



## Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Conference Call

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 -

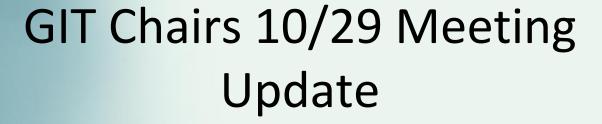
Selected Project Proposals are submitted to Chesapeake Bay Trust; RFP and sub-award process begins

December -

**CBT** completes sub-awards

January -

Technical leads meet with awardees to commence projects





- 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





**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