**Maintaining Healthy Watersheds Conference Call**

**Thursday, February 16, 1:00-3:00**

**Call-in#: 866-299-3188, Code: 410-267-5731**

**Adobe Link:** [**http://chesapeake1.adobeconnect.com/mhw**](http://chesapeake1.adobeconnect.com/mhw)

**1:00 Welcome and Introductions Mark Bryer**

**Review Decision Framework Outline**

End of March deadline, requested by the Management Board.

Goals: agree to work on the project and agree to participate in preparing the Decision Framework for the Management Board.

**Discussion Question on Decision Framework**

Does this decision framework outline make sense in the way it frames the project?

**Discussion Questions for Project Implementation**

**Identification:**

Will a compilation of the States’ existing definition and identification systems suffice for CBP GIT4 purposes? Ex: MD Tier II waters.

Can the states provide those layers, and is it sufficient for identification purposes?

**Watershed condition status:**

What data is available to track and report on the health status of the identified watersheds?

What could be done to improve tracking of watershed health status?

**Threat characterization:**

What information is available for characterizing threats to healthy watersheds?

Can it be made available for use in our communication efforts?

**Protection Status:**

Forms of protection: direct protection/ conservation, planning/ policy, anti-degradation, local engagement.

What existing data could be used to track and report the status of watershed health protection? (e.g., a “health assurance” index)

Consider TNC’s metric of secured riparian buffers.

**Next Steps**

* Agree to work on project as a priority for GIT 4
* States agree to provide data layers
* Primary participants agree to monthly conference calls and a potential workshop
* Look for funding to do pilot project (ex: land use planning info in PA)

**3:00 Adjourn Bryer**

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