



Proposed path forward
for the Phase 5.3.2
Nutrient Management
Expert Panel's report



Proposed Next Steps

- ▶ **Ag Workgroup convenes a subcommittee** to work with the six states to:
 - ▶ Develop a cross walk between the states' nutrient management programs and the adopted Phase 5.3.2 nutrient management tier definitions
 - ▶ Identify the compliance rates or other information associated with state programs that is used to determine reported acres of nutrient management implementation by the appropriate tiers referenced above
 - ▶ Provide links to the supporting documentation from each of the states
- ▶ The **Subcommittee will identify for the Ag Workgroup any concerns** about inconsistencies within/between the states' crosswalks and compliance rates
- ▶ **Ag Workgroup will review and approve** the resultant table and supporting documentation



Proposed Next Steps (cont.)

- ▶ Based on the Ag Workgroup's recommendations, the WQGIT will adopt the table as the guide for how, in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 annual progress runs through Phase 5.3.2 Chesapeake Watershed Model:
 - ▶ The states will be reporting nutrient management implementation; and
 - ▶ The Partnership will be crediting the states' nutrient management programs



Proposed Timeline

- ▶ **We need this work completed prior to December 1st**—therefore we need:
 - ▶ **By early October** – The Subcommittee needs to provide its table, supporting documentation and articulation of any inconsistencies/concerns to the Ag Workgroup.
 - ▶ **By mid-late October** – The Ag Workgroup needs to receive and act on the Subcommittee's table and supporting documentation
 - ▶ **By early to mid-November at the latest** – The WQGIT needs to adopt the Ag Workgroup's recommendation.