

PROPOSED Game Plan and Schedule for Following-through on the Findings and Recommendations from the March 2017 STAC Ecosystem System Services Workshop

Adopting the Recommended Priority Benefits

Proceed forward with the workshop participant's five benefits identified as the recommended highest priority benefits on which the Partnership should focus future actions on:

- Ecosystem sustainability—benefits to fish and other aquatic resources in local streams and rivers
- Hazard mitigation—flood, drought and fire risk reduction
- Recreation and aesthetics—hunting, fishing swimming, boating, nature watching, outdoor education
- Drinking water—improvements to both quantity and quality
- Human health—improved air quality, reduced heat related illnesses, fewer water borne illnesses

Follow-through on Workshop Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Pick the low hanging fruit and move forward.

Follow-through Actions:

- Build upon the Tetra Tech report and the supporting spreadsheet and make this information more accessible and user-friendly.
- Incorporate the qualitative results directly into the CBP Partnership's Chesapeake Assessment and Scenario Tool (CAST).
- Develop a matrix that crosswalks the full list of CBP-approved BMPs with our current best understanding of additional benefits to be used to prioritize further work on quantification of benefits besides water quality.

Recommendation 2: Pursue efforts for more quantification.

Follow-through Actions:

- Assemble the appropriate experts to examine methods to quantify additional benefits for a clearly defined subset of practices and their respective benefits.
- Develop a proposed framework and approach by which the quantification of these and other future identified benefits from implementation of the BMPs could be measured and incorporated into Partnership's CAST tool.
- Use CBP funding previously directed towards supporting BMP expert panels to pursue an RFP and funding to initiate and sustain this effort.

Recommendation 3: Keep the CBP approval process for benefits simple.

Follow-through Decision:

- Based on the BMPs, the respective lead Goal Implementation Team will be responsible approving new additional BMP benefits prior to them being added to the CBP partnership's BMP benefits matrix.¹

Recommendation 4: Seek input from broader set of stakeholders.**Follow-through Actions:**

- Initiate additional targeted outreach efforts, listening sessions or focus groups to solicit broader input from a broader array of stakeholders on:
 - what specific ecosystem services/additional benefits are of the most importance/relevance to them;
 - their recommendations for a more understandable set of terminology to be adopted and used by the Partnership; and
 - feedback on the relative importance of identification versus quantification versus valuation across the range of priority benefits.

Recommendation 5: Factor existing understanding of additional benefits into Partnership's documents.**Follow-through Actions:**

- Ask Virginia Tech to add short narrative descriptions of the additional benefits within the forthcoming *CBP Quick Reference Guide to BMPs* for those BMPs for which CBP Goal Implementation Teams have already identified additional benefits beyond nutrient and sediment pollutant load reductions.

Workshop Follow-through Schedule

Winter 2018: Move forward with the actions for carrying out recommendations 1, 3, and 5.

Spring 2018: Work through the team of GIT chairs and coordinators to develop a more comprehensive game plan for institutionalizing bringing additional benefits into the Partnership's decision support tools and systems supporting collaborative decision making. Move forward with the actions for carrying out recommendation 4 to ensure stakeholder input is factored into the GIT chairs development of the more comprehensive game plan and priority setting.

Summer 2018: The GIT chairs bring forward their more comprehensive game plan for building up our understanding and use of additional benefits in Partnership decision making to the Management Board for review and approval.

Fall 2018: Move forward with the actions for carrying out recommendation 2.

¹ If the benefits are human health related, these would be assigned to the WQGIT for review and approval.