

# Key Elements of CB Watershed Agreement Management Strategies:

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## **Process:**

- **Developed by Goal Implementation Teams for each outcome** in Agreement within one year of signing of Agreement (WIPs serve as strategies for WQ standards outcomes);
- Approved by Management Board and **reevaluated on a biennial basis to assess progress;**
- **Implement an adaptive management process through the CBP Decision Framework** to transparently assess progress and clearly communicate any changes. Adaptation to changing environmental conditions shall be considered as a component of each management strategy, as appropriate.
- **Build stakeholder input** into the development of each of the strategies prior to approval;
- **Work collaboratively to develop and implement the strategies for solving mutual obstacles to restoration implementation;** and
- **Track progress in meeting outcomes** and implementing strategies and make available to the public in a transparent manner on ChesapeakeStat .

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## Content of Strategy:

- **Outcome and Baseline.**
- **Jurisdictions and agencies participating in the strategy.** Should include a brief description of their role and level of participation.
- **Factors influencing ability to meet goal.** Should consider adaptation to changing environmental conditions, impact of land use changes, regulatory obstacles, etc.
- **Current efforts and gaps.** Should include efforts that are already being taken by jurisdictions, agencies and organizations and identify gaps that the partnership should fill.
- **Management Approach.** Outline the general approach needed to fill the gaps and each partner's role in that approach. The approach should include how the stakeholders will be kept informed and involved and how local governments will be involved.
- **Monitoring Progress.** Should include how the progress toward the outcome will be monitored, and any resources needed to implement the monitoring program.
- **Assessing Progress.** The strategy should have an approach for how, and how often, the progress will be assessed. Should highlight actions taken as well as the results of the monitoring.
- **Adaptively Manage.** Should be about how the assessment of progress will lead to changes in actions, when the outcome itself needs to be changed and under what conditions.
- **Biennial Workplan.** Included as part of strategy and contains commitments, actions and resources for each participating jurisdiction, agency and organization. Includes biennial [targets and] outputs.