

Stream Health Outcome Management Strategy

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What is a Management Strategy?

- Summarizes the Chesapeake Bay Program’s “Decision Framework” process and the collective thinking of the CBP Partnership for each outcome or related group of outcomes.
- The MS will outline the means for accomplishing each outcome as well as monitoring, assessing, reporting progress and coordinating actions among partners and stakeholders. They should be written in “plain English” and be concise.
- The management strategy needs to be developed **that prioritizes management actions to improve stream health and function** and measure the progress towards achieving the Stream Health Outcome

Timeline

(Guidance provided by Habitat GIT)

- November/December – Teams hold initial conversations to outline their strategy
- January 2015 – Teams hold working sessions (either in person or via webinar) to flesh out these outlines.
- February – Working drafts to be circulated to your team’s membership, interested parties cc list, and HGIT for review.
- March/April – Review drafts circulated for public input and agency comment.
- May – Final draft editing/layout by contractor.
- June – Complete strategies to be submitted to Governors.

Outcomes and Baselines:

- Vital Habitats Goal: Restore, enhance and protect a network of land and water habitats to support fish and wildlife, and to afford other public benefits, including water quality, recreational uses and scenic value across the watershed.
- Stream Health Outcome: Continually improve stream health and function throughout the watershed. Improve health and function of ten percent of stream miles above the 2008 baseline for the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Highlights from input (as of 12/5/14)

(See summary notes for compiled input)

- Define stream health & function
- Integrative Outcome
 - Addresses restoration actions in the watershed and stream that affect this Outcome
 - Coordination with other Outcomes (e.g. fisheries, water quality)
 - Streams vs Bay Health
- Function-based approach
- Indicators
 - Biological
 - Other metrics derived from routinely, collected, non-biological data
- Importance of this outcome as it relates to the jurisdictional WIP commitments