



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)
Quarterly Meeting – June 4-5, 2023
Point of View Retreat in Lorton, Virginia
[Meeting Webpage](#)

****Exact Times Are Subject to Change****

[Meeting RSVP](#)

Tuesday, June 4th

- 9:30 am** **Call to Order, Announcements** — *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair – UMCES)*
- Introductions
 - Membership Announcement:
 - Charles Bott (HRSD) to Executive Board
 - John Bovay (VT) and Carl Friedrichs (VIMS) join STAC as VA Gubernatorial Appointees
 - Recap of STAC March 2024 Quarterly Meeting, CBP Updates
 - Approval Requests:
 - March 2024 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 - March Executive Board Call Minutes
 - April Executive Board Call Minutes
 - Member Announcements and Updates
- 10:00 am** **CESR Updates: Tiered Implementation of TMDL and Living Resource Actions** — *Denice Wardrop (CRC/PSU), Kurt Stephenson (VT), Mark Monaco (NOAA), Kenny Rose (UMCES)*
Denice Wardrop (CRC) and Kurt Stephenson (VT) will provide an update on CESR Outreach and a brief on a recent retreat focused on Tiered Implementation of Bay TMDL. Mark Monaco (NOAA) and Kenny Rose (UMCES) will provide an update on living resources actions that resulted from the CESR report.
- 11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:15 am** **Beyond 2025 Efforts Updates, Next Steps** — *STAC Leadership, STAC Staff*
STAC Leadership will provide an update on the Beyond 2025 efforts, including the timeline for the Beyond 2025 final report and the recent Bay Program Evaluation conducted by Eastern Research Group (ERG).
- 12:00 pm** **Report out from STAC Workshop “Climate Change Modeling III: Post-2025 decisions”** — *Gary Shenk (USGS)*
Gary Shenk (USGS) will provide an introduction to the previous Climate Change Modeling workshops and their effect, and then report out on the recent STAC Workshop “[Climate Change Modeling III: Post 2025 decisions](#)” that took place in Arlington, VA on May 7-9, 2024.
- 12:45 pm** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:45 pm** **Second call for STAC FY24 Workshop RFPs, STAC approval of edits** — *STAC Staff*
STAC Staff will highlight edits made to the STAC FY24 Workshop RFP after received feedback at the March Quarterly Meeting.
- 2:05 pm** **STAC Science Synthesis RFP** — *Jeni Keisman (USGS)*

Jeni Keisman (USGS) will outline the draft RFP for STAC-Sponsored Science Synthesis Projects.

- 2:45 pm** **MD Legislation, Whole Watershed Act** — *Senator Sarah Elfreth*
Senator Sarah Elfreth will provide an overview of the approved legislation ([SB 969/HB 1165](#)) introduced by Senator Elfreth (Anne Arundel) and Delegate Sara Love (Montgomery) in collaboration with a broad coalition of stakeholders. The legislation will pilot a highly collaborative, science-based approach to watershed restoration across the state. The Whole Watershed Act is a direct response to conclusions in the 2023 Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response ([CESR](#)) report published by STAC. The legislation will utilize existing state funds to create a five-year pilot program targeting five Maryland watersheds that best represent the state’s diverse land uses, geographies, and impairments.
- 3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:30 pm** **VA DEQ Criteria Assessment** — *TBD*
A short brief will be provided on the criteria assessment approach mentioned in the [Draft 2024 305\(b\)/303\(d\) Water Quality Assessment](#) (Integrated Report) by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ).
- 3:45 pm** **The Key Bridge Response** — *Amy Guise (US ACE)*
Amy Guise (US ACE) will share her experience with the Unified Command related to the Key Bridge collapse and the process of the response.
- 4:15 pm** **Science Communications [Basics] Conversation** – *STAC Leadership, STAC Staff*
To prepare for the workshop on Day 2, STAC Leadership and Staff will begin science communications conversation with more general information – particularly about STAC representation and member expertise (STAC work and activities, importance, science beyond own research/specialty, referring to other STAC members)
- 5:00 pm** **Recess**

Wednesday, March 6th

- 8:00 am** **Optional Fieldtrip**
Join us for an easy walk at the [Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge](#). We will be taking the ¾ mile long, fully accessible Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail to the Great Marsh and back. A ranger will join us to talk about the refuge. Please plan to meet at the Joseph V. Gartlan Great Marsh Trailhead Parking (Parking Lot, Gunston Rd, Lorton, VA 22079) at 7:50am; this will be an approximately one hour walk with risk of ticks and other biting insects so dress accordingly!
- 9:30 am** **Science Communication Workshop**
[Green Fin Studio](#) will provide guidance and structured activities to help STAC become more comfortable in communicating with policy makers.
- 1:00 pm** **Lunch (provided)**
- 2:00 pm** **Adjourn**