



Keystone Commitments, Strategic Pillars & Federal Champions

Restoring Healthy Waters

USGS & EPA

- By 2010, correct nutrient- and sediment-related problems
-by-
- Managing pollutants:
 - Agricultural BMPs
 - Developed Land BMPs
 - Wastewater Treatment
 - Air Quality BMPs
- Restoring forest buffers



Restoring Healthy Habitats

USFWS

- By 2010, achieve a net resource gain by restoring 25,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands



- Accelerate protection and restoration of SAV



Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management

NOAA

- By 2007, revise and implement fisheries management plans using multi-species and ecosystem approaches

Priority plans:

- Oysters
- Striped Bass
- Blue Crabs
- *Alosa* species
- Atlantic Menhaden



- By 2010, achieve, at a minimum, a tenfold increase in native oysters in the Chesapeake Bay

Maintaining Healthy Watersheds

FHWA & USFS

- By 2010, develop and implement locally supported watershed management plans



- Conserve existing forests along all streams and shorelines
- Preserve from development 20 percent of the land area in the watershed by 2010, targeting high value areas
- By 2012, reduce the rate of harmful sprawl development

Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship

NPS

- Education and Outreach are overarching priorities
- Beginning with the class of 2005, provide a meaningful Bay or stream outdoor experience for every school student in the watershed



- *Keystones are commitments that if accomplished will provide the greatest collateral benefit supporting the accomplishment of many associated commitments.*

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Keystone Commitments from C2K

10 fold increase in oysters (replaced with EO outcome for oysters by GIT 1)

Multi-species fisheries management (really not sure what they are doing with this one. I think GIT 1 is really going back to single species management)

SAV strategy to protect and restore SAV beds (continues on under GITs 3 [water quality standard for water clarity] and GIT 2)

2/3 of watershed with locally supported watershed management plans (no one really feels they own this. It was intended to be broader than WIPs)

Net resource gain by restoring 25,000 acres of wetlands (GIT 2 continues and expands this commitment)

Conserve existing forests (EO commitment continues this and Forestry workgroup is responsible)

By 2010 remove impairments to Bay and tidal tributaries caused by nutrients and sediment (GIT 3 - replaced by TMDL/WIP)

Permanently preserve 20% of land area from development by 2010 (Only keystone we met. EO and GIT 5 extends this in their goal through 2025)

By 2012 reduce rate of harmful sprawl (to the extent anyone is talking about this, it would be GIT 4. GIT 3 gets to this issue sort of with the requirement of offsets nutrients produced for new development)

Meaningful Watershed Experience (GIT 5 education workgroup and environmental literacy)