



Chesapeake Bay Program

A Watershed Partnership

Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Conference Call

November 2nd, 2015

FY15 GIT Funding Update

- The GIT brainstormed a total of 8 project proposals for this year's EPA GIT funding cycle.
- Two out of the eight projects were selected to move forward with funding:
 - Healthy Watersheds Forest/TMDL Project (Phase II) - Pending refinement and revision prior to RFP release.
 - Evaluation of Land Use Policy Options, Incentives and Planning Tools to reduce the Rate of Conversion of Agricultural Lands, Forests and Wetlands.

Next Steps for GIT Funding

- October - Selected Project Proposals are submitted to Chesapeake Bay Trust; RFP and sub-award process begins
- December - CBT completes sub-awards
- January - Technical leads meet with awardees to commence projects



GIT Chairs 10/29 Meeting Update



- Review of Cross-GIT issue paper
- will be refined based on GIT
Chair feedback.
- Cross-GIT collaboration
framework
- Next steps: Coordinators and
Staffers meeting to review GIT
workplans and identify areas of
overlap and synergy



Management Strategy and Workplan Timeline



July 2015	Final Management Strategies are released at Executive Council Meeting
September-October	Workplan Matrix development begins, costs/funding are not required at this time
November 2	Preliminary drafts due for an internal review/check-in
November-December	Continue working on Workplans, fill out costs and funding
December 18	Draft workplans due to the Management Board for a 4 wk. review
Late January	Begin 45-day public input period
Early March	Close public input; GITs begin 2-wk. review/revision based on comments
April	Final Workplans are due