


March 19, 2015 – Agriculture Workgroup
Quarterly Face-to-Face meeting,
Adams Co, PA



Thinking about

AgWG Workplan 2015



AgWG Workplan – 1. Expert Panel Launch

- 3/19/2015: Request for nominees to FOUR panels
 - Conservation Tillage
 - Cover Crops
 - Manure Injection/Incorporation
 - Nutrient Management
- By 4/3/2015: Nominations from AgWG, WQGIT and others
- At 4/16/2015 AgWG conference call
 - Panel Chairs will present their Recommended Panel make-up
 - AgWG will see FULL slate of nominees from which Panel Chair is making recommendations
- Proposed Panels to WQGIT, sector workgroups, and other GITs
 - STAC, and CAC also provided opportunity to comment.
- Convene panels May 2015
- JUNE 2015
 - Day(s) of OPEN FORUM – can we do 4 panels back to back (one day? Two days?)

AgWG Workplan – 2. AG Land Use Loading Rates

- Land Use Loading Rate Advisory Team to the AMS
 - Technically reports to AMS – per being requested by R. Batiuk and convened by M. Dubin
 - Meets the week of Mar 23
 - Week of 3/30_Early April: Will provide recommendations to AMS
 - Posting first of APRIL
 - 4/16/2015: AMS will provide land use loading (relative) rate conceptual/preliminary recommendations to AgWG at April 16 meeting
 - AgWG – hopefully APPROVE
- Quarterly Modeling WG – April 23

AgWG Workplan – 3. Nutrient Management 5.3.2 Expert Panel and Communications Strategy

- Week of 3/23/2014
 - Karl Blankenship will conduct key informant interviews with AgWG and other interests. (scope/outcome to AgWG)
 - Webinar planning team will meet week of 3/23
 - Current state of NM (and what it means)
- 4/6/2015– first webinar briefing on nutrient management in the Bay – process/Panel approaches
 - Discussed the possibility of splitting webinar into components
- 4/2015 Print communications piece
- 4/15-5/15
 - NM EP – 5.3.2 – release report
 - AgWG – at its 5/15 meeting – receive report
 - Clock begins on public review period
 - 5/2015: Post report release public webinar – briefing on report



AgWG Workplan – 4. Future Expert Panels for new/innovative practices

- Process for establishing new EPEG(s)
- Drainage Management Panel
- Regional practice needs (e.g. VA-MD-DE)
 - Drainage Ditch Management
 - Biofilters - bioreactors
 - P-filters
 - Off-line wetlands
 - Floodplain re-establishment
 - Vegetative enhancement
 - Hydro-modification
 - Buffers
 - P-curtains
 - Water Control structures
 - Stormwater (possibly moreso than agricultural) implications
- 4/2015 – establish an EPEG for DMP
- Expert panel deployment schedule will depend on staffing capacity for the multi-EPs being launched.

AgWG Workplan – 6. Building the PUZZLE pieces

- Build a campaign/format for communicating how each of the component parts of the AgWG collective work fit together.....
 - Poultry Litter Subcttee
 - AMS – animal numbers/relative manure outputs
 - New land uses – relative loading rates
- Moving away from the technical panels TO improved Implementation within livestock landscapes
 - Looking at state successes – e.g. PA CAFO program and VA's VPA and Resource Management programs (safe harbor opps)
 - Reaching non-regulated facilities
 - Strengthening state's ability to be successful.

AgWG Workplan – 7. Quarterly Meetings of AgWG

- Use them to HIGHLIGHT Host state/location
- June 2015
- September 2015
- December 2015



AgWG Workplan – 8. Communications

- Provide a better reporting back to stakeholders to show progress over time.
 - Building a Better Bay
 - Provide stakeholders with an UPDATE on work that this has launched.
 - With PLS approved – moving to swine
 - WITH GOAL of sunseting PLS as TIERS of approval are received. (via WQGIT)
 - AMS – priorities – loop it back to participants.
 - E.g. Mid-Atlantic Nutrient Management Coordinator – certification program – Kelly & Mark briefed them on AgWG and Bay-level topics.

AgWG Workplan – 9. STAC Science Review of Scenario Building

- AgWG inputs to STAC based on our EP?
- Ask Rich Batiuk about review process.
 - Not mix with BMP EP review process.
 - What's in the science review?
 - What info is needed from AgWG?
 - Invite Rich to AgWG

