

Attachment D Chesapeake Bay Program's official BMP Protocol Process

The Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) has a specific BMP protocol in place that is consistent, transparent, and scientifically defensible. The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) is responsible for approving the BMP definitions and reductions used in Scenario Builder and the Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Model.

BMP requests can be initiated by the following groups:

- A CBP source sector Workgroup
- A jurisdiction
- A different group/organization/agency if a CBP Workgroup agrees to sponsor the recommendation through the CBP review process

The source sector Workgroup, in consultation with the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) and WQGIT Chair, will identify and convene a panel of experts on the relevant topic. The review panel will develop definitions and loading or effectiveness estimates.

For additional information about CBP's BMP review protocol, please visit:

[http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pubs/Nutrient-Sediment Control Review Protocol.pdf](http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pubs/Nutrient-Sediment%20Control%20Review%20Protocol.pdf)

To access the Addendum to CBP's BMP review protocol, please visit:

[http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pubs/Addendum-Outside%20BMP%20Requests 6%2013.pdf](http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pubs/Addendum-Outside%20BMP%20Requests%206%202013.pdf)

Submitting a Placeholder BMP:

In addition, a jurisdiction could choose to propose a placeholder BMP for inclusion in their WIP model runs so long as they provide proper documentation, commit to put the BMP through the full protocol, and recognize that if the BMP is not as effective as they had hoped, then they will either need to increase implementation or identify other BMPs.

Placeholder BMPs are reviewed by CBP staff on a case-by-case basis and can be submitted at any time. These placeholder BMP requests should be submitted to Chris Brosch (cbrosch@chesapeakebay.net). If a BMP is coming in for review through the protocol, CBP staff are always either on or working closely with the review panels.

Using Placeholder BMPs in the Milestone Process

Placeholder BMPs are used for planning purposes in the draft and final WIPs, and in the preliminary milestone commitments (e.g. preliminary 2012-2013 milestone commitments). They cannot be used for reporting on actual implementation/on-the-ground progress until the placeholder BMP has gone through the official BMP protocol process.