Choose Your Own Adventure

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Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (GIT 3) Scope

- The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team works to evaluate, focus and accelerate the implementation of practices, policies and programs that will restore water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to conditions that support living resources and protect human health.

Goals for the WQGIT as we look ahead
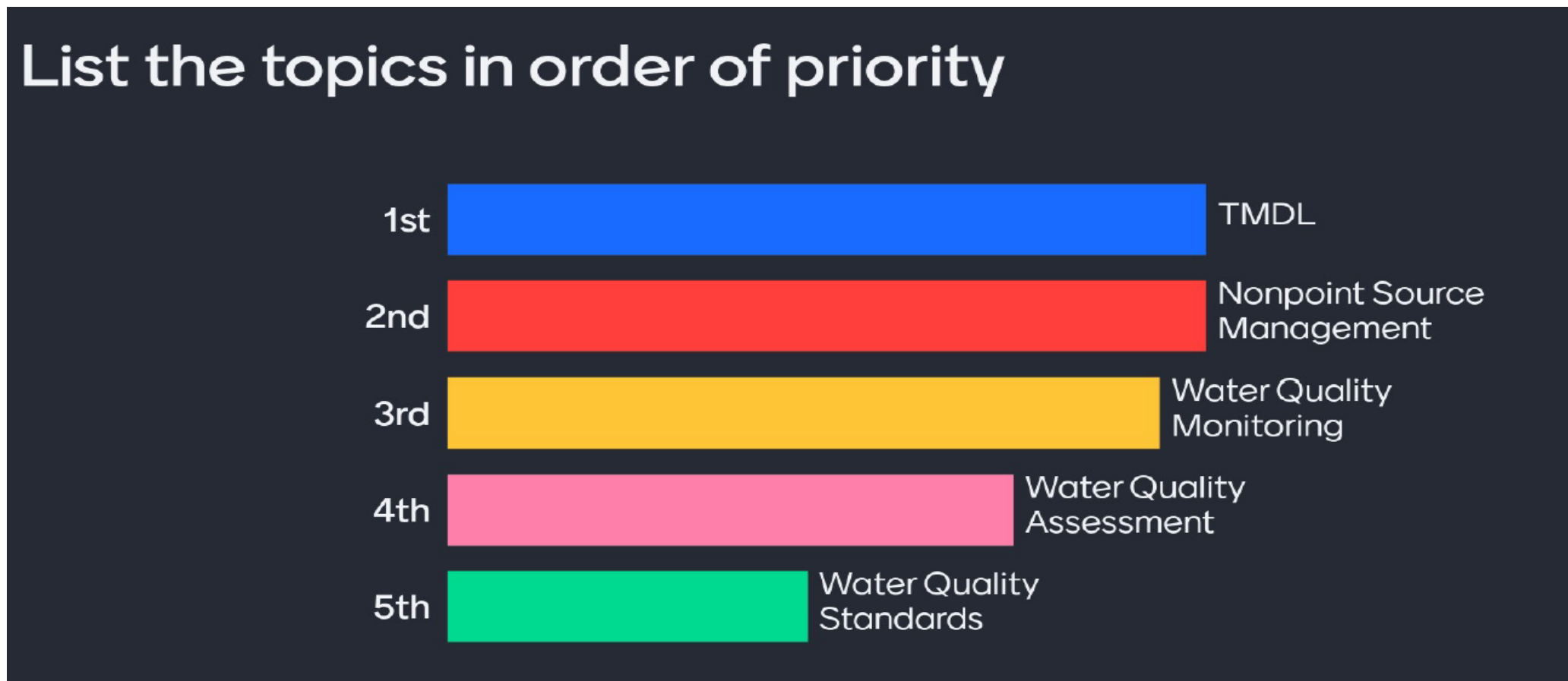
- Identify/Confirm priority areas of interest so we can be <u>effective</u> in achieving our outcomes
- <u>Add value</u> to support partnership efforts (multiple outcome benefits)
- <u>Improving coordination</u> among GITs, workgroups, and other water quality related outcomes
- <u>Focus</u> on actions the WQGIT has the capacity/ability to complete
- <u>Improve balance</u> with water quality needs and other partnership goals including and not limited to climate, habitat, and DEIJ.
- Do you agree with these goals? Yes/No. What's missing? Put in chat.

WQGIT Feedback to Date – Topic Balance

- November 2023 – How would you like the WQGIT to spend our time?
  - WQGIT ranked the following as the ideal balance of WQGIT time over the course of a year for 2025 and 2026:
    - 26% - Cross-partnership issues, priorities, tools, policy, or implementation
    - 23% - Model updates, inputs or development
    - 20 % - Monitoring & verification
    - 16% - Planning, adaptive management, or governance
    - 15% - Emerging or misc science
- MENTI: Is this still an accurate representation of balance? Based on where the partnership is now, would you change this balance?

WQGIT Feedback to Date – Priority Areas

- December 2023 priority areas of interest.

List the topics in order of priority

1st		TMDL
2nd		Nonpoint Source Management
3rd		Water Quality Monitoring
4th		Water Quality Assessment
5th		Water Quality Standards

You Decide! MENTI and Survey Forthcoming

Format for future meetings (MENTI for other ideas and Survey)

- Opportunities for face to face/commuter meetings, more office hours, quarterly themed meeting. Other? (MENTI for other ideas and Survey)

Cross Program Coordination (Survey)

- What other GITs or workgroups (WQ or other) do you want to learn more about? (Survey)

Needs Assessment for the WQGIT (Menti for ideas and Survey)

- What gaps exist that the WQGIT can identify as part of our science needs?

- Are there program related needs to meet water related outcomes?

Start here: What topic is the most beneficial to advance meeting the 2025 WIP Outcome?

- Discussing/Developing a tiered approach to the Bay TMDL
- Revising the Accountability Framework
- Better using water quality monitoring and assessment info to document performance/progress
- Exploring NPS management/implementation and nutrient imbalances
- Expand support for local government capacity

What topics from the other small groups or science needs would help advance meeting the 2025 WIP outcome?

- MENTI and Survey – What's missing that you would want to rank in a survey for WQGIT <u>TOP</u> priorities.

What's missing?

- Use chat or Menti to identify missing priorities or topics that would inform our survey.

Next Steps

HOMEWORK: Review the science needs, CW and other small group recommendations

HOMEWORK: Populate the forthcoming survey with your top areas of interest for the WQGIT keeping our goals in mind.

Review survey results in September. Group discussion to confirm priority areas and WQGIT needs.

WQGIT leadership will meet with others on how to coordinate on cross collaboration.

WQGIT leadership will document our progress and identify our areas of priority interests and needs for the Management Board in November.

Dive deeper into WQGIT priorities and needs and identify a timeline of what to explore first.