



Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team

May 16th, 2016 Work Session Agenda

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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UPDATE:

Due to a personal emergency the meeting is now a work session conference call from **10:30 AM to 12:30 AM**. The focus of our work session will be on the progress we have made on our prioritized near term, shared work plan action items.

10:00 Welcome, Introductions **Jason Dubow**

10:10 Updates **Renee Thompson and Tuana Phillips**

- Summary of actions and decisions from March GIT meeting
- Budget and Finance Workgroup update
- New Healthy Watersheds GIT liaison to Communications Workgroup (Mike Naylor, MD-DNR)
- Cross-GIT collaboration efforts at GIT Coordinators & Staffers meetings

10:30 Near Term (2016) GIT Workplan Priorities **Tuana Phillips and others**

At our March meeting we highlighted 6 shared GIT action items in the Workplan that the GIT could work toward with tangible results in 2016. After our meeting, several GIT members volunteered to share ideas and come up with short-term steps or recommendations for each action item. Thank you to all who volunteered! During this agenda item Tuana will review the ideas and recommendations that were generated and request feedback from the rest of the GIT. As a reminder, the shared GIT action items we are focused on are:

1. Under Management Approach 3, “Engage with federal agencies other than EPA (such as FERC and DOT) to leverage opportunities within those agencies so that they can set the stage for state and local governments to further healthy watershed protection.”
2. Under Management Approach 1, Prioritize Protection, “Assess protected status of healthy watersheds.”
3. Under Management Approach 4, “Continue meeting 2-4 times a year and at meetings continue hosting Case Study presentations related to healthy watershed protection/tracking.”

Note: Because this is something we already do on a regular basis, we did not have volunteers come up with ideas for this action item. That said, we need help brainstorming future case study presentations. What do you want these presentations to look like? Who do you want to learn from?

4. Under Management Approach 4, “Continue to work with the Chesapeake Bay Program and partners to quantify and incorporate conservation practices into the Chesapeake watershed modeling efforts and to explore how land use protections might be used to quantify future pollutant load reduction incentives for land conservation.”
5. Under Management Approach 2, “Work collectively to improve outreach strategies, and better get the word out across multiple Management Strategies to determine the best approaches and methods for reaching key stakeholders.”
6. Under Management Approach 4, “Provide messages and resources to CBP Communications Staff.” Also, “share presentations, slides, pictures, graphics, to help partner agency staff prepare presentations, reports, etc. with effective healthy watersheds messages.”

~~Note: There will be a ten minute break in between discussions for actions 4 and 5.~~

~~12:30 Local Leadership and Engagement~~ **~~Renee Thompson~~**

~~At our March meeting we began a conversation about the multiple local engagement goals and ongoing efforts at the Chesapeake Bay Program. This time in the agenda will provide an opportunity to continue this discussion.~~

~~1:00 Adjourn~~

12:30 Adjourn