup (AMQAW)
- Criteria Assessment Protocols Workgroup (CAP)
- STAR Action Team

# Work Group Highlights

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- TMAW
  - Umbrella Criteria Workshop
- NTWG
  - Benthic Indicator
- AMQAW
  - MDNR Preservation Study; Website Updates
- STAR Action Team
  - STAR Action Team Report
- NTWG/TMAW
  - Joint Meeting Focused on Integration

# Professional Development

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- Interests

- Restoration activities
- Monitoring and assessment
- Natural resource conservation



# Future Plans

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- Pursue a career in a field relevant to restoration activities, monitoring, assessment, or natural resource conservation.