

Key Elements of CB Watershed Agreement Management Strategies

Content:

- 1. Outcome and Baseline.**
- 2. Jurisdictions and agencies participating in the strategy.** Should include a brief description of their role and level of participation.
- 3. Factors influencing ability to meet goal.** Should consider adaptation to changing environmental conditions, impact of land use changes, regulatory obstacles, etc.
- 4. Current efforts and gaps.** Should include efforts that are already being taken by jurisdictions, agencies and organizations, and identify the gaps that the partnership should fill to meet the outcome
- 5. Management Approach.** Outline the general approach needed to fill the gaps, the partnership's role in that approach. The approach should include how the stakeholders will be kept informed and involved and how the local governments will be involved.
- 6. Monitoring Progress.** Should include how the progress toward the outcome will be monitored, and any resources needed to implement the monitoring program.
- 7. Assessing Progress.** The strategy should have an approach for how, and how often, the progress will be assessed. Should include actions taken as well as the results of the monitoring. Biennial updates should include a discussion on whether adequate progress is being made and what the strategy will be if it is not.
- 8. 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 reevaluations should identify if such changes will be needed for the next biennial cycle.
- 9. Biennial Workplan.** To be included in the strategy. Contain commitments, actions and resources that each of the jurisdictions, federal agencies and partners is providing to help achieve each of the outcomes they are supporting as well as biennial {targets and} outputs that are related to meeting the outcomes.

Process:

Developed by Goal Implementation Teams for each outcome in Agreement within one year of signing of Agreement;

Approved by Management Board and reevaluated on a biennial basis to assess progress and make recommendations for any adjustments or updates to the PSC for approval;

Implement an adaptive management process through the CBP Decision Framework to transparently assess progress and redirect efforts where necessary and clearly communicate any changes within the Program and to the public. 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;

Build in process to acknowledge, support and embrace local governments and other local entities in watershed restoration and protection activities;

Work collaboratively to develop and implement the strategies for solving mutual obstacles to restoration implementation including: solving permitting problems, building local government capacity, expediting approval of new and innovative best management practices, and identifying and developing innovative financing solutions; and

Track progress in meeting outcomes and implementing strategies and make available to the public in a transparent manner on ChesapeakeStat on an annual basis.

NOTE: Not Yet Approved by Management Board
