

AgWG Prioritization

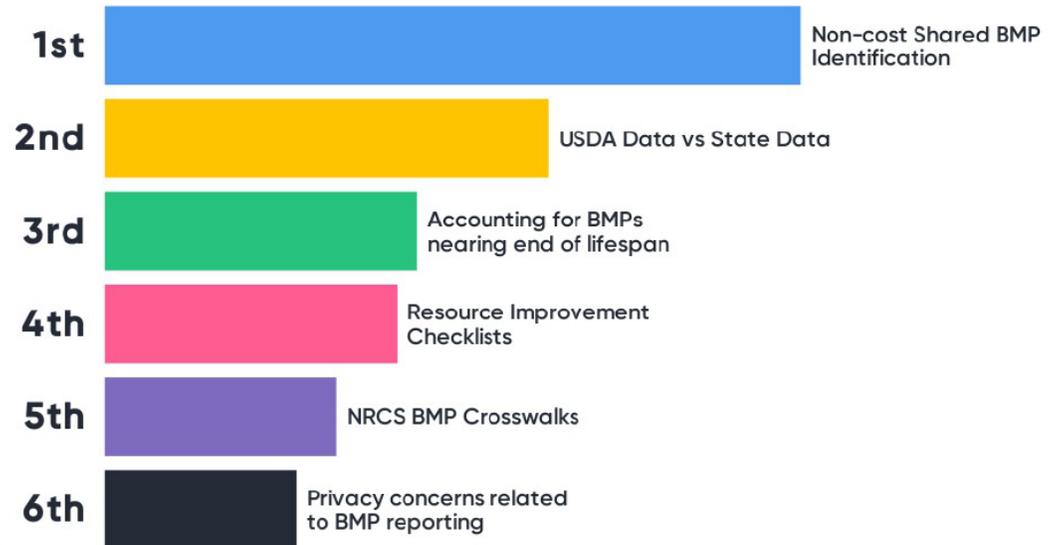
June Follow-up

August 18, 2019

Accounting & Reporting

Comments

- Finding alternatives to NRCS verification for their cost-shared BMPs
- New and emerging imagery and satellite technologies to identify practice implementation or track environmental outcomes
- Standardizing the visual indicators and protocol for Resource Improvement identification across the watershed.
- Can RI checklists be adapted to a higher level of sensitivity for capturing non-cast share BMPs?



What Next?

Upcoming Topics

Tracking & Reporting:

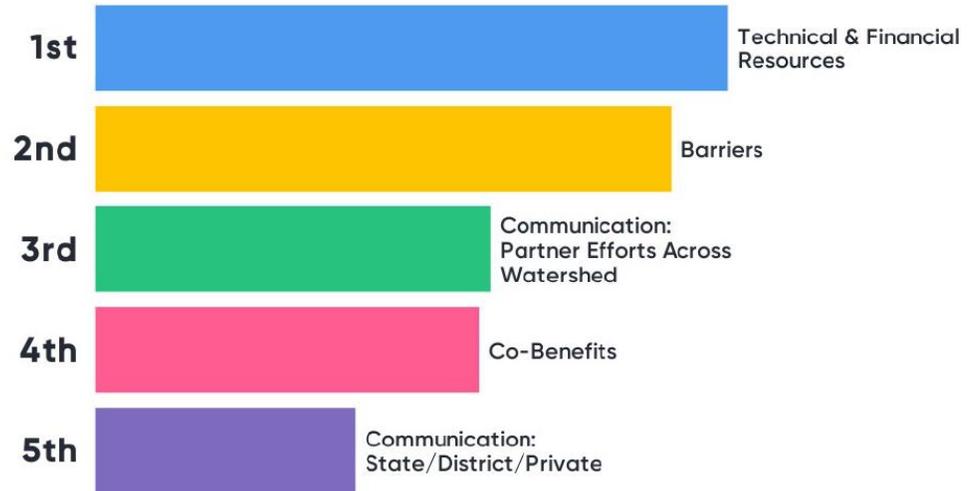
- What is working across states?
- Can Resource Improvement Checklists be expanded?
- NRCS Cost-Share BMPs: Accounting for aging practices- innovative approaches
- Non cost-share BMPs (meeting NRCS spec): Are they being counted?

Chesapeake Conservancy cooperative agreement

Implementation

Comments

- TA and FA financial resources- while critical - underpin the other priorities and in and of itself should not be the focus - rather the outcome of improvements in all other categories.
- Co-benefits is part of ongoing partnership conversation and the AgWG must be involved to identify priority co-benefits and to provide expertise.
- Need support from partner states to not undermine another states program, don't pit state versus state.
- Qualitative evaluation of BMPs for resilience (i.e., flashier hydrology) and longevity (past 5/15yr).



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What Next?

Fall 2019 WIP III gaps analysis with follow-up discussion of barriers and technical & financial resources.

