2025 MWMC Above and Beyond Award – Lindsay Powers



Since joining the Maryland Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) in 2022, Lindsay Powers has quickly become an indispensable member of the team. Despite her relatively short tenure, her contributions have significantly advanced the program's mission and operations. Lindsay's dedication to fieldwork, meticulous attention to detail, and exceptional work ethic have elevated the quality and efficiency of MBSS activities.

Lindsay currently balances a wide range of responsibilities, including managing field crews, conducting QA/QC on high-profile stream restoration data, and authoring comprehensive reports on watershed conditions across the State of Maryland. She plays a key role in adapting the MBSS program to evolving needs, particularly in areas that directly impact water quality reporting.

Her professionalism extends beyond internal operations. Lindsay regularly engages with landowners, private stakeholders, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations—always with respect, attentiveness, and a positive attitude. Her pride in protecting Maryland's streams is evident in every interaction.

Lindsay has also contributed to the broader scientific community, presenting findings from the Muddy Creek stream restoration project at the Maryland Water Monitoring Council (MWMC) conference. Currently, she is collaborating with federal partners, county agencies, private consulting firms, River Keepers, and state entities to improve reporting on ongoing stream restoration monitoring projects.

In addition, Lindsay is spearheading the development of a public-facing website that will allow external users to access and download MBSS data—further enhancing transparency and accessibility of Maryland's environmental data.