

What other tracking actions should we consider?

Somehow Link to watersheds with 70% or more forest cover?

Determine whether we have lost any state-identified healthy waters yet since the Agreement was signed.

None come to mind.

Tracking the local or state adopters of the indicators, policies and tools

Acts taken by state/local govts to protect healthy watersheds, in addition to land conservation

maybe something related to BMPs and WIP actions aimed in current healthy watersheds to or surrounding the to ensure they are maintained?

Map/compare/contrast/relate ongoing HWA information against pollution hot spots and impaired watersheds

As part of CHWA work, assess which 'vulnerability factors' (e.g., land use development) are most important to consider when targeting protection work. Consider how to incorporate 'thresholds' to ID healthy watersheds near a tipping point.

Gather information from states on data available for tracking condition of healthy watersheds and ID data gaps

What other tracking actions should we consider?

testing

Policy: Compare locally developed master/comp plans with Healthy watersheds? Protection: Compare progress on land protection with Healthy watersheds Stewardship: Compare progress on BMPs with Healthy watersheds

Compare HWA with tracking from other work groups (ie Streams, Wetlands, Forests)

Tracking of the effectiveness of your communication products.

What other local leadership actions should we consider?

You have plenty!

info graphics or other communications products that link the value of healthy watersheds to economy, fish and wildlife

Promote opportunities for local leaders to share success stories and successful watershed protection strategies with one another

Density/ number of green infrastructure projects implemented

Update local contact list to better identify local government staff best suited to work with state and federal partners on Healthy Watersheds initiatives.

Identify and write up 1-3 case studies in jurisdictions with healthy watersheds that have (likely?) been maintained as a result of particular actions, and describe those (alongside other co-benefits of these actions).

Identify one local government in each state that is interested in protecting its healthy waters and achieve changes in the local comprehensive plan, local zoning, land preservation and local mitigation requirements that protect local healthy waters.

Communicate the value of health watersheds to local leadership.

use Healthy watershed data to prompt coordination among local leaders across the watershed on protection and stewardship

What other local leadership actions should we consider?

Ensure local leaders within healthy watersheds know that they are located within a healthy watershed

2nd vote for local government pilot initiatives to support healthy watersheds protection where there's already traction. These can serve as models to hopefully spur more efforts across Bay



What other actions should we consider to support states' efforts?

Encourage state-level forest mitigation requirements in all Bay watershed states?

Work with states to inventory the healthy watersheds-relevant state programs that are (and could!) be used to support protection work

Promote stricter stormwater regulations for counties that have healthy watersheds

Use healthy watershed metrics to guide placement of State trust fund money/ leverage with land trust investment?

Share evidence of shifting baselines affecting watershed health measures - e.g., air and water temperatures, fish and wildlife population shifts as a result of these habitat changes, etc.

Support state efforts to build additional state-based protection and stewardship programs (e.g. easement programs or forester certification) to advance protection of healthy watersheds.

Develop mentoring program to connect state and local govt. representatives with others based on interest in replicating successful conservation efforts/programs.

What other federal and state leadership actions should we consider?

New NRCS source water protection funding could be aligned with healthy watersheds (\$320 - \$370 million/yr. nationally)

Collect information on annual results from various federal permit programs that affect healthy watersheds. Eg, wetland permitting (404 program) , State water quality certifications (401 certs), ,etc

Possibly present on outcome to NOAA's North Atlantic Regional Team
<https://www.regions.noaa.gov/north-atlantic/index.php/regional-team/> to see if any connections should be made

