# RESILIENT Coastal Wetlands Coastal Communities



# Multi-Regional Workshop

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### Welcome and opening remarks





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### Workshop goal and structure

**GOAL:** Leverage knowledge and lessons learned from across regions and organizations to help standardize, improve, and advance methods to support resilient coastal wetlands and communities

#### STRUCTURE

Presentations, panels, and interactive discussions using mentimeter and chat

- Day 1: EPA Mid-Atlantic and Northeast research, cross-regional interactive discussion
- Day 2: Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Partner Panels, culminating in crossregional, cross-organizational explorations of lessons learned

HOW WILL YOUR FEEDBACK BE USED?

We will produce a Workshop Proceedings with summaries, lessons learned, and discussion of synthetic conclusions



### **Workshop facilitators**

- Joe Siegel, EPA Region 2 discussion facilitation
- Joan Johnson, EPA Region 3 chat facilitation

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- Adrianna Berk, Tetra Tech mentimeter and technical support
- Anna Hamilton, Tetra Tech notes and chat support
- Jen Stamp, Tetra Tech notes and chat support

## General housekeeping

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#### Meeting Audio and Video

✓ For best results, use Computer Audio

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- Everyone will be muted during the presentations. Speakers can unmute/mute by clicking the microphone
- If you have trouble with computer audio
  - Check your device settings in Teams
  - Check that computer volume is turned up and not muted
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  - Access alternative audio by calling

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#### Tech/AV Support Help

- Type tech questions in the chat window; your question will be answered there
- Exiting and reentering the Teams workshop will fix most issues
- ✓ If you are still experiencing AV issues, send an email to ResilienceWkshp@tetratech.com
- If you miss any portion of the workshop, all sessions will be recorded

#### Using chat and mentimeter to gather your feedback

In the chat, please designate your entries with the following codes:

- T: (technical assistance)
- Q: (question)
- C: (comment or feedback contribution)
- Within the above, it also would be helpful to preface with
  - <sup>+</sup> Q: "For Jane Doe" (who the question is for)
  - <sup>+</sup> C: "On the topic of" (if commenting on something from a while back in the chat)

At <u>www.menti.com</u>, enter the code # and answer each poll/question as it comes up in the presentation. Please use one of the following methods to access menti.com and submit feedback throughout the next two days:

- Second computer screen
- Toggle between two windows or tabs on your desktop or laptop
- Hand-held device such as a cell phone or tablet

### Workshop website

- https://resilienceworkshop.tetratech.com/agenda
- Recordings and PPTs will be posted in about 2 weeks

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- Speaker bios and other workshop resources are posted
- Check the website for other updates





### Ground rules & engagement best practices

- This is a professional meeting. Please be mindful of what you write in the chat box. All the sessions will be recorded and posted for viewing.
- ✓ Speakers: please minimize distractions such as ceiling fans and other noises.
- ✓ The workshop organizers can mute and remove sources of disruptions.

- $\checkmark$  Use the chat window to see reaction options.
- Use reactions to show support for the presenters.





### **Workshop themes**

• What is wetland resilience?

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- ✓ How to define/characterize/measure
- Relationship to vulnerability, threats, impacts
- ✓ How to assess vulnerability and socioecological impacts
- How do we manage for resilience under changing environmental conditions?
  - ✓ Selecting priority sites
  - Evaluation, prioritization and design of interventions
  - ✓ Socio-ecological trade offs in decision making



- How can resilient wetlands boost the health and resilience of coastal communities?
  - ✓ Coastal protection
  - ✓ Human health
  - ✓ Other valued ecosystem services (e.g., fish and wildlife habitat)



### **Topics/challenges**

- A. Capacity building for improved management of wetland and coastal community resilience
- B. Working with stakeholders: human-centered design
- **C.** Translating scientific information for decision making at all levels
- D. Barriers and opportunities for successful implementation of management actions
- E. Dealing with uncertainty associated with data and information limitations







Exploring EPA's collaborative work in the Mid-Atlantic on:

- Wetland vulnerability assessment and links to management
- Considering coordinated use of multiple wetland assessment tools

Exploring EPA's collaborative work in the Northeast on:

- Social-ecological perspectives for resilient coastal wetlands
- Valuation of resilient coastal wetlands



### **EPA mid-Atlantic work**

Exploring EPA's collaborative work with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary on:

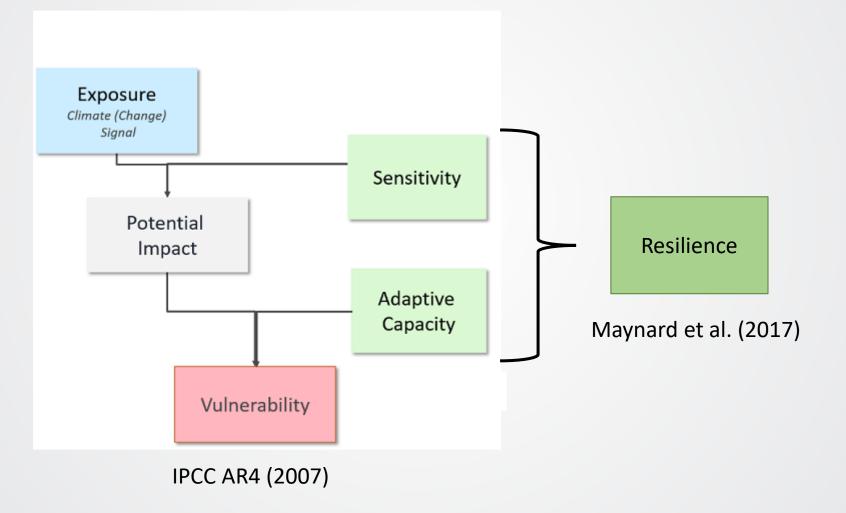
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But first:

What does resilience mean to you?

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### Vulnerability and resilience





### **EPA mid-Atlantic work**

Exploring EPA's collaborative work with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

Four short talks, in pairs, on:

- Wetland vulnerability assessment and links to management
- Considering coordinated use of multiple wetland assessment tools

After each pair of talks, there will be 5-10 min for Q & A; please enter your questions in the Chat.