**Advisory Committee Recommendations – 2015 Executive Council Meeting**

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| **Local Government** | | **Lead** | **Status** |
|  | **Enhance Communication with local governments** – “Regularized communications, perhaps written **status reports** issued on a monthly or bi-monthly basis…the reports should be submitted to statewide county, municipal and other public member organizations.” | Jurisdictions |  |
|  | **Align Priorities Strategically** – Jurisdictions have limited control over implementation. **Local governments** should be substantively **engaged in the development of milestones** in order to better align priorities and achieve reduction targets. | Jurisdictions |  |
| 3. | Convene a Watershed-wide **Symposium on Financing** – To identify the steps necessary to accelerate the implementation of sustainable stormwater management financing. Important to address financing options for municipal systems and extensive ditch-based systems. | Steering Committee, CBPO | Steering Committee nominated, support grant in place |
| 4. | Provide **Uninterrupted Long-term funding** –Local government will require robust and reliable financial assistance from state and federal sources. Recommendations: dedicated funding for WQ improvement and capital improvement to stormwater systems, robust funding for BMPs to reduce runoff from farms and federal gov’t engagement | Jurisdictions |  |
| **Citizens’ Advisory Committee** | | |  |
| 1. | Take advantage of **federal funding opportunities** and untapped resources – |  |  |
|  | * Continue **advocating in Congress** for these funds in **FY 2016** and with the **White House for future years** to sustain funding. | EC members | EC joint letter sent to Congress for FY16 funds for Rivers of the Chesapeake. Individual letters sent to Secretaries Jewell and Vilsack for FY17 funds for Rivers of the Chesapeake |
|  | * Encourage the Sec. of the US **Dept. of Education** to sign a formal Memorandum of Understanding **(MOU**) with CBP to support the Env. Education efforts of the state and local education agencies in the watershed. | Enviro. Literacy Workgroup (NOAA) |  |
|  | * Encourage **Congress** to approve funding **for acid mine drainage remediation**. | PSC/EC |  |
|  | * Urge President and the Sec. of the Army to budget for the **Army Corps’ Chesapeake restoration work** | EC/PSC |  |
| 2. | Make the Watershed Agreement **Relevant on the Local Level** – **allocate funding** from the **CB Grants Program** to… |  |  |
|  | * **develop report card**s for each river or small watershed within Chesapeake Watershed, | Citizen Stewardship GIT |  |
|  | * bring together local leaders to develop a **local community vision** for restoring the health, | Citizen Stewardship GIT |  |
|  | * make **workplans** locally relevant **by incorporating local action.** | All GITs | Geography focus added to the management actions on the workplan template |
| 3. | Enhance **Accountability** by including **Verification** as an element of implementation- | PSC | Draft verifications for each jurisdiction have been submitted and are being reviewed. |
|  | * include **funding to verify implementation** of conservation practices, | CBPO and jurisdictions |  |
|  | * create a **task force** to look at **cost savings**, | MB |  |
|  | * **review upcoming recommendations** being developed. | MB |  |
| **Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee** | | | |
| 1. | Key upcoming issues **to prepare for**- |  |  |
|  | * need for increased support of on the ground and in the water **observation based assessments** of the performance of publicly funded activities. | STAR | Currently developing BASINS report |
|  | * Continued **increase in livestock production** in the watershed and associated issues of **manure management**. | WQ GIT |  |
|  | * A need to **ensure economic efficiency and adaptation in restoration efforts** to avoid those activities that are doomed to fail due to a **changing climate**. | MB | The CBPO hired a Climate Change Coordinator |
|  | * **Engaging the public’s** interest and support. | Citizen Stewardship, Communications WG |  |
| 2. | Key overarching issues to be **aware of** – |  |  |
|  | * need for vigilance in regard to **contaminants of emerging concerns** (microplastics and endocrine disruptors). | WQ GIT |  |
|  | * Support and **expansion of collaborative efforts** such as the multi-state/multi-institution **CRC**. | STAR |  |