

2015 Work Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Program Integrated Networks Workgroup

Mission Statement: To provide support and guidance on the development and maintenance of monitoring programs that promote Chesapeake Bay Program adaptive management and effective decision making by tracking status and trends for key environmental indicators.

Purpose: Workgroup members will work together to determine feasibility of STAC recommended monitoring needs. Based on STAC recommendations, work with the GITs to identify the current capacity of the monitoring programs and gaps in monitoring. Work with GITs on opportunities for implementing additional monitoring through partnerships with more science providers.

Objectives:

- Manage Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program Networks.
- Coordinate monitoring supporting the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement outcomes.
- Build upon Citizen Science and other networks to sustain and grow monitoring program support.
- Use BASIN process to help refine monitoring approaches and opportunities for new outcomes
- Work with Goal Teams to identify and collaborate with additional partners

2015 Priorities:

- Establish a Chair to the workgroup.
- Establish membership of the workgroup.
- Complete and publish with CBP the BASIN II report.
- Complete and publish the Enhanced Monitoring summary of the Global Monitoring Seminar Series that has informed the BASIN II process.
- Initiate a BASIN III process using STAC recommendations and working with the GITs to identify and document the existing monitoring program designs and support monitoring to track 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement outcomes.
- Provide guidance to the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on specific project selection that fosters development of Chesapeake Bay and watershed citizen science and nontraditional monitoring program.
- Conduct one or more STAC workshops using recommendations from the 2014 Advanced Monitoring Workshop (BASIN II support workshop) and continue to develop monitoring program support and design identified in the outputs of the workshop effort.