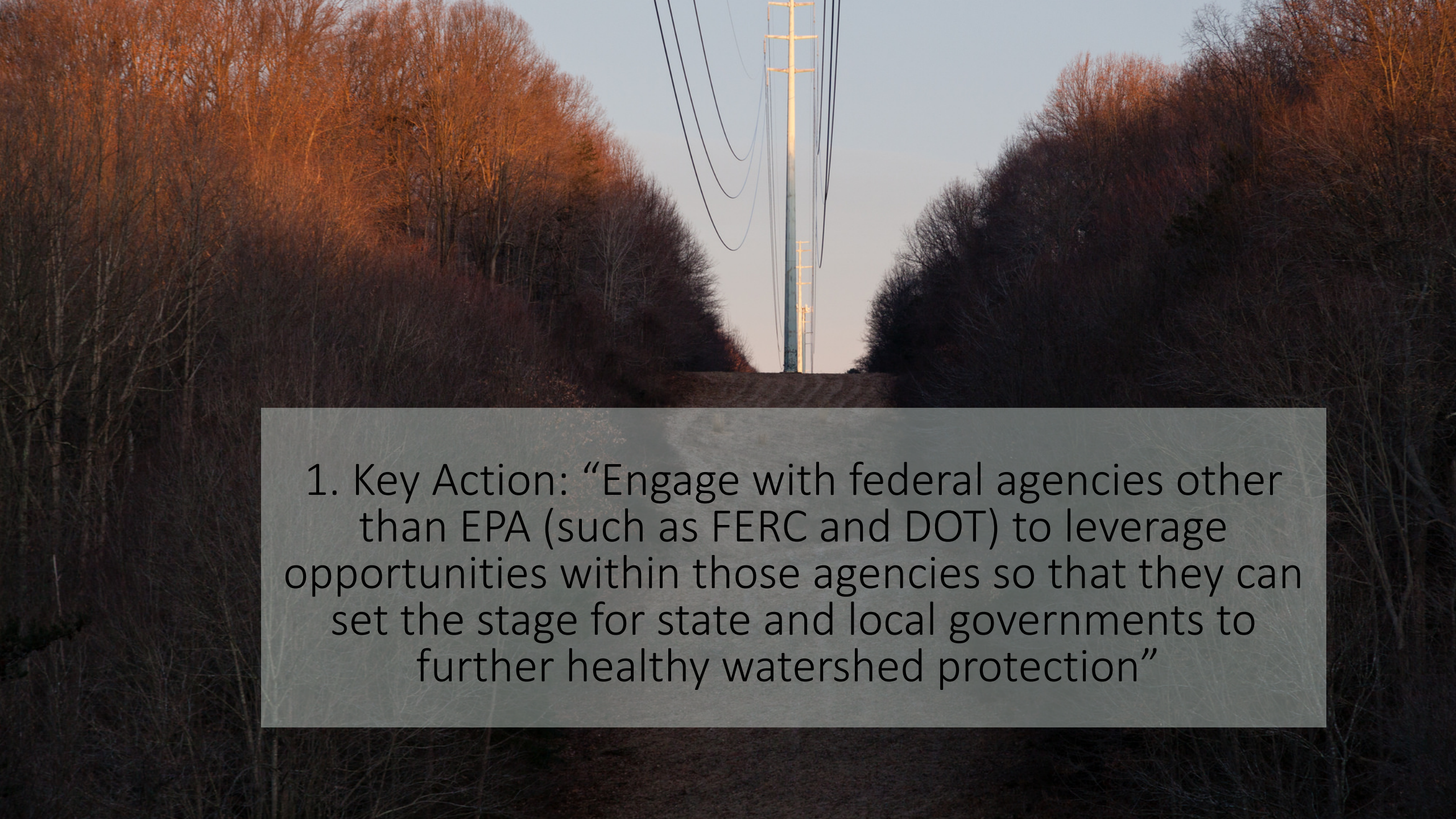


Implementation Approach 1: Tracking Healthy Waters and Watersheds

Key Action** <i>Define each work/project. Define each action step on its own row. Identify specific programs used to achieve action.</i>	Performance Target(s) <i>Identify incremental steps to achieve Key Action.</i>	Participating Entity <i>Identify responsible partner for each step.</i>	Geographic Location	Timeline <i>Identify completion date (month & year) for each</i>	Factors Influencing <i>Identify related factor or goal</i>
<h1>Near Term (2016) Workplan Priorities</h1> <p>Review of Ideas and Recommendations from Select GIT Members</p> <p>Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting November 18th, 2016</p>					
NYSDEC Division of Water maintains regularly updates an inventory of quality waters statewide	physical, chemical and biological samples from surface, groundwaters sediment, and organism across the state each year.	NYSDEC Division of Water Bureau of Water Assessment	State Wide	On Going	Tracking: Inventory



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”

A close-up photograph of a person's hand pointing at a map spread out on a table. The map shows various geographical features, including what appears to be a river or coastline. The hand is positioned in the upper right corner, with the index finger pointing towards the center of the map. The map itself is detailed, showing different shades of gray and white, possibly representing different land uses or water bodies. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hand and the map.

