

### **PHASE III WIP LOCAL AREA TARGET TASK FORCE**

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**Action** (from WQGIT Meeting, December 15, 2015): “Lucinda Power will work with WQGIT members on drafting up a proposed charge and schedule for convening an ad-hoc Task Force with cross-sector representation that will frame out the options for a WQGIT recommendation regarding the development of local area targets for the Phase III WIPs. That charge and timeline will be presented to the WQGIT in January 2016.”

#### **Proposed Charge**

To frame out the options for a WQGIT recommendation regarding the development of local area targets (LATs) for the Phase III WIPs and how these targets could be expressed, taking into consideration the goal of raising awareness of local partners’ contribution toward achieving the Bay TMDL; the technical capacity of the Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Program modeling suite; and how local implementation addresses local conditions, needs and opportunities, such as local water quality. The Task Force will consider jurisdictions’ efforts and methods to develop LATs as part of the Phase II WIPs, as well as recent work to establish federal facility targets. Task Force recommendations will inform the Phase III WIP expectations.

#### **Proposed Schedule** *(related deadlines in italics)*

- March 24, 2016: Task Force membership nominations due
- March 28, 2016: Finalize Task Force membership
- April – September: Task Force has monthly conference calls and develops initial recommendations for WQGIT
- *EPA begins seeking feedback on Phase III WIP expectations in summer/fall 2016*
- Fall 2016 – Early 2017: Task Force reconvenes as necessary to refine recommendations based on future Beta versions and final Phase 6 Watershed Model
- March 2017: Task Force delivers final recommendations to WQGIT
- *No Later Than June 2017: EPA releases Phase III WIP expectations, with partnership input*

#### **Proposed Membership**

- EPA
- States: likely 1 member from each state and DC given LATs will vary by state
- Local representatives: LGAC member, Local Leadership Workgroup member, agriculture sector rep, conservation district, PDC, city, township, borough (not this level from every state, but to ensure capturing range of scales), federal, watershed group, industry or trade groups. Mix of elected officials and senior staff
- UMD EFC
- Modeler
- Federal, state, local communications staff