

### **Key Elements of CB Watershed Agreement Management Strategies:**

#### **Process:**

1. **Developed by Goal Implementation Teams** for each outcome in Agreement within 6 months of signing of Agreement;
2. Approved by Management Board and **evaluated on a biennial basis to assess progress and make recommendations** for any adjustments or updates to the PSC for approval;
3. **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. Climate change adaptation shall be considered as a component of each management strategy, as appropriate.
4. **Build stakeholder input** into the development of each of the strategies prior to approval;
5. **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
6. **Track progress in meeting outcomes** and implementing strategies and make available to the public in a transparent manner on ChesapeakeStat on an annual basis.

#### **Content:**

1. **Outcome**
2. **Jurisdictions and agencies involved in the strategy.** Should include a brief description of their role.
3. **Factors influencing ability to meet goal.** Should consider climate change adaptation, impact of land use changes, regulatory obstacles, etc.
4. **Current efforts and gaps.** Should include efforts that are already being taken by jurisdictions and agencies as well as locals and NGOs, 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, 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 reviews of actions 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 updates should identify if such changes will be needed for the next biennial cycle.

**Content of Biennial Workplan (the first workplan will be included in the above strategy)**

1. **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;
2. **Contain biennial targets and outputs that are related to meeting the outcomes.** The second biennial workplan should have an assessment of the first biennium as part of this section
3. **Discussion of any changes needed to keep on track (for the second biennial workplan and beyond).**

*NOTE: Not Yet Reviewed/Approved by Management Board*

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