

Attachment A:

Review of Options for Finalizing Steering Committee Structure and Function and Relationship with BMP Verification Panel

Option A:

- Continue forward with Steering Committee charge and membership as proposed, but modified to reflect feedback from Committee members
- See: “Attachment B: Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team’s BMP Verification Steering Committee Charge and Membership (Revised April 18, 2012).”

Option B:

- Proceed forward with Option A.
- In addition, select a chairperson for the Steering Committee to run future conference calls/meetings and help provide a partner voice for the Steering Committee as a whole as we work up through the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team, Management Board and Principals’ Staff Committee.

Option C:

Management Board Group

- Establish the Steering Committee as a subset of existing Management Board members.
- Example members could include:
 - Frank Dawson
 - Russ Baxter
 - Pat Buckley
 - Ann Swanson
 - CAC member
 - EPA member
- Members would not necessarily be experts in verification, but partners who know how to move difficult and complex issues forward through the partnership for resolution and decision.
- Need to keep the steering committee small.

BMP Verification Advisory Council

- Solicit jurisdictional membership for the BMP Verification Advisory Council from the membership of the current Steering Committee plus 4-5 more carefully chosen members with solid verification experience.
- Charge to the Verification Advisory Council:
 - 1) Setting the principles of verification
 - 2) Approving the verification protocols for TMDL accounting by source sector
 - 3) Evaluating whether the level of verification rigor is consistent among source sectors
 - 4) Using verification principles and protocols to critique the state's verification methods within programs
 - 5) Advising the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Management Board on the findings of the Panel for possible actions and directives, etc.