



Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership

Trading and Offsets Workgroup (TOWG): 2012 Work Plan and EPA Collaboration

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