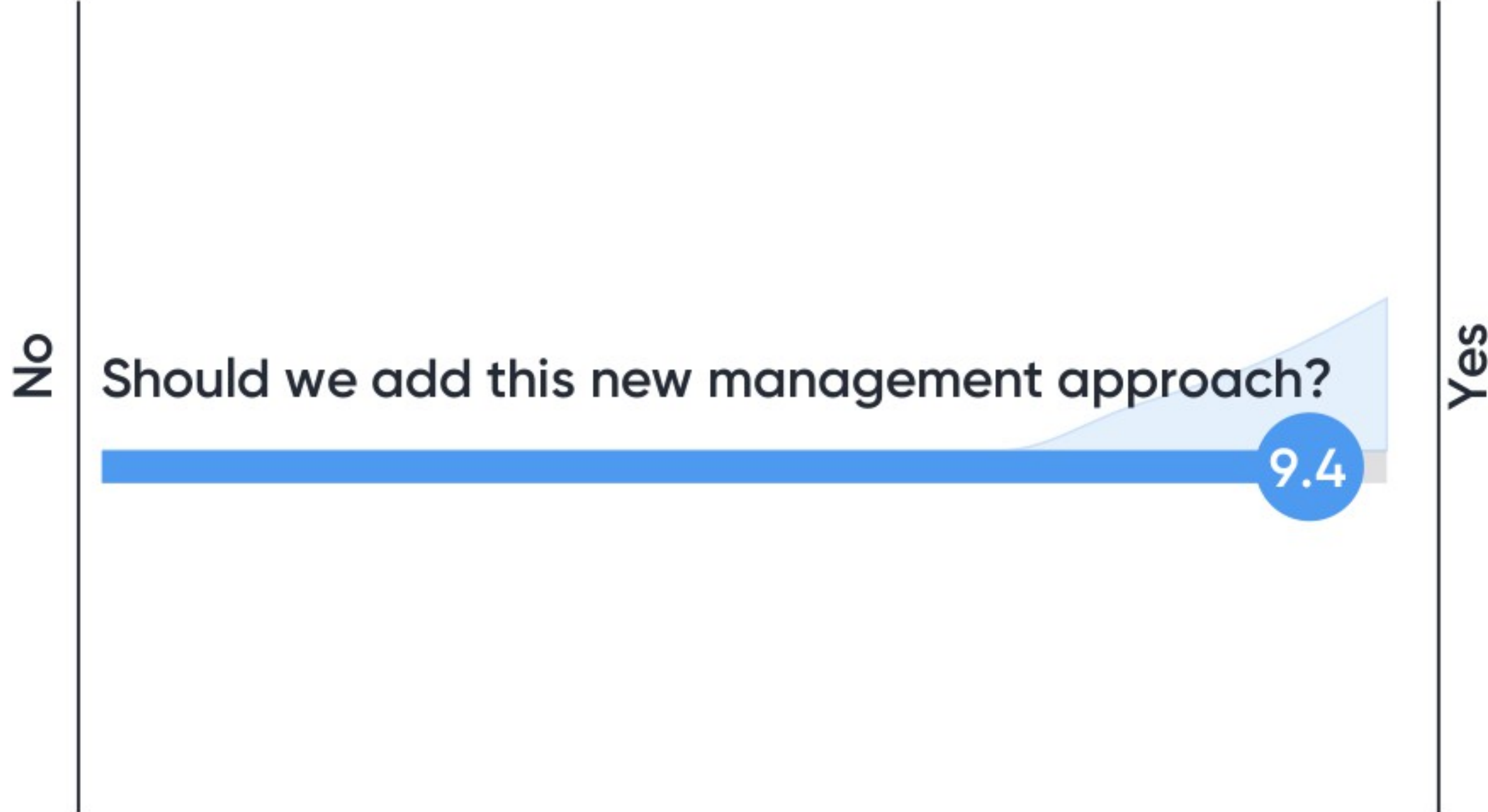
One large federal landowner in each state should develop formal new environmental procedures that protect healthy waters within their watershed, affecting all types of federal actions on that property.

Explore linkage to Farm Bill assistance progs thru NRCS & FSA. (Incentivizing Healthy practices on Farms draining to healthy watersheds will be essential to hold the line on keeping them healthy)

Lean on existing federal leadership (i.e. CBP EPA) to bring the protection of healthy watersheds to the forefront. Perhaps targeting those with broad land use change power such as FERC.

Identify additional state-level policies that should be implemented to protect health watersheds.

Coordination and Cooperation



What other coordination and cooperation actions should we consider?

Add wetlands to the sister groups

Host the occasional joint meeting with a central question all work groups will respond to for information sharing and discussion.

STAR based happy hour at the grills outside

Integration



How should we use the CHWA?