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

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Ideas from our last meeting

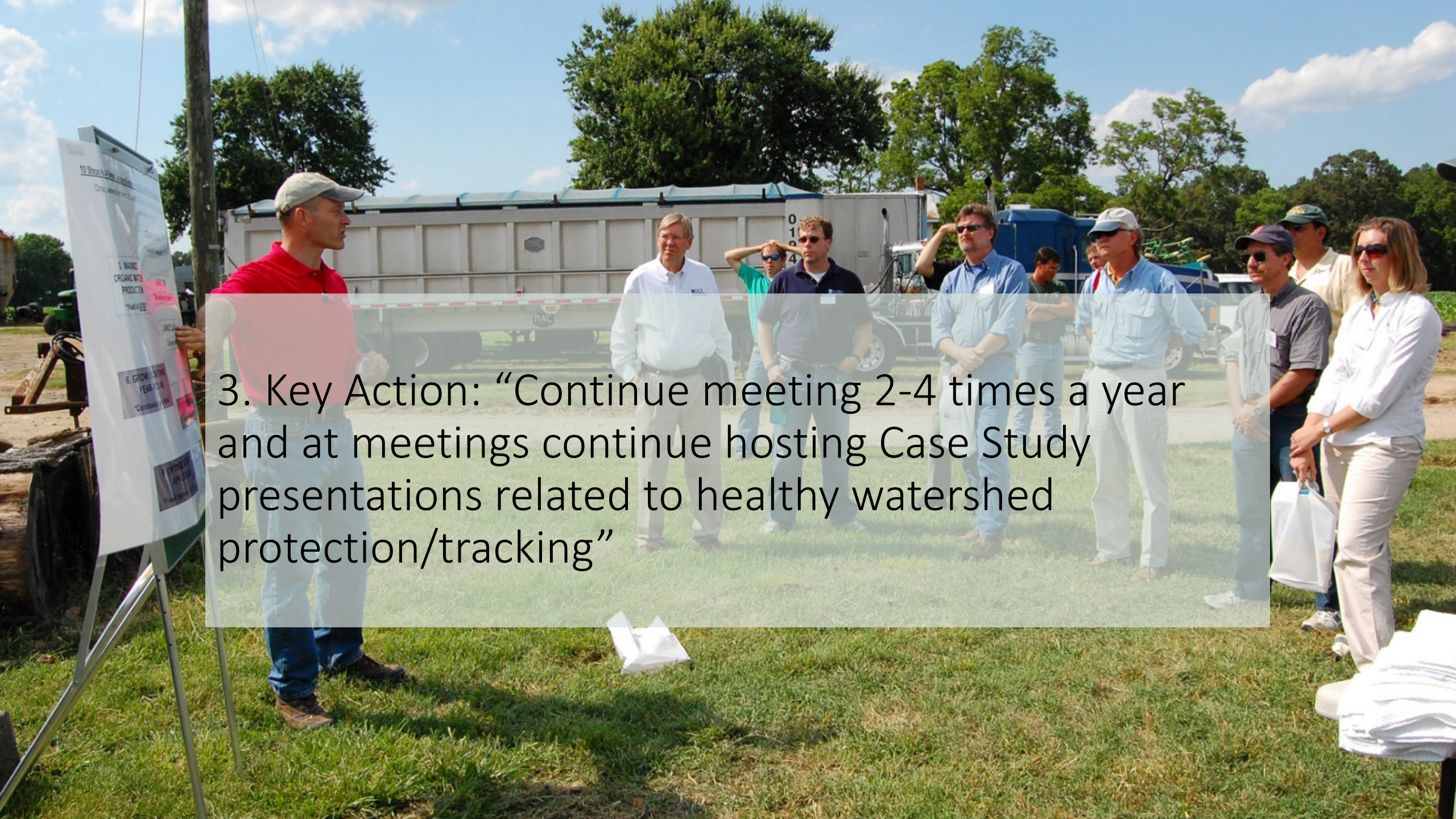
A first step could be a summary of how each state is planning to assess protection status of healthy watersheds which may include data layers that could help assess that.

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”

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. A river flows through the center, surrounded by dense green forests. The riverbanks are covered in lush vegetation, including what appears to be marshland or wetlands. In the background, there are rolling hills with patches of green fields and brown, tilled soil. A few small buildings, possibly farmhouses, are visible in the distance. The overall scene depicts a mix of natural and agricultural land use.

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”

5. & 6.

Ideas and recommendations for GIT feedback

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