



**Management Board Meeting  
September 19, 2019**

**Actions/Decisions**

**CBP Expert Panel Process**

- **Decision:** The Management Board (MB) decided on an approach that would allow Delaware to petition the Agriculture Workgroup (with input from STAC and STAR) to open a new expert panel once it documented new relevant science. **Note:** A decision on whether to approve the Expert Panel's report will be raised during the October MB meeting.

**September Healthy Watersheds SRS Review Wrap up and follow-up actions**

- **Note:** The protected lands outcome lead provided updates on future work to fund science and research on trends influencing land protection. MB members suggested USGS, FWS, LGAC and the diversity workgroup as potential groups for collaboration.
- **Action:** The Healthy Watersheds GIT distributed their list of actively participating partners prior to the MB meeting. The GIT particularly needs more involvement from Virginia and Pennsylvania. Edits to the list may be sent to Renee Thompson and Nora Jackson (rthompso@chesapeakebay.net; njackson@chesapeakebay.net).
- **Action:** The Stream Health workgroup agreed to distribute the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin's (ICPRB) list of contacts for the Chessie BIBI data call (Note: the list was shared on Sept. 19 just after the conclusion of the MB meeting). While the call for new data will be distributed the week of September 23, data will be accepted through the end of December 2019. Management Board members will follow-up with appropriate staff in their jurisdictions to ensure that the correct staff are receiving the request and that the data request will be honored by the deadline. Questions or changes may be directed towards Habitat GIT staffer, Julianna Greenberg (greenberg.julianna@epa.gov).
  - The Chessie BIBI contains the taxonomic identifications and counts of stream macroinvertebrate samples along with water quality parameters and samples and habitat scores, all taken at the time of macroinvertebrate sampling. This data is used to create a metric to compare the health of an individual stream to the overall health of all streams in the watershed. The database was last updated in 2017.
- **Action:** The Brook Trout action team will report to the MB in October on whether CBPO staff has the capacity to help develop and maintain a tracking spreadsheet/tool within current CBP tools.
- **Action:** Lewis Linker (EPA) and Sean Corson (NOAA) will report to the MB in first quarter 2020 on where the Fish Habitat co-benefit fact sheet was used in the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). Based on the success of the fish habitat pilot, MB members will decide whether to pursue the same exercise with the other eleven outcomes that requested inclusion in the Phase III WIPs. A finer scale prototype will be available in the second or third quarter 2020.
- **Action:** Several outcomes from the Healthy Watersheds cohort requested better outcome connection to local leadership engagement. There are three previous and ongoing efforts that

relate to this request: the EcoLogix report that identified local level priorities, the local leadership engagement strategy presented to MB in May 2019, and an upcoming GIT funding project on creating cross-watershed education materials. Once there is more progress on these projects, the local leadership workgroup coordinator will report to the MB, likely in summer or fall 2020.

#### **USGS Presentation on New Science Directions**

- **Action:** Scott Phillips, USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, gave a presentation on the USGS Chesapeake themes and multi-year work plan. The work plan sets the USGS Chesapeake direction for the next five years, but since tasks are updated annually, MB members are encouraged to contact Scott Phillips (swphilli@usgs.gov) to discuss areas for collaboration.

#### **Overview of CBP Data Dashboard**

- **Action:** Emily Trentacoste, EPA, provided an overview of the beta version of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Data Dashboard. Over the next few months, there will be user testing and trainings throughout the watershed. If you and/or your organization would like to participate, please contact Emily Trentacoste (trentacoste.emily@epa.gov). The full launch of the Data Dashboard is planned for early 2020.

#### **Riparian Forest Buffer Action Team**

- **Action:** The Riparian Forest Buffer Action Team presented suggestions for PSC engagement on increasing forest buffer implementation. The MB requested the action team return with refined suggestions in October.