



The Abstract Quarterly : January 2021

Happy New Year, STAC.

Reflecting on the past year, we would like to thank you for your ongoing participation on the Committee. 2020 was an abruptly difficult year and one of tremendous transitions, and yet STAC business continued as usual due to your unyielding commitment to our work. We truly appreciate your dedication and collaboration while attending numerous meetings, workshops, seminars, and all the additional efforts that you contribute to ensure STAC's progression. Although we may not be in person, your consistent engagement has allowed us to continue exchanging ideas and learn.

In the meantime, join me in taking a [virtual kayaking tour](#) of the Susquehanna Flats. Fingers crossed we can head out there for an in-person tour at the September 2021 Quarterly Meeting.

Visit STAC Website

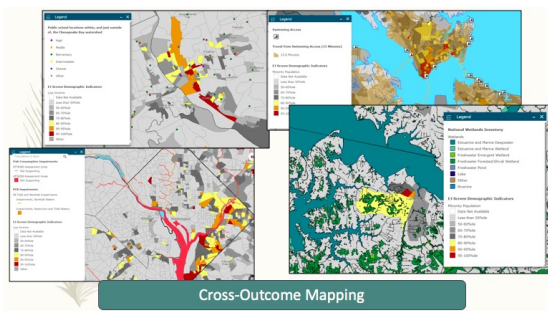
Recommendations Database

The [STAC Recommendations Database](#) is now live! Recent STAC recommendations can be searched by GIT, workgroup, author(s), and keyword. We encourage you to test-run the new database and provide feedback.

STAC FY21 Request for Proposal (RFP)

STAC-Sponsored Workshop Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY2021: Proposals are due to STAC Coordinator, [Annabelle Harvey](#) by **COB February 16, 2021**. The RFP can also be found on the STAC website [here](#). See the [STAC Workshop Overview document](#) for further information.

Continuing the Conversation | DEIJ at the Partnership



The **Chesapeake Bay Environmental Justice and Equity Dashboard** provides access to a variety of spatial data layers pertinent to addressing environmental issues in areas with populations of underrepresented communities.

See the dashboard [here](#).

The recently formed [CBP DEIJ Action Team](#) is tasked with overseeing the implementation plan for the Bay Program's DEIJ Strategy. This group meets every other Friday from 1-3 pm. STAC Staff and Tom Ihde currently split attendance.

Reach out to [STAC Staff](#) if interested.

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A Monthly Lunchtime Webinar Series

Join us for brief presentations followed by robust discussions around topics relevant to the Chesapeake Bay restoration partnership.

Citizen Science for the Win-Win

MODERATOR:
DENICE WARDROP
Executive Director, Chesapeake Research Consortium

SPEAKERS:
LIZ CHUDOBA
Water Quality Monitoring Initiative Director, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
JAMIE TESTA
Program Coordinator, Chesapeake DolphinWatch



Equality

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Adding [EJScreen](#) and Local Tools to Your Environmental Justice Toolbox

The CRC November [Roundtable](#) presented by Denice Wardrop with speakers Matthew Lee (EPA) and John Wolf (USGS). See the October Roundtable, [Integrating Environmental Justice into Decision Making](#), [here](#).

Advancing Watershed Restoration Through Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

Overview of the CBP's DEIJ Strategy, presented by [Skeo Solutions](#).

