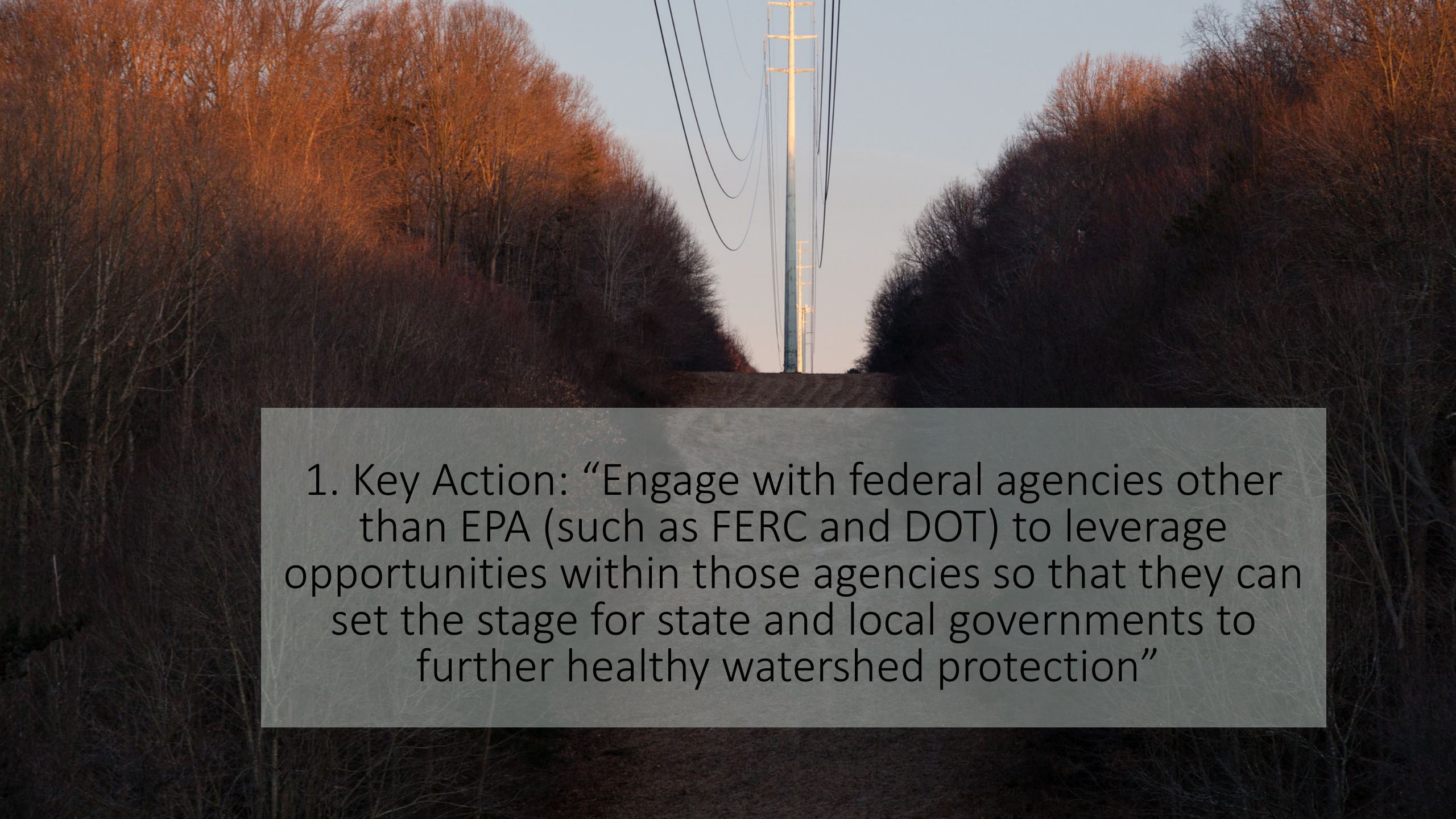
Near Term (2016) Workplan Priorities

Review of Ideas and Recommendations from Select GIT Members

Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting
November 18th, 2016



1. Key Action: “Engage with federal agencies other than EPA (such as FERC and DOT) to leverage opportunities within those agencies so that they can set the stage for state and local governments to further healthy watershed protection”

2. Key Action: “Assess protected status of healthy watersheds”

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Ideas from our last meeting

A first step could be a summary of how each state is planning to assess protection status of healthy watersheds which may include data layers that could help assess that.

Develop an internal database listing every single healthy waters and watersheds and note which ones are set in stone (“protected”), which are in flux (“vulnerable”), and if possible the last date each was assessed.

