



Agenda
Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team
Local Engagement Workgroup
Conference Call
March 31st, 2014 9:00 A.M. –11:00 A.M.
Call-in#: 866-299-3188, Code: 4102675731
Adobe Connect link: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/git4/>

9:00 Welcome and Introductions Donnelle Keech (TNC), Wink Hastings (NPS)

9:15 Review of Goal Team Goals and Outcomes, Workgroup Description

This time slot will provide some background on the Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Team and Local Engagement Workgroup.

The Healthy Watersheds Goal Team has developed goals and outcomes statements that will be included in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement:

- Consensus overarching Goal: Sustain state-identified healthy waters and watersheds, recognized for their exceptional quality and/or high ecological value.
- Consensus overarching Outcome: By 2025, 100% of state-identified currently healthy waters and watersheds remain healthy.

As a reference, for a link to the Workgroup's Vision document:

- http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/21634/localengagementworkgroup_description_final.pdf

9:30 Overview and Discussion of the Situation We Seek to Change

We know that:

- Healthy watersheds provide various local and Bay water quality benefits.
- Cumulative impact of land use change is the primary threat to “healthy watersheds.”
- Land use change is controlled to a significant degree by local decisions and local factors.
- The status quo is loss of healthy watersheds.
- Change in locally-driven land use trends will be required to maintain healthy watersheds, and “local engagement” is the proposed intervention.

9:45 Discussion – Local Engagement as a Strategy

Questions to consider:

- What do we mean by “local engagement?” Do we all mean the same thing?
- What do we know about what works and what doesn't?
- What do we know about barriers and opportunities to changing land use trends?
- What is the potential role for the Chesapeake Bay Program and Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Team?
- What is the potential role for key partners (e.g., CBP LGAC) and alliances?

10:45 Next Steps and Other Updates

11:00 Adjourn