

## Principals' Staff Committee Remaining Issues to Resolve May 6 Conference Call – **Final Decisions**

### Color Key:

**Green** – PSC approved; no need to revisit

**Blue** - general PSC approval, but need one or two signatories sign off

**Yellow** – additional work needed; bring back to PSC for further consideration

Suggested language edits/additions

Suggested deletions: ~~strikethrough~~

Issue and IRC Leads	PSC Decision/Direction	Recommended or Resolved Language
<b>1. Participatory Language</b> <u>Lead:</u> WV, NY, MD, EPA	<p><b>4-14-14</b>  Remove "Within 90 days..." from the recommended language changes  Create separate addendum on participation. Do not include within final agreement.</p> <p><b>5-6-14</b>  Full PSC approved language.</p>	<p><u>Add to Preamble:</u> The signatories to this voluntary Agreement commit to achieving the goal of restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and its living resources.</p> <p><u>Add to the end of the first paragraph in the Goals and Outcomes section:</u> Signatories will participate in achieving the outcomes of this Agreement in the manner described in the "management strategies development and implementation" section below.</p> <p><u>Add the following as a new second paragraph in the Management Strategies Development and Implementation section:</u>  Participation in management strategies or participating in the achievement of outcomes is expected to vary by signatory, based on differing priorities across the watershed. This participation may include sharing knowledge, data or information; educating citizens or members; working on future legislation; and developing or implementing programs or practices. Management strategies, which are aimed at implementing outcomes, will identify participating jurisdictions and other stakeholders, including local governments and nonprofit organizations, will be</p>

		<p>implemented in two-year periods. The signatories and other partners shall thereafter update and/or modify such commitments every two years. Specific management strategies will be developed in consultation with stakeholders, organizations and other agencies, and will include a period for public comment and review prior to final adoption. The Principal Staff Committee will report on adoption of management strategies at the next Executive Council meeting and report on implementation of management strategies every two years.</p> <p><u>Add to Affirmation and Signatures section:</u> As Chesapeake Bay Program partners, we acknowledge that this agreement is voluntary and subject to the availability of appropriated funds. This agreement is not a contract or an assistance agreement. We also understand that this agreement does not pre-empt, supersede or override any other law or regulation applicable to each signatory.</p>
<p><b>2. Climate Change</b> <u>Lead:</u> MD</p>	<p><u>PSC Decision 4-14-14</u> The PSC agreed to include the Resiliency Goal with an outcome on monitoring and assessment and an outcome on adaptation. "Changing environmental conditions" will remain in the Preamble, Principles, and Management Strategies sections.</p> <p><u>4-29-14</u> Agreed to remove the last sentence of the Monitoring and Assessment Outcome.</p> <p><u>5-6-14</u> Full PSC agreed to goal and</p>	<p><b>Introductory Language:</b> Changing climatic and sea level conditions may alter the Bay ecosystem and human activities, requiring adjustment to policies, programs and projects to successfully achieve our restoration and protection goals for the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. This challenge requires careful monitoring and assessment of these impacts and application of this knowledge to policies, programs and projects.</p> <p><b>Resiliency Goal:</b> Increase the resiliency of the Chesapeake Bay watershed including its living resources, habitats, public infrastructure and human communities to withstand adverse impacts from changing environmental and climate conditions.</p> <p><b>Monitoring and Assessment Outcome:</b> Continually monitor and assess the trends and likely impacts of changing climatic and sea level conditions on the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, including the effectiveness of restoration and protection policies, programs and projects.</p> <p><b>Adaptation Outcome:</b> Continually pursue, design, and construct restoration and protection projects to enhance the resiliency of</p>

	both outcomes.	bay and aquatic ecosystems from the impacts of coastal erosion, coastal flooding, more intense and more frequent storms and sea level rise.
<b>3. Environmental Literacy</b> <u>Lead:</u> GIT 5	4-29-14 Added "Enable." Approved the goal.	<b>Environmental Literacy Goal:</b> Enable every student in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed.
	5-6-14 PSC approved with modifications: remove "the number of," and change "goal" to "target."	<b>Student Outcome:</b> Continually increase <del>the number of</del> students' age-appropriate understanding of the watershed through participation in teacher-supported meaningful watershed educational experiences and rigorous inquiry instruction with a <del>goal</del> target of at least one meaningful watershed educational experience in elementary, middle, and high school depending on available resources.
	5-6-14 PSC approved	<b>Sustainable Schools Outcome:</b> Continually increase the number of schools in the region that reduce the watershed, environmental and human health impact of their buildings and grounds through best practices, including student-led protection and restoration projects.
	5-6-14 PSC approved outcome with modifications: add "literacy" to outcome title, strike "By 2016," add "participating."	<b>Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome:</b> <del>By 2016</del> Each participating Bay jurisdiction will develop a comprehensive and systemic approach to environmental literacy for all graduates in the region that should include policies, practices and voluntary metrics that measure the outcomes and goal of this agreement.
<b>4. Stewardship</b>	4-29-14 PSC approved diversity and local leadership outcomes. 4 outcomes under stewardship.	
	5-6-14 Do not combine stewardship with literacy.	
<b>5. Impervious Surfaces</b> <u>Lead:</u> CBC & GIT 3	4-14-14 The PSC agreed to the methods and metrics	<b>Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome:</b> Continually improve the knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By 2016, develop a Chesapeake Bay

	<p>development outcome with a modification: Change the date to 2016.</p> <p>5-6-14 PSC approved the Options Evaluation Outcome.</p>	<p>watershed-wide methodology and local-level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest, and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds, and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with local governments, elected officials, and stakeholders.</p> <p><b>Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome:</b> By the end of 2017, with the direct involvement of local governments or their representatives, evaluate policy options, incentives, and planning tools that could assist local governments in their efforts to continually improve their capacity to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands, as well as the rate of changing landscapes from more natural lands that soak up pollutants to those that are paved over, hardscaped or otherwise impervious. Strategies should be developed for supporting local governments' and other efforts in reducing these rates by 2025 and beyond.</p>
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