

Integrating Citizen Science into the Chesapeake Bay Program

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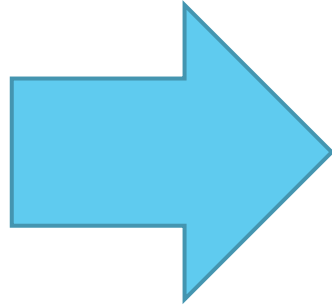
Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference 2015

Partners



Goals

- ▶ Expand volunteer and non-traditional monitoring Chesapeake Bay watershed-wide
- ▶ Provide standardized technical support to ensure high-quality data collection
- ▶ Integrate citizen collected data into the Chesapeake Bay Program monitoring network



- ▶ Help inform Bay restoration decision-making
- ▶ Track local river trends
- ▶ Engage local communities



Timeline

2015

- Inventory monitoring groups and identify data gaps and needs
- Develop tiered framework for data integrations into CBP network

2016

- Develop protocols for monitoring methods and data reporting
- Develop user-friendly database and data entry tools
- Research and develop data-based indicators and metrics
- Develop training materials and conduct training targeted at priority areas

2017

- Develop online toolkit for monitoring groups
- Conduct training targeted to priority areas
- Provide training on data analysis, synthesis, and communication

2018 -
2020

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Opportunities

- ▶ Participate in monitoring program survey
- ▶ Provide input on monitoring protocols, data entry tools
- ▶ Attend trainings for monitoring methods and data interpretation/usage
- ▶ Submit your data to the CB monitoring network database
- ▶ Attend the breakout session this afternoon...

