



Looking Ahead: Collaborative Planning for the Future

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Joint FWG, LUWG, HWGIT Meeting

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More focus on Water Quantity

which if any items feed into other ones and does it impact effort or ideal timing for the list? E.g., if we do certain green item(s) does it make a red item easier later?

Looking forward to the conversations in 2025.

Reexamine Current Incentivized Practices causing more harm than good

Long term grant periods, and decent paying technical positions. Support staff growth within grant programs.

Incorporate local priorities such as flood mitigation

-improve our relationships with local decisionmakers who hold the power in planning decisions
-how are the toolkits being used by locals. I know we like the products, but are localities engaging

Interesting to have a ease to complete scale. Maybe also have some indicator of timeline and importance too?

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I think this is a great start at measuring outcomes. I like the color key for difficulty to complete. The overall level of the metrics is good. A hole is the need for better metrics for "health."

Identify the bottlenecks in financial incentives for landowners in relation to conservation/ restoration at the local level. Also identify key contacts in each region who understand local priorities.

Data b - not necessary, % of watershed protection is more important than when it was protected, per research in the Delaware

What are the synergies between the different individual elements? Are they critical in prioritization of the activities?

An application that allows you to run your own statistics on land use and land use change for a specific study area one could upload to the tool

A separate crosswalk doc could help show how the information in each column are interrelated. If the ultimate goal is capacity/communication, are the data goals "people driven"?

There's a need for a better understanding of projected land use pattern changes as a result of what's coming (economic development needs, data centers, climate goals, water use etc.)

Link to a document where more detail can be provided on each project

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Highlight the importance of local, priority driven programs.

Good opportunity for collaboration. A targeting focus could be treatment trains along drainage network

Local network liaisons to build a bridge between CBP and implementation realities

One major thing that has been mentioned many times in the past 15 years of my involvement (and I did not see it in the presentation) is targeting permanent protections/protection area of BMPs area.

Conservation easements on Riparian areas

Working with local land use planners and municipalities to establish long term protection areas.

Comprehensive planning that puts a high priority on easement corridors

Capacity building among local partners needs more serious thought. Local partners perceive CBP goals as distractions. Consider them contractors - what's in it for them to help CBP pursue WQ goals?

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It looks good to me - many of the highest impact items are also the hardest to complete, which is important to note

I am red-green colorblind and cannot use the key

Identifying bufferable areas (and % of land that has already been buffered at a county or locality level) would be very helpful for on the ground restoration

Consider reordering so the "EASY TO COMPLETE " is a-b. Get to the not-easy next.

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the slide does a decent job at identifying strengths and weaknesses. How plugged in are the coordination efforts to the actual decisionmakers. Do locals use tools that are the low hanging fruit?

b) ...date-of-establishment and with watershed and stream health information - Remove "and" Would the states send local Master Plans for CBF review then comments routed back through states?

Group the level of difficulties as best as possible so green is at the top and red at the bottom of each list.

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Would the CBF review of Master Plans be part of a 60 day State review or would the CBF just be providing technical information for local jurisdictions to consider?

Agree with coordinating interconnected GIT efforts and focusing not only on data but also targeting/evaluation and increasing capacity.

Who and what are we missing to effectively advance these projects and priorities?

Local decisionmakers

Local technical folks

Incorporate new CBP
data on BMP
opportunities (GIS data)

Extension

2 orders of magnitude increase
in the resources - project
funding, personnel funding,
wraparound training, support,
networking, etc. - available to
local partners doing this work.

Understanding Ag, who are
regenerative agriculture
experts to help recalibrate
BMP model for water
quantity & quality

what we're missing to a
large degree: resources
and capacity

Unofficial community
leaders

Who and what are we missing to effectively advance these projects and priorities?

