

PROPOSED Standard Language Phase 3 WIP Watershed Agreement Outcomes

The Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership is a multi-state, multi-agency initiative to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. There are two main initiatives that govern the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership:

1. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) written in 2010 that defines specific nutrient and sediment reduction goals for each state in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Partnership recently completed a Midpoint Assessment of this TMDL. This Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) is [insert state's] response to this Midpoint Assessment.
2. The 2014 Watershed Agreement that established 10 goals for sustainable fisheries, vital habitats, improved water quality (of which the implementation of the TMDL is one component), toxic contamination, healthy watersheds, stewardship (including diversity, local leadership and citizen stewardship), land conservation, public access, environmental literacy and climate resiliency. There are 31 management strategies and associated workplans with identified action items and indicators for these goals.

It has become apparent that there are multiple benefits that can be achieved from the coordination of these two initiatives including; (1) improving communications and messaging about what the Chesapeake Bay Program is about, (2) showcasing the progress made to date and (3) the combining of available resources to more effectively restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. As a result of this, [insert state] has incorporated the following Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes in this Phase 3 WIP:

[pick from the following:

1. Brook Trout –
2. Climate Resiliency
3. Fish Habitat
4. Forest Buffers
5. Healthy Watersheds
6. Protected Lands
7. Public Access
8. Stream Health
9. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (Underwater Grasses)
10. Toxic Contaminants
11. Tree Canopy
12. Wetlands]

Commented [A1]: Is there a short definition for each of these we could add?

These goals and outcomes have been incorporated into this Phase 3 WIP by:

[list]