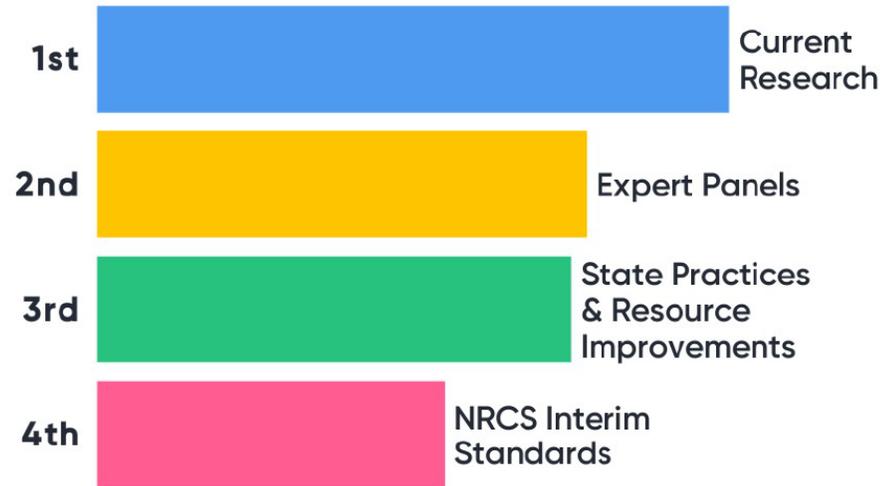
Facilitate information-sharing across jurisdictions.

Bring co-benefits conversation to the AgWG.

Innovation

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- Innovation should really include the producer groups and Ag industry
- Current research: ag return flows; nutrient management in soils with high soil test phosphorus levels; new ways (phytoremediation, breeding) to reduce soil test phosphorus levels
- The AgWG needs improved process for vetting practices to determine if a panel should be formed. The other items (current research, etc.) are therefore precursors. There is very limited capacity for panels beyond current ongoing panels.
- When approaching USDA/EPA on research funding, work with existing competitive grants programs that are out there and consider AgWG submission from land grants across the watershed and state ag departments. Focus on NFWF and NRCS CIG annual solicitations.



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What Next?

Bring more current research presentations

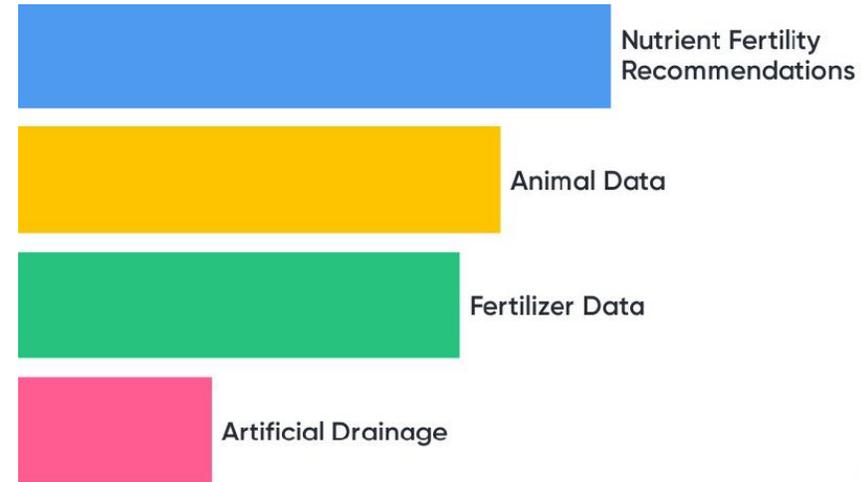
open solicitation from membership for suggestions

Streamlined focus on funding opportunities for research

Data & Modeling

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- Manure data and dairy characterization is much higher priority than animal numbers, would be top with fertilizer data.



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Further discussion of nutrient fertility recommendation research options

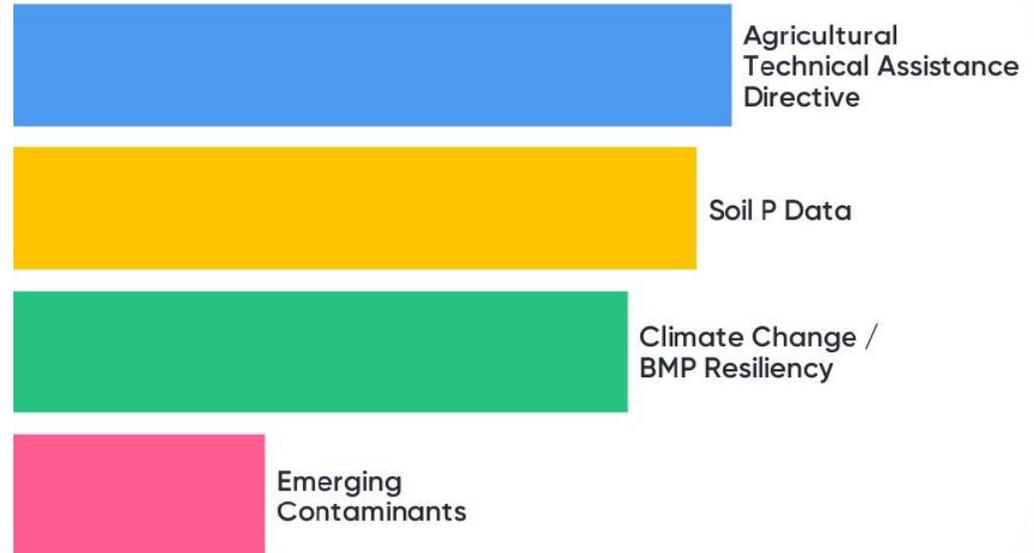
Animal Data: Future updates from project leads

Fertilizer Data: Future updates from project leads

CBP Assignments

Comments

- Co-benefits fit here as well.



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What Next?

On-going: Ag Technical Assistance Directive discussion

Soil P Data: Future updates from project leads