

Group 1 - Challenges

Brainstorm challenges related to the ACEC outcome for use in the management strategy

We don't even have an inventory of everything going on, so how do we fit into existing work?

Finding willing partners and identifying places where we can be successful

Effectively sharing best practices with less resourced or lower capacity communities

Defining what changing environmental conditions are and quantifying impacts

Challenges:

- CB Program won't directly fund projects on the ground.
- How do we influence/support what's happening on the ground without directly doing it ourselves.
- Building connections with existing partnerships
- Ex) Soil Conservation Districts are doing work. It should be the responsibility of this group to find those orgs, not for them to find us.
- Determining the primary climate related challenges for each community – some may be focused on heat while others are more focused on flooding, for example.

Identifying diverse, representative examples

Build on existing efforts
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/whole-watershed-fund.aspx>

How do we fit into the process to connect different focus areas (private, public, commercial land). Capacity work

Discussing adaptation/ processes with private landowners.

Managing effects of stormwater BMPs on other properties, i.e., making sure that stormwater improvements in one location do not worsen flooding somewhere else (like on private property)



Group 2 - Challenges

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obtaining commitments from signatories to complete certain work in support of the outcome

identifying projects that meet multiple entity priorities for leveraging resources (Sentinel Landscape projects)

Deciding on what project to focus on -

coordinating among multiple groups in order to develop a project that meets multiple entities, and then developing a financing approach that is feasible



Not getting stuck with developing guidance versus completing actions that directly lead to project implementation

addressing resilience needs, such as for eelgrass, that might not be specific to a watershed

Have funding directed to group and common practices

complexity of land use, community composition, stressors across entire watershed. Hard to pick 7 representative sub-watersheds?



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MS: Promote innovation. Grow the toolbox

Monitoring and assessing practices

Mix of diversity and representation across land use, geographic areas, habitats, etc.

Personalize how we work in each watershed based on needs and where they are

Building partnerships at local level - not helicoptering in and overstepping - value added to those already on the ground

Who wants added capacity - provide support and integration. Elevate the work of others

Who is doing the project management if GIT funding project for each 7 watersheds. Working group is guiding who is doing the work.

Current meeting format wouldn't lend us to really support watersheds...might need groups or

How do we define inland? Migration corridors and

Identify funding sources

Institutional capacity dictates who gets funding. How about those without?

Git funding to support expertise needed

Unequal access to restoration potential

Providing the network of subject matter experts is a challenge. Being responsive to requests

Knowledge sharing across jurisdictions

Utilize existing networks that already exist

Or where they need the most support and capacity

Protection piece in complicated - round table across states

Not boots on ground - what is our capacity and role? Don't want to overpromise through partnership and not deliver

How are we partnership with low capacity? Turnover and timelines? Local champions? Fund the capacity

Need to allow/support the growth of capacity from the bottom. Challenge in equitable distribution

Connector and translator - would we offer that expertise connections to local gov.

List of partners/TA providers in area over time...peer to peer connections.