Implementation community of practice support for core BMPs- sharing what works and how to overcome barriers

we are missing representation at the Management Board that understands, emphasizes, or supports non-nutrient/sediment projects and priorities

need more of the "trusted sources" that our target local audiences rely on, the aggregators and liaisons that are the local presence and act as translators and extension agents all-in-one

School systems- large public landowners and employers with a mission for education. They need help so they can lead by example sharing the importance of tree canopy.

Regional conservation and restoration collaboratives (non profits who can serve as liaisons at the local and regional levels)

While we look for innovative ways to advance BMP implementation, it's important to continue to focus and prioritize projects and programs that are currently successful at implementing BMPs

Metrics on residential development footprint per capita or per household in a county

Local land use planning agencies

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Planning and local protection area

capacity!

Are localities involved? If not, is there a way for them to contribute? What about the tribes?

I believe in an effort to improve capacity and communication in the long term it would be beneficial to collaborate with universities and high schools to implement the tools and data into curriculum

A connection to local planners and decisionmakers

Is there political will from all the states?

Bring together municipal and county associations to weigh-in on proposed ideas that affect jurisdictions like MACO and MML.

Collaborative development of data standards. High-res data has the potential to be locally relevant. However, tools may need to be customizable with local study areas, scalable zoning data, etc.

What are our individual group and collective priorities?

Fund and train a network of community ambassadors/liaisons.

Funding to help people adopt bmps as public private partnerships- leadership aided by better defined data on benefits.

raising conservation as a 4th pillar for the partnership & centering people within the partnership both = a need for ecosystem services and tools/information that translate cross-outcome gains/losses.

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences in urban and community forestry. Teach students the benefits of trees and provide an opportunity for a student-led conservation action.

Building connections with practitioner communities through liaisons and filling in gaps they identify. Working with them to translate CBP resources into locally relevant information and tools

Strategically inform state legislation and policies and funding organizations to incentivize desired actions

