

# STEWARDSHIP OUTCOME

STEWARDSHIP GIT (GIT 5)

Stewardship Workgroup

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## PROPOSED DRAFT OUTCOME LANGUAGE:

Equip partners and the regional network of practitioners with the social science data, technical assistance and support needed to develop and carry out programs that train and mobilize individuals and communities to improve the health of our land, water, living resources and people.

## EXISTING 2014 AGREEMENT OUTCOME LANGUAGE:

Increase the number and diversity of trained and mobilized volunteers who have the knowledge and skills needed to enhance the health of their local watersheds.

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## PROPOSED TARGET

**Metrics to be determined; need baseline assessment.**

### 1. Measure how well we are supporting partners

*Continually increase partners' ability to develop and carry out programs that enable people and communities to participate in stewardship.*

New or  
Update

Estimate  
when target  
developed

New  
target

Dec. 2025

### 2. Measure on the ground stewardship work.

*Through 2040, support achievement of the targets identified [**SMART targets to be set\*\***] that ultimately increase both individual and community level stewardship actions that advance certain Watershed Agreement outcomes, e.g., Healthy Forests and Trees, Workforce, Water Quality, etc.*

**EXAMPLE:** "By 2040, XXXX number of acres of urban or suburban forest will be stewarded by individuals or communities." Assist the WG by connecting stewardship partners to help with implementation, and assist in the process to track the metric.

New  
target

Set SMART  
targets with  
other  
outcome  
teams by  
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- **Outcome's ultimate intent:**

- Increase and normalize public participation in stewardship actions that contribute to achieving environmental results.

- **What's new?**

- Build capacity: equip partners and stewardship practitioners with data, tools, technical assistance and support; work through the network of stewardship practitioners to engage with the public.
- Expand the scope of stewardship actions promoted to better align with and help achieve more of the outcomes in the Watershed Agreement.
- More emphasis on collective, community-scale efforts as well as individual (greater impact).

- **Challenges:**

- Need more time to identify targets, numeric metrics and means to measure. Stewardship results take a long time to realize. We need small bites.
- If the on the ground metrics live under those other outcomes, then the Stewardship WG would assist the other WGs with data, tools, social science best practices guidance, and partnerships to support implementation; and help with tracking the metrics.
- Effective stewardship methods and strategies for partners would be informed by data collected through an updated Stewardship Index (survey) and analysis.