

Wetland's Outcome Attainment Strategy



OAT briefs MB on status of 31 outcomes.

• MB/PSC directs the Bay Program to identify why wetlands are so far off course, what can be done about it and develop a plan to achieve the outcome by 2025.

Restoring Wetlands
of the Chesapeake
Bay Watershed
Workshop identifies
barriers, potential
solutions and
recommendations on
moving forward.

Bay Program
submits draft
Restoring the
Wetlands of the
Chesapeake
Watershed
Workshop Action
Plan for MB
consideration.

Bay Program and Jurisdictions present wetland's outcome attainment strategy(s) for MB discussion:

- Meet expectations?
- Path Forward?

Wetlands Action
Plan Final

Recommendations from the Workshop:

Cohesive Strategy

Cohesive strategy for tidal and nontidal wetlands across the watershed for site selection and priorities that take into consideration 10 goals and 31 outcomes associated with the Chesapeake Bay 2014 Agreement.

Long-term Capacity

Dedicated increased long-term capacity is needed to accelerate efforts – because of the time and complexity to complete wetland restoration projects, grant funded capacity does not retain and grow expertise.

Outreach and Design

Outreach and design are priority areas to grow capacity to increase the pipeline of projects and advance them to implementation.

Increased Funding

New and increased funding should be directed to the states to build wetland capacity. This is critical to be able to access and leverage increased federal funds that will be available.

Reporting of Progress

MB representatives meet formally with all the agencies within their jurisdictions report out progress of the wetland outcome attainment annually. Bay Program reports to PSC annually.

Where are we now?

- Wetlands Workshop Action Plan finalized January 2023
- Tracking system is complete and we are waiting for data: we will be updating indicators to achieve a more accurate public facing communication regarding wetlands – May 23rd
- Wetlands workgroup is reorganized to have focus on tidal and nontidal wetlands
 - Pam Mason (Chair)
 - Tess Danielson (Tidal, Vice-Chair)
 - Nancy Schumm (Non-Tidal, Vice-Chair)
- Starting in May began to implement Wetlands Action Plan