Involving the private sector

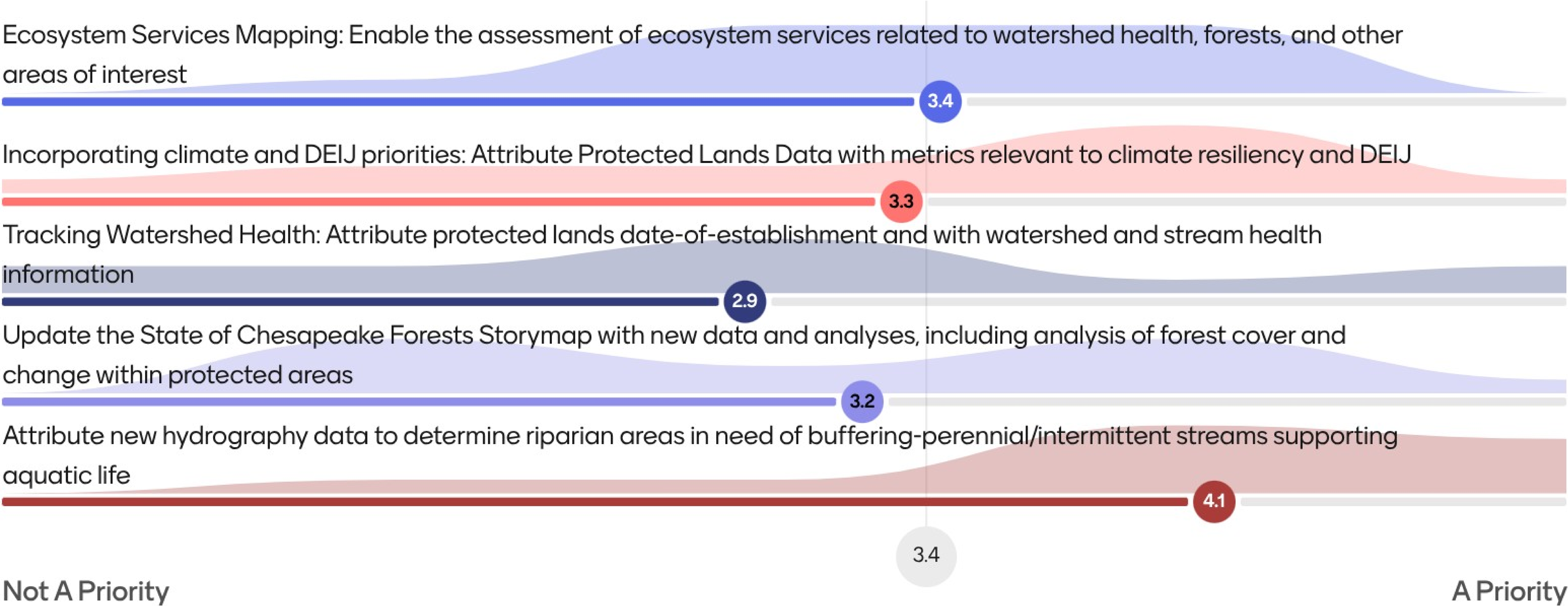
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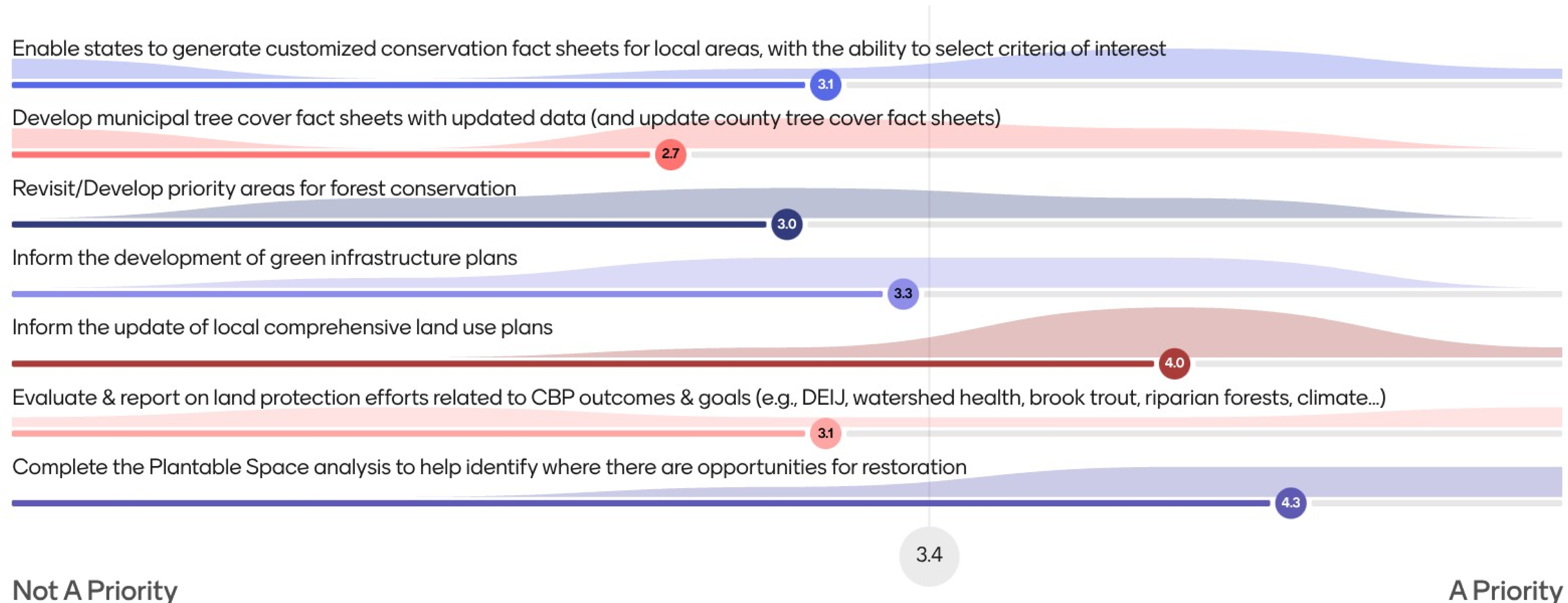
Planting and
maintaining riparian
buffers

To effectively manage the
Chesapeake bay
watershed for the benefit of
all those that live within it.