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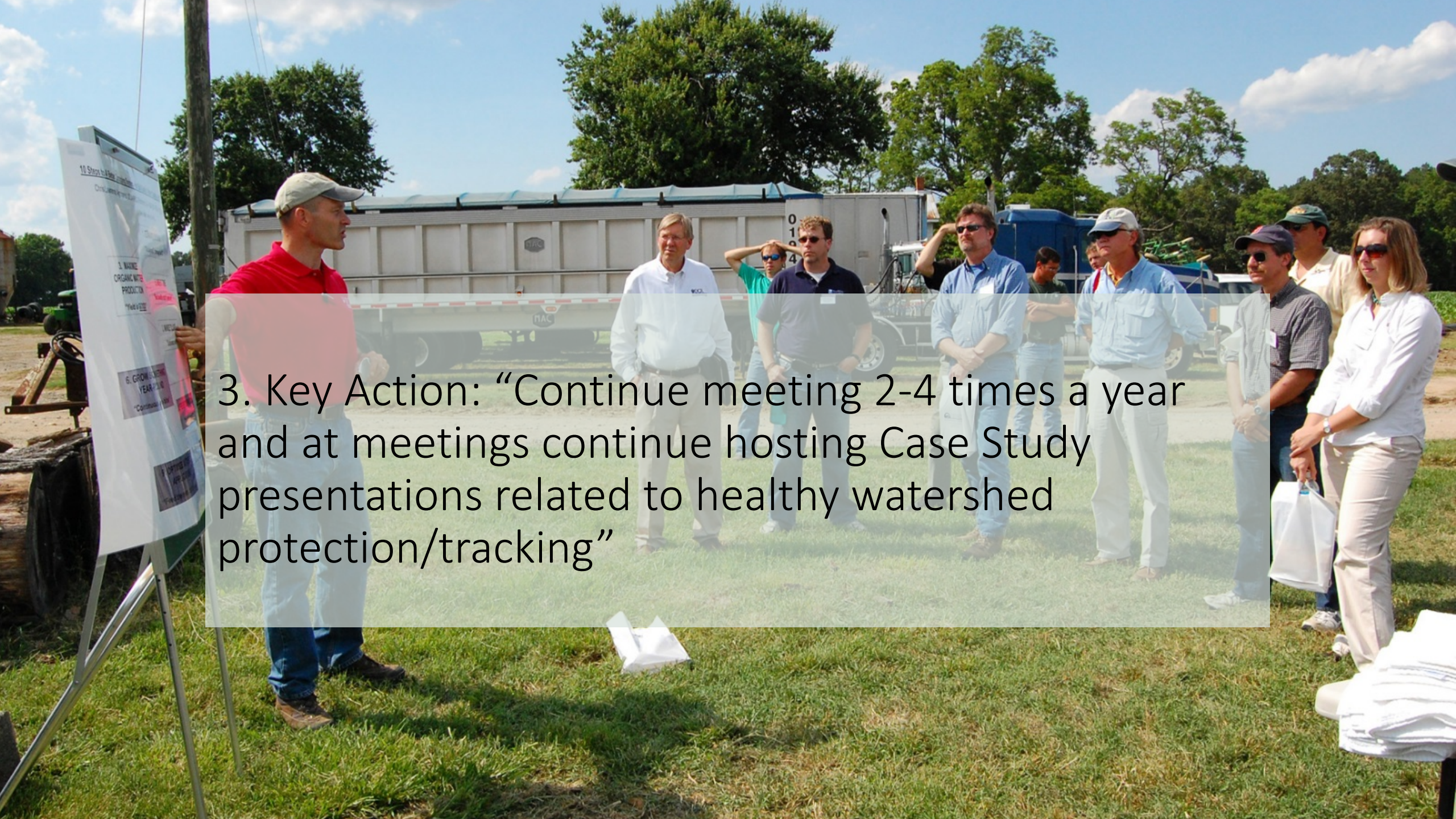
Ideas and recommendations for GIT feedback

1. CBP Staff develop a database which as a starting point will list the state-identified healthy waters(heds). Send to each Jurisdictional representative
2. Jurisdictional representatives provide GIT with criteria used to determine whether watershed or water are “sustained” and fill out the rest of the information on the database
3. Coordinator creates a status map using data provided from Jurisdictions
4. CBP Staff develop an interim tracking protocol modeled on other jurisdictions to assess progress toward goal in lieu of a jurisdiction providing it directly.



3. Key Action: “Continue meeting 2-4 times a year and at meetings continue hosting Case Study presentations related to healthy watershed protection/tracking”

4. Key Action: “Continue to work with the Chesapeake Bay Program and partners to quantify and incorporate conservation practices into the Chesapeake watershed modeling efforts and to explore how land use protections might be used to quantify future pollutant load reduction incentives for land conservation”

5. Key Action: “Work collectively to improve outreach strategies, and better get the word out across multiple Management Strategies to **determine the best approaches and methods for reaching key stakeholders**”

6. Key Action: “Provide messages and resources to CBP Communications Staff”

Key Action: “Share presentations, slides, pictures, graphics, to help partner agency staff prepare presentations, reports, etc. with effective healthy watersheds messages”

5. & 6.

Ideas from our last meeting

GIT products with elements of messaging/communications:

1. Map of State-Identified Healthy Waters and Watersheds
2. FY14 and FY15 GIT Projects “Healthy Watersheds TMDL Study: Demonstrating the Value of Retaining Forestland in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (Phase 1 & 2)”
3. FY15 GIT Project “Evaluation of Land Use Policy Options, Incentives, and Planning Tools to Reduce the Rate of Agricultural Lands, Forests, and Wetlands”

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We are still in the “discovery phase”

FY15 Project “Demonstrating the Value of Retaining Forestland in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (Phase 2)”

- Currently meeting with local stakeholders and leaders

FY15 Project “Evaluation of Land Use Policy Options, Incentives, and Planning Tools to Reduce the Rate of Conversion of Agricultural Lands, Forests, and Wetlands”

- First step of the evaluation component of the Land Use Options Evaluation Management Strategy