

Outcome: Riparian Forest Buffers
Maryland (Draft)
Outcome: 70% riparian forest buffers along streams and shorelines
Long term Target: 1700 miles
2 year Target: 80 miles

Management Approach 1: RFB Leadership					
Key Action <i>Description of work/project. Define each major action on its own row. Identify specific program that will be used to achieve action.</i>	Performance Target(s) <i>Identify incremental steps to achieve Key Action.</i>	Participating Entity <i>Identify responsible partner for each step.</i>	Geographic Location	Timeline <i>Identify completion date (month & year) for each step)</i>	Influencing Factors and Gaps <i>Identify related factor or gap in Management Strategy</i>
Convene the Stream ReLeaf Coordinating Committee	3 meetings per year	MD DNR Forest Service lead, 30+ partners	Maryland	3/year	
Coordinate with sustainable agriculture	2 partners involved in goals	MD DNR Forest Service	Maryland	2016	

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Management Approach 2: RFB Program Enhancements					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Coordinate with allied practices, including streambank fencing or transitional woodland practice	Contact FSA and NRCS for practice options	FSA, USFS, NRCS, MFS	Maryland	2016	
	Coordinate training	USFS, MFS, NRCS, FSA, SCDs	Maryland	2017	
Fund trials for function-based incentives	Implement RCPP and NFWF grants	Alliance for Ches. Bay, MDA	Maryland	ongoing	

Management Approach 3: RFB Technical Assistance					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Use Farm Bill Foresters to increase awareness and use of CREP, particularly CR-22 riparian	2 foresters	MD DNR Forest Service, USFS, FSA	Central and Western MD	November 2015- hire	

and use of CRP, particularly CRP riparian buffer practice	Training on Farm-Friendly buffers	NRCS, FSA, MFS, SCDs, other	Maryland	Nov-16	
Develop landscape approach for grouping landowner practices to reduce costs	2 projects	MFS, USFS, local govt.	Maryland	2017	
	Grow-out station for urban plantings		Maryland	2017	

Management Approach 4: RFB Outreach and Increasing New Enrollment					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Coordinate with regional CREP outreach	Confirm CFEs for MD trainings	USFS CBP, MFS	Maryland	2016-2017	
	Summarize programs	MFS, NRCS, FSA, USFS, others	Maryland	2016	
Share local case studies of successful buffers, considering LandCare model	4 case studies/outreach materials	MD DNR Forest Service, ACB, VT	Maryland	2017	

Management Approach 5: Improve Establishment/Maintenance/Verification					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Provide resource manager training	2 workshops, webinars, or fact sheets	MD DNR Forest Service	Maryland	1 in 2016, 1 in 2017	

Provide resource manager training	Landscaping buffer at pesticide recertification t	MFS, CBCAC, MDA	Maryland	2017	
Identify funding for maintenance	Funding source(s) identified	FSA, MDA, MFS	Maryland	2016	
	Use volunteer model	CBF, others	Maryland	2016-2017	

Management Approach 6: Improve Re-enrollment					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Purse requested changes to CREP agreement for transition/succession practice with CP4D and CP4D eligibility along ditches	CREP Agreement changed	MD Dept. of Ag., CREP Comm., FSA	Maryland	Feb. 2016	
	Alternative practice developed	FSA, USFS, states	Chesapeake Bay	Apr-16	
Prioritize maintenance funding to assure maintenance in new and reenrolling buffers	Maintenance fund established	MDA, CREP Comm. Other	Maryland	Feb. 2016	
	Alternative maintenance fund established	SRCC	Maryland	2017	

Management Approach 7: Improve Targeting of RFB					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Target for multi resource benefits	Brook Trout watershed buffers estimate	MD DNR- Forest Service, Fisheries	Maryland	Jun-16	

Target for multi resource benefits	Healthy Watershed/Tier II buffer est.	MD DNR- Forest Service, Resource Assess.	Maryland	Jun-16	
Target for ecohydrologic function	2 additional counties mapped	TNC, MD DNR Forest Service	Maryland	Dec-16	
	Coordinate with DOT planting needs	MDOT, DNR	Maryland	Dec-16	

Management Approach 8: Ramp-up conservation of RFB including easement programs					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Pursue long-term easements for CREP acres	500 acres in CREP easements	POS with RCPP, DNR, MDA	CREP buffers wanting easements	2016-2017	
	Identify buffer potential on protected lands	MET, DNR FS, other	Protected Lands	Map by Decmber 2015	
Expand coordination and awareness of easement options	Develop list of land trusts, cons. Options	MD DNR- FS, WHS, LAP/POS	Maryland	Dec-15	
	Model stewardship clause for easements	CBF, USFWS, MFS	Maryland	Feb. 2016	

Management Approach 9: Focus on non-ag RFB					
Key Action	Performance Target(s)	Participating Entity	Geographic Location	Timeline	Factors Influencing and/or Gap
Pursue options for aggregating small landowners planting and management	Prettyboy analysis	Baltimore County, MC AgroEcology	Maryland	2016	
	Example contract documents	Baltimore County, MC AgroEcology	Maryland	2016	
Coordinate with MS4 permits	Meeting to assess options, needs	SRCC	MS4 counties	2016	
	Develop examples of buffers & SWM	CWP	Maryland	2017	