[DC Joins Landmark Pact to Cut Transportation Pollution, Increase Equity | DC DOEE](#)

[The Original Inhabitants of Our Land | CBF](#)

['Naturally Latinos' Conference | Bay Journal](#)

[4 Ways MLK Left His mark on the Env Movement | Potomac Conservancy](#)

Remotely Connected | Resources for virtual collaboration

Check out these resources below to help with online platforms and virtual facilitation:

Facilitating virtual events:

- [The Definitive Guide to Facilitating Remote Workshops](#), a free ebook on MURAL with tips on remote facilitation and running virtual meetings
- Association for Computing Machinery's [Virtual Conferences: A Guide to Best Practices](#): a living report on implementable best practices for the immediate shift to online conferences
- This [white paper](#) on the long-virtual Nearly Carbon-Neutral Conference and [recent article](#) reflecting on COVID-19
- Guidance from SESYNC on [Best Practices for Organizing Virtual Meetings](#)

Accessibility:

- Tips to prepare a fully accessible online meeting from the University of Washington: [Accessibility and Universal Design of Online Meetings](#)
- [Best practices compiled](#) by The Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on accessibility in Computer-Human Interactions
- [This guidance document](#) prepared by the Council of Chief Diversity Officers at the University of California to assist with Equity and Inclusion during COVID-19



STAC Workshop | Advancing Outreach Effectiveness to Improve Conservation Practice Adoption

January 26-28, 8:30-1 pm EST

A virtual series of morning coffee hour discussions to improve private-public partnerships. To improve outreach effectiveness and best meet farmer and landowner interests for their agricultural operations, please for a three-day series of connected, interactive discussions among farmers, outreach practitioners, and social scientists.

[Register Now](#)

Chesapeake Bay Program Meetings

To find information on upcoming meetings for CBP workgroups, GITs, Action Teams, and more, please visit the [Chesapeake Bay Program Calendar of Events](#). Remaining meetings for this month are listed below.

Tuesday, January 19

- [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)
- [Plastic Pollution Action Team](#)

Thursday, January 21

- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)
- [Management Board Meeting](#)

Friday, January 22

- [Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Steering Committee](#)

Monday, January 25

- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

Wednesday, January 27

- [Budget and Finance Workgroup Quarterly Meeting](#)
- [Climate Resiliency Workgroup \(CRWG\)](#)

Thursday, January 28

- [Joint C/S/STAR January 2021 Meeting](#)
- [BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team](#)
- [Enhance Partnering, Leadership and Management GIT](#)

January 2021

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Chesapeake Bay Program Request for STAC Feedback

- The **Clean Water Cohort** requests STAC provide feedback on their recent December STAC Quarterly Meeting presentation, available to review on our site [here](#). Please take a few moments to comment using [this survey](#).
- **STAR** requests STAC review the new CBP Science Needs database available [here](#). Please submit your comments using [this survey](#).

From Around the Watershed



Opinion Piece: Zach Easton, Leonard Shabman, Kurt Stephenson, and James Shortle

[Ag payments to control nutrients should be based on results](#)



COVID-19 Talking Points

Living Document:
ChooseCleanWater Coalition
[ChooseCleanWater Coalition: COVID-19 Talking Points Document](#)



Inclusionary Messaging and Outreach Training

Chesapeake Bay Program: Communications Workgroup Training

[Inclusionary Messaging and Outreach Training](#)



[Pivoting in a Pandemic: Risk Management During COVID-19 from the](#)

Recorded webinar from the [2020 University of Maryland's Annual Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference \(ALEI\)](#). The panel discussed impacts of COVID-19 on Maryland's dairy industry including worker issues, supply chain disruptions, disaster relief, and more.

Panelist and first-generation dairy farmer Katie Dotter-Pyle, co-owner of [Cow Comfort Inn Dairy](#) (Union Bridge, MD), created a video earlier this year educating consumers on disruptions to the supply side of dairy farming due to the pandemic. You can see Katie's

Upcoming Events and Webinars



2021 All-Bay Agriculture Network Forum

Feb 3, 1-4 pm
Feb 10, 1-4 pm
Feb 17, 1-4 pm

Register for all three sessions [here](#).



CRC Roundtable: Tackling a Global Problem at the Community Level

Jan 27, 12-1 pm

Register [here](#).



Fostering Old Forest Conditions Through Structural Complexity Enhancement

Feb 9, 12-7 pm

Learn more about the virtual conference [here](#).