

## Management Strategy Fatal Flaw Comment Resolution

Organization	Comment Summary	Resolved
<b>Toxic Contaminants</b>		
PSC	Language should be incorporated to recognize work that is already going on within the watershed to address contaminants of emerging concern (micro-beads, fracking contaminants, source control, acid mine drainage, fish tumor research), and clarify that more research must be done on these issues to better inform the Policy & Prevention Outcome.	<p><b>Introduction (from page 2):</b>  <a href="#">The Partnership recognizes</a> that developing a comprehensive PCB strategy is a significant undertaking but It is only a starting point. The partnership will apply its collective abilities to reducing inputs of other contaminants of concern including but not limited to mercury, pesticides, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, known and suspected endocrine disruptors, and microplastics. The results of the research-oriented toxic contaminants outcome will be used along with current information on <a href="#">current and emerging</a> policies and programs to develop strategies to address other contaminants, which will be reflected in <a href="#">the biennial workplan and</a> future iterations of this strategy.</p> <p><b>V. Management Approaches</b>  The Partnership will work together to carry out the following actions and strategies to achieve the Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention goal. These approaches seek to address the factors affecting our ability to meet the goal and the gaps identified above. <a href="#">In addition, partner efforts to address toxic contaminants other than PCBs will be reflected in the biennial work plan and future iterations of this strategy.</a></p> <p>The TCW's <a href="#">primary</a> objective is to develop a management approach</p>

		that adds value to the ongoing work .
<b>Protected Lands</b>		
<b>NPS</b>	Need language in Local Engagement section (p.3) about how local govts/land trusts are vital to achieving the goal and how they will be engaged in the work plan	Language Added
<b>Land Use Options</b>		
<b>EPA</b>	Revise language about collecting information on the Chesapeake website to be less specific.	Language revised.
<b>Stream Health</b>		
<b>MD MDE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensitivity of wording to Strategy 3. MDE was not against addressing marginal streams but that text in the Strategy stated they are currently overlooked.</li> </ul>	Edits were made to address this along with restoration actions to address activities to improve marginal streams.
<b>VA DEQ</b>	<p>“We are concerned that there is <i><b>no agreed upon quantitative metric to measure stream function across the watershed</b></i>. Wetland goals are expressed in acres (quantity) but streams are measured in functional lift (quality). Until a unified stream assessment for the Bay program is used stream restoration metrics may be inconsistent or uncertain.”</p>	Will be addressed as we develop the biennial workplan. Strategy 1 discusses this
<b>USACE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edits to <i><b>balance the strategy's focus on function with the inclusion of identification, prioritization and remediation of priority stressors</b></i> - restoration measures to improve stream function may not result in stream health.</li> <li>• Provided information on known stressors</li> <li>• Include text in the strategy to acknowledge that well documented understanding of stream biological condition with land use and water quality thresholds.</li> <li>• Review and edit Strategy 3 to remove any negative tone specific to regulatory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that there is a need to do both and they go hand-in-hand, acknowledging that constraints exist to remove watershed stressors and therefore stream health, or the ecological condition may be achieved to the extent practical given these constraints (be they physical, policy/administrative, or scientifically based).</li> <li>• Will add to Table 2</li> <li>• Text added.</li> <li>• This was not the intent. The text will be reviewed to reflect the intent which is to acknowledge</li> </ul>

		issues documented from meetings/correspondence with the broader stream restoration stakeholder community (as defined in the strategy, including regulatory) the past 3 years. Any action related to the permit process would be inclusive of the regulatory staff/agencies.
<b>Others:</b> Severn River Keepers, Eric Michelsen (Anne Arundel County), Gene Yagow (STAC) and Mike Lovegreen (Upper Susquehanna Coalition)	Editorial/text comments, not fatal flaws.	Changes accepted.