



Agenda

Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team

April 21, 2017 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Chesapeake Bay Program, Fish Shack
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10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Renee Thompson

10:15 SRS Management Board Meeting

Renee Thompson, Katherine Wares, and Angel Valdez

The Biennial Strategy Review System (SRS) is a two-year process during which the Partnership will review progress on Watershed Agreement Outcomes, identify what is working and what is not, consider recent developments in the scientific, fiscal, and policy arenas, adjust Two-Year Workplans and Management Strategies as appropriate, and develop the next set of Two-Year Workplans. The Healthy Watersheds Outcome is one of five outcomes that will be presenting to the Management Board at the Quarterly Progress Meeting on May 11th. We will run through the required documents for the meeting including the Discussion Questions document, Logic Table, and PowerPoint presentation.

Action: Provide input, suggestions, reactions and general feedback. This is a dry run and opportunity to be sure the messages we put forth are agreed upon and reflect the input from the Goal Team as a whole.

11:30 Forest Conservation Act Presentation

Marian Honecny

Enacted in 1991, the Maryland Forest Conservation Act was designed to conserve forest during land use change and is the only statewide forest conservation regulation in the nation to focus on forest retention and replanting during the construction permitting process. Marian Honecny from Maryland DNR will provide an overview of the Act and how it affects and engages a wide swath of landowners in planting trees and protecting land.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Cross GIT Mapping

Renee Thompson

Renee will give an update on the "Cross-GIT Mapping" project related to mapping key priorities across goal teams to identify geographic areas of mutual interests related to conservation and restoration. The primary GITs that will be part of the upcoming Management Board review have been working to provide an example of how the Cross-GIT mapping effort can be utilized as a tool for identifying opportunities to collaborate across GITs. Ideally, we will begin to illustrate a potential methodology related to targeting conservation or restoration work to yield co-benefits

that would address multiple factors or support multiple actions across outcomes. This presentation will just focus on one management question: Where do areas at low risk of fish habitat degradation align with healthy watersheds?

Action: Provide input and feedback on approach. How does each jurisdiction envision using locally available data to help further inform what is happening in areas identified as having met multiple objectives or specific management question?

2:00 EPA Preliminary Healthy Watersheds Assessment

Miranda Chien-Hale

Miranda Chien-Hale from the EPA Healthy Watershed Team will give an update on the Preliminary Healthy Watersheds Assessments project, a set of 48 statewide and 85 ecoregional-scale assessments of watershed health and vulnerability across the conterminous United States. The GIT will discuss whether to utilize the new EPA Healthy Watershed Assessment to compare with State-Identified healthy watersheds.

Action: Discuss the possibility of utilizing the new EPA Healthy Watershed Assessment to compare with State-Identified healthy watersheds.

3:00 Adjourn