

2016 Executive Council Meeting Actions

	Recommendation	Lead
Resolution to Support Local Engagement		
	1. "...we commit to speak out on behalf of clean water and help raise awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of investing public funds in watershed protection and restoration efforts and the importance of taking action at the local level, through the production and distribution of Public Service Announcements , and the use of social media and other public venues as appropriate;"	Comm. workgroup
	2. "...the Principals' Staff Committee shall evaluate and pursue opportunities to increase public funding and private investment for local implementation of conservation and restoration activities that achieve local healthy streams, rivers and a vibrant Chesapeake Bay, particularly activities that reduce pollutants from <i>stormwater runoff</i> and <i>address the problem of recurrent flooding</i> ."	Budget & Finance workgroup
Advisory Committee Recommendations		
Citizens Advisory Committee		
	1. <u>Environmental Literacy</u>	
	a. Issue a new Chesapeake Environmental Literacy Directive or Resolution ,	Exec Council/ Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)
	b. Be active partners in the Chesapeake Watershed Restoration effort with a seat at the table. For the U.S. Department of Education, that can be done either, through a Memorandum of Understanding or by encouraging the President to amend Executive Order #13508 to make the U.S. Department of Education part of the Federal leadership team with a specific directive to assist the watershed state and local education agencies with meeting their watershed agreement environmental education commitments;	PSC/ Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)
	c. Participate in a leadership summit meeting at least biennially,	MB/ Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)

	d. Ensure adequate agency policies, staffing, and funding to meet the environmental literacy goal and outcomes under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement	All partners/ Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)
	e. Host a leadership summit meeting or series of meetings with the community colleges, other higher education institutions and employers.	Stewardship GIT
	f. Maximize Use of Federal Funds: Ensure that state plans submitted to the U.S. Department of Education for discretionary and formula funding under the ESSA incorporate environmental literacy plans , programs and initiatives to maximize use of these federal funds.	Jurisdictions / Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)
	g. Ensure Funding for Environmental Literacy Programs: Advocate with the President and Congress to ensure sustained funding for environmental literacy under ESSA, NOAA's Chesapeake B-WET, and EPA's environmental education programs , and advocate with federal agencies who are currently developing their Fiscal Year 2017 budgets to include full funding for environmental education.	Environmental Literacy WG (GIT 5)
	2. <u>Crediting Oysters towards the Bay TMDL</u>	
	a. We urge caution in using oysters as BMPs for meeting the TMDL and nutrient trading.	Fisheries GIT / Jurisdictions
	b. Continue to support federal and state collaboration and financial and programmatic assistance for oyster restoration projects and sanctuaries that are proving successful...	Fisheries GIT / Jurisdictions
	3. <u>Engaging Locals in the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans</u>	
	a. We recommend the Bay Program clearly articulate exactly what "targets" mean . We prefer the use of the terms local area "guides" or "expectations" that lay out what is expected but holds the localities harmless if not reached.	WQ GIT
	b. We encourage EPA and the jurisdictions to clearly communicate the economic, quality of life, and environmental benefits of restoring local area rivers and streams and the opportunities for increased tourism and recreation...	WQ GIT, Comm. workgroup
	c. In coordination with local governments and stakeholders, the states and DC should develop communications strategies and forums that allow for honest dialogue and collaboration in creating local planning guides.	Jurisdictions, WQ GIT, Comm. workgroup
	d. we urge the states to include soil and water conservation district representatives in the development of local area planning guides.	Jurisdictions, WQ GIT

	e. we urge the Governors to make early contact with the new Presidential Administration to demonstrate their support for Chesapeake Watershed restoration. In particular, it is important to reach the leadership of the USDA to assure support by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) personnel in the states for agricultural conservation programs and state established priorities that are critical to watershed recovery.	Jurisdictions, WQ GIT
Local Government Advisory Committee		
	1. <u>Increase Resources Dedicated to Implementation</u> - Recommend the PSC be charged with conducting an evaluation of federal and state funding and technical assistance programs in order to identify opportunities to use existing resources more efficiently or to direct more resources to implementation.	WQ GIT, jurisdictions
	2. <u>Advocate for Clean Water</u> - Recommends that members of the Executive Council help garner public support for actions that protect and restore water resources , while creating vibrant healthy communities, by appearing in public service announcements to be aired within their respective jurisdictions, and using social media and other public venues to speak out for clean water.	EC members, Comm. workgroup
	3. <u>Ensure Vertical Alignment of Priorities</u> - Recommends that members of the Executive Council engage their Congressional delegations in support of increased allocations of federal funding for local infrastructure , including the rehabilitation of stormwater drainage systems.	EC members, CBC
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee		
	1. We would like to see further investment in developing the science to understand sources of endocrine disrupters and their effects on the entire aquatic food web. The related issue of microplastics also needs further attention to identify opportunities for cost-effectively controlling sources that were not addressed by recent legislation.	Toxics Workgroup
	2. Enabling adaptive management through continued investment in monitoring; support necessary data collection and analyses .	STAR
	3. Applying systems thinking to promote innovation and cost effectiveness ; a systems approach can promote successful management by revealing co-benefits, unintended	GIT6, STAR

	consequences and generally demonstrating how to establish the social, economic and ecosystem conditions that support specific strategies.	
Signatory Partner Priority Issues and challenges		
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Work in Pa. to help them achieve their goals	
Delaware	Protecting water quality of small tributaries; increasing riparian buffers.	
District of Columbia	Committed to improve water quality through innovative practices	
Maryland	Innovative Financing/private sector funding; market-based water quality strategies; improvements to wastewater facilities;	
New York	Investing in agriculture research for water quality	
Pennsylvania	Accelerate progress toward PA WIP through agricultural nutrient reductions	
Virginia	Climate Change	
West Virginia	--	
EPA / USDA	Bucks, Boots and Buy-in - Partnership with Pa. to accelerate agricultural nutrient reductions (fact sheet); providing funds;	

