



RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFER WORKPLAN REVIEW

MARCH FORESTRY WORKGROUP
MEETING

CONTEXT- STRATEGY REVIEW SYSTEM



Presented to the Management Board
on the riparian forest buffer outcome
in August

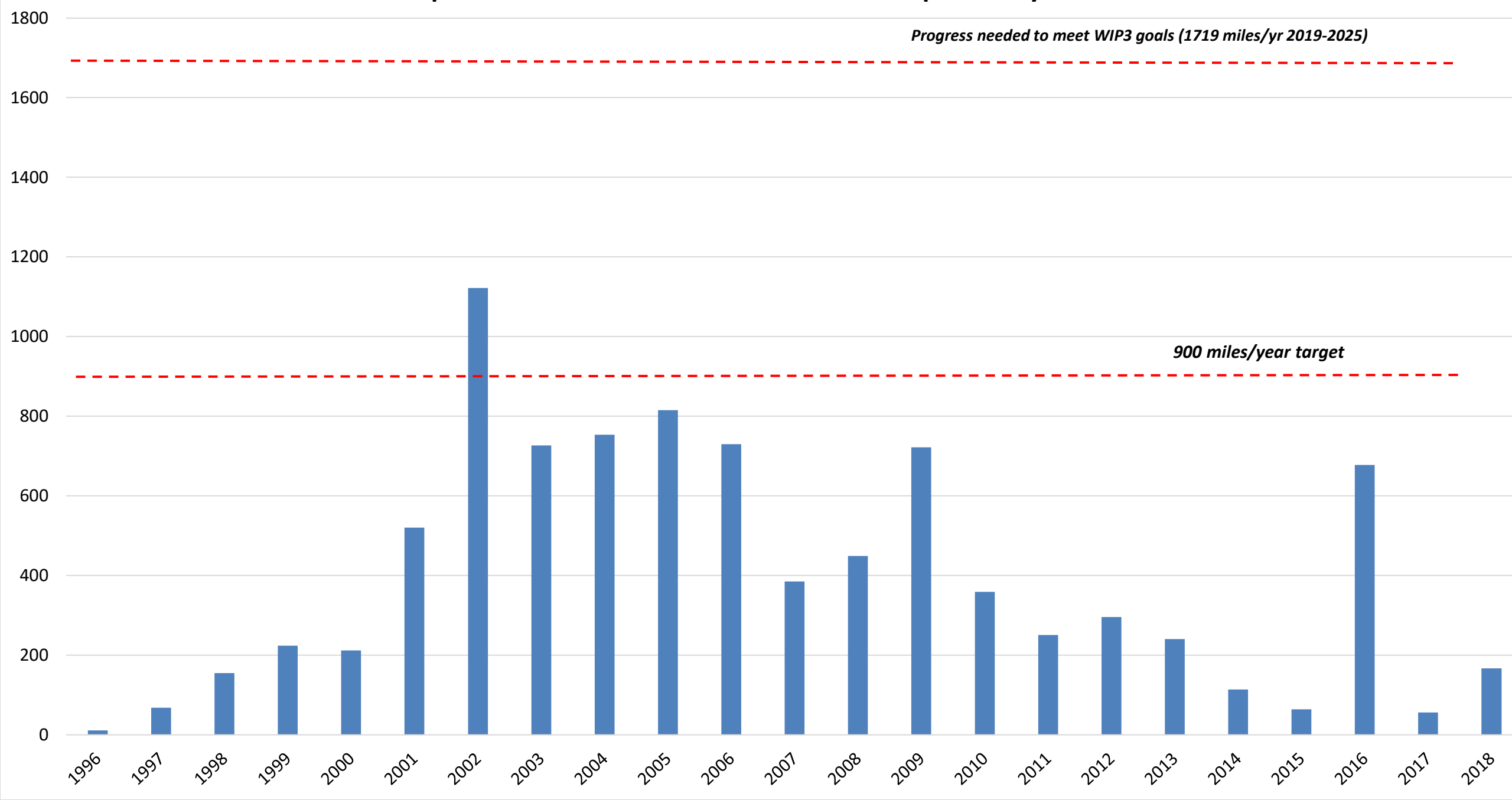


Revised our workplan



Final workplan approved 1/21,
posted on Chesapeake Decisions [here](#)

Miles of Riparian Forest Buffers Planted in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

1. Renew leadership
2. Improve existing programs and continue to develop new ones
3. Improve technical assistance
4. Improved RFB outreach and communication
5. Strategic planning and buffer delivery

MANAGEMENT APPROACH 1: RENEW LEADERSHIP

Items assigned to the Forestry Workgroup:

- 1.1: Work at WQGIT and MB level to form RFB coordinating body/advisors in each state where goals are regularly not being met
 - **Expected Timeline- March 2021**
- 1.2: Develop state high-level Action Strategies in each jurisdiction to help focus and coordinate RFB efforts
 - **Expected Timeline- May 2021**
- 1.3: Develop Natural Filters restoration-type programs with innovative financing (*Assigned to USFS, state contacts and advisory board*)

MANAGEMENT
APPROACH 2:
IMPROVE
EXISTING
PROGRAMS
AND CONTINUE
TO DEVELOP
NEW ONES

Items assigned to States, USFS, advisory boards

- 2.1: Develop Natural Filters restoration-type programs with innovative financing and comprehensive RFB services (e.g., planning planting and maintenance)
- 2.3 Increase demand for RFB on all lands by leveraging relevant, complementary programs

MANAGEMENT
APPROACH 3:
IMPROVE
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE

- 3.1 Develop state plans with goals for improved technical assistance (assigned to States, USFS, other partners)
- 3.2: Training and improved support networks for TA providers (Assigned to FWG, state advisory boards)

MANAGEMENT
APPROACH 4:
IMPROVED RFB
OUTREACH AND
COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Continue to develop communication and outreach plans for RFB, tree canopy, land use change products, and Natural Filters Restoration Program

MANAGEMENT APPROACH 5: STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUFFER DELIVERY

- 5.1: Continue to assess multiple benefits of RFB (e.g., stream temperature, habitats, etc.) and issues of cost, design and targeting
- 5.2 Analysis of RFB loss and gain

NEAR-TERM WORKPLAN ITEMS

- 1.1: Work at WQGIT and MB level to form RFB coordinating body/advisors in each state where goals are regularly not being met
 - **Expected Timeline- March 2021**
 - Sally/Katie will try to follow-up with the MB,
- 1.2: Develop state high-level Action Strategies in each jurisdiction to help focus and coordinate RFB efforts
 - **Expected Timeline- May 2021**
- 3.1 Develop state plans with goals for improved technical assistance (assigned to States, USFS, other partners)