

# Nutrient Management Task Force

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# Proposed Next Steps

- **The Ag Workgroup convenes a task force** to work with the six states to:
  - Develop a cross walk between the states' nutrient management programs and the adopted Phase 5.3.2 nutrient management tier definitions
  - Identify information/documentation that state programs will use to determine reported acres of nutrient management implementation by the appropriate tiers referenced above.
  - Provide links to the supporting documentation from each of the states
- The **task force will identify for the Ag Workgroup any concerns** about inconsistencies within/between the states' crosswalks and planned methodologies for reporting acres of nutrient management implementation by tier
- **The Ag Workgroup will review and approve** the resultant table and will pass along concerns to the WQGIT and the EPA QAPP review team

# Proposed Next Steps (cont.)

- Based on the Ag Workgroup's recommendations, the WQGIT will adopt the table as the guide for how, in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 annual progress runs through Phase 5.3.2 Chesapeake Watershed Model:
  - The states will be reporting nutrient management implementation; and
  - The Partnership will be crediting the states' nutrient management programs

# Proposed membership

- Ann Swanson – Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Kelly Shenk – U.S. EPA
- Marcia Fox – Delaware DNREC
- Jenn Volk – UD
- Kristen Saacke Blunk – Headwaters, LLC
- John Rhoderick – MDA
- Mark Dubin- UMD, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator
- Lindsey Gordon – CRC, Staff

# Proposed Timeline

- **We need this work completed prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>—**  
therefore we need:
  - **By early October** – The task force needs to provide its table, supporting documentation and articulation of any inconsistencies/concerns to the Ag Workgroup.
  - **By mid-late October** – The Ag Workgroup needs to receive and act on the Subcommittee's table by mid- to late October
  - **By early to mid-November at the latest** – The WQGIT needs to adopt the Ag Workgroup's recommendation.