

## Climate Resiliency Workgroup Core Values, Decision Making, and Membership

### Core Values

Increase the resiliency of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including its living resources, habitats, public infrastructure and communities, to withstand adverse impacts from changing environmental and climate conditions. The CRWG will make a concerted effort to achieve the following two Chesapeake Bay Agreement outcomes.

- Continually monitor and assess the trends and likely impacts of changing climatic and sea level conditions on the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, including the effectiveness of restoration and protection policies, programs and projects.
- Continually pursue, design and construct restoration and protection projects to enhance the resiliency of Bay and aquatic ecosystems from the impacts of coastal erosion, coastal flooding, more intense and more frequent storms and sea level rise.

### Decision Making

Climate Resiliency Workgroup meetings are open to participation from all workgroup members and interested parties. After consideration of all participants' comments, decisions will be made by members through a consensus-based process that seeks agreement of all members and resolves minority objections. Consensus can be determined through a voice or roll-call vote of all participating members at a Workgroup meeting.

Workgroup members should provide input on the process of work plan item implementation at workgroup meetings that will underscore their own support of the process. These actions and decisions can then be documented by workgroup staff support for tracking outcome achievement.

### Membership

Through adoption of this document, the Climate Resilience Workgroup establishes the membership structure as having the following constituents and categories. A member could fill multiple categories and therefore the total number of members could be fewer than the sum of the groups below. Members can select an alternate/proxy for participation for participation at any particular meeting.

- 2 Co-chairs (Monitoring and Assessment & Adaptation) nominated by WG members
  - Selected/Approved by STAR
- Climate Change Coordinator
  - Selected by EPA
- Jurisdictional members
  - Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC
- Federal agency members representing EPA, USDA, NOAA, USGS, USACE
  - Representatives will be identified by respective agency.
  - Federal agencies can be added or subtracted by consensus of the Climate Resilience Workgroup membership.
- Academic members, who currently represent VIMS, ODU, PSU, and UMCES.
- At-large members (10-15)
  - Selected by consensus of the Climate Resilience Workgroup and possessing relevant expertise in a component of the Workgroup's efforts.
  - Not affiliated with an organization already included in the membership.