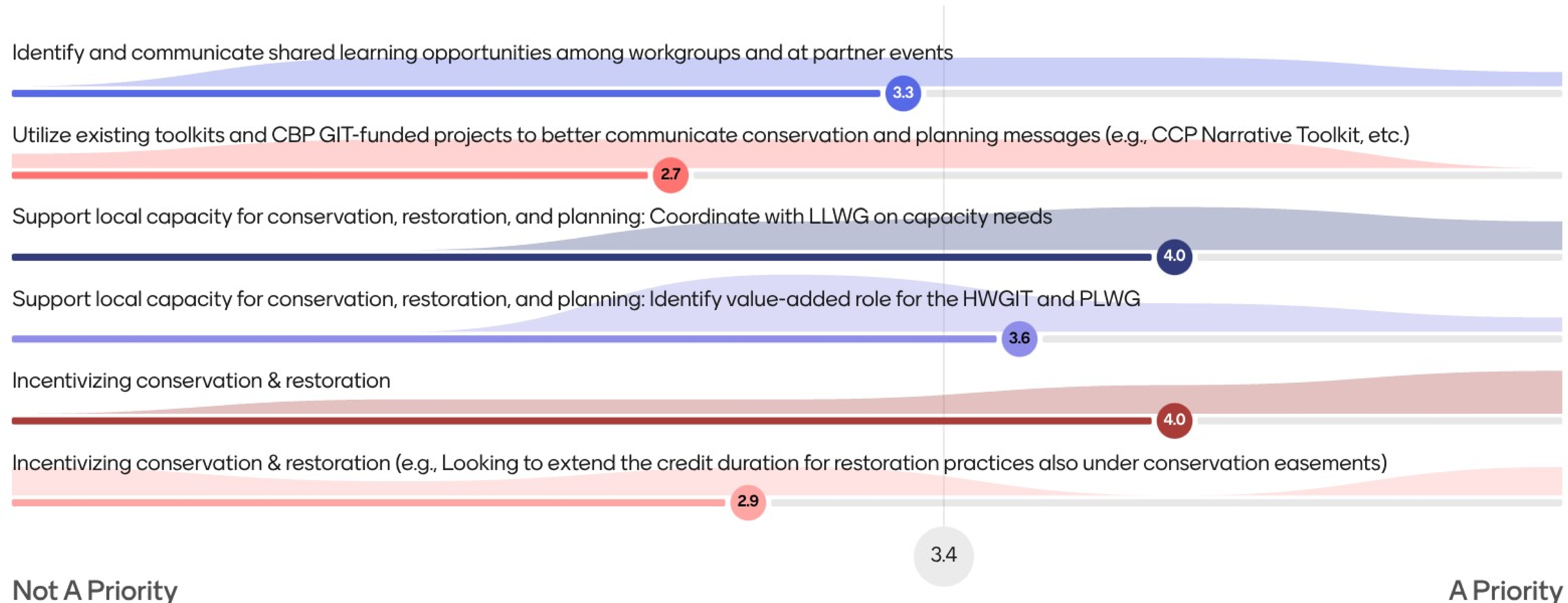
DATA



TARGETING & EVALUATION



INCREASING CAPACITY & COMMUNICATION



Any additional thoughts, questions, feedback, etc.?

Extend the credit duration for riparian buffers. Find ways for satellite imagery to support buffer reporting/inspections to reduce workload, thereby freeing up resources for planting more trees

To integrate CBP, state and local planning efforts (such as using CBP data in comp plans), tools and indicators may need to cover portions of Bay counties that fall outside the watershed