

# AAC Work Plan Development

AAC Virtual Meeting, May 2026

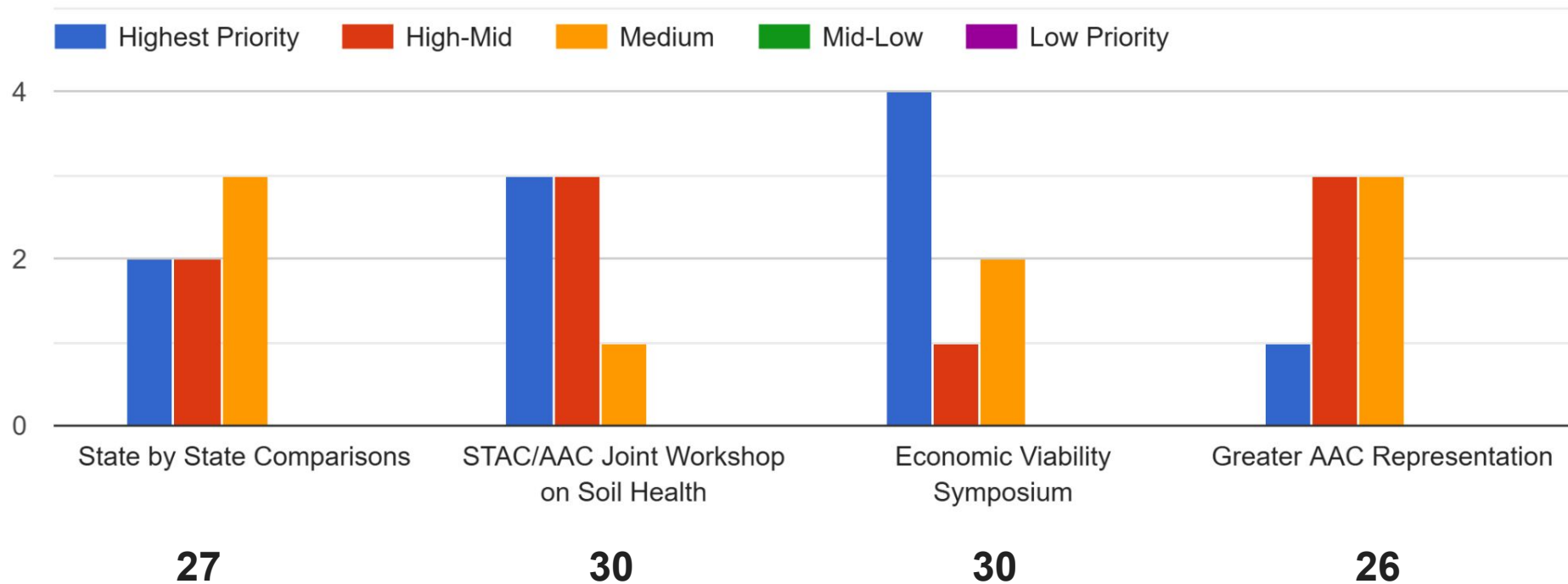
# Key Functions of the AAC (from our Directive)

- **Make independent recommendations** to the Executive Council, Principals' Staff Committee and Management Board.
- **Disseminate annual recommendations**, letters and reports through established distribution channels.
- **Participate in Chesapeake Executive Council, Principals' Staff Committee and Management Board meetings as advisors.**
- **Participate in the development and implementation of the Management Strategies** developed as part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, as appropriate.
- **Establish annual priorities** that support the strategic priorities of the Chesapeake Bay Program and the progress of Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Goals and Outcomes.
- **Share progress on priorities and Advisory Committee activities with the Chesapeake Executive Council, Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board and other Advisory Committees.**

# Survey of AAC Members- What are our priorities?

- **State-by-State Comparisons**- Each of the Bay jurisdictions has a different approach when it comes to their nutrient management programs, cost-share and incentive programs, BMP verification programs, etc. AAC members have expressed that it would be helpful to hear from the states and to compare and contrast these initiatives.
- **STAC/AAC Joint Workshop on Soil Health**- A collaborative technical workshop to explore science-based, practical options for a Soil Health BMP that connects field-level soil improvements to measurable water quality benefits.
- **Economic Viability Symposium**- Virtual meetings, webinars and/or an in-person event to explore current economic drivers in farm-level decision-making. The target audience would be Bay Program partners.
- **Greater AAC Representation at Regional Ag Events**- The AAC should function as a “two-way street” between the Bay Program and the ag sector. Regional ag events are important opportunities to increase awareness about the AAC and the ag sector’s voice within the partnership.

How should the AAC prioritize each of these efforts in our work plan for the next year?



# Additional Thoughts

- “We represent farmers so keep priority on the greatest ROI for our farmers.”
- “I need to keep talking about incentivizing perennial cover. I think the loss of small farms is a real threat to the watershed and water quality. When small farms go out of business we see increased development/conversion of ag land, more intensive use and water quality degradation from what is currently pasture and hayland, and a fragmentation of land and owners that will only add to our challenges.”
- “Getting credit for non cost shared BMPs”
- “Do we have an AAC 3-year, or 5-year Strategic Plan? Do we need one? Would it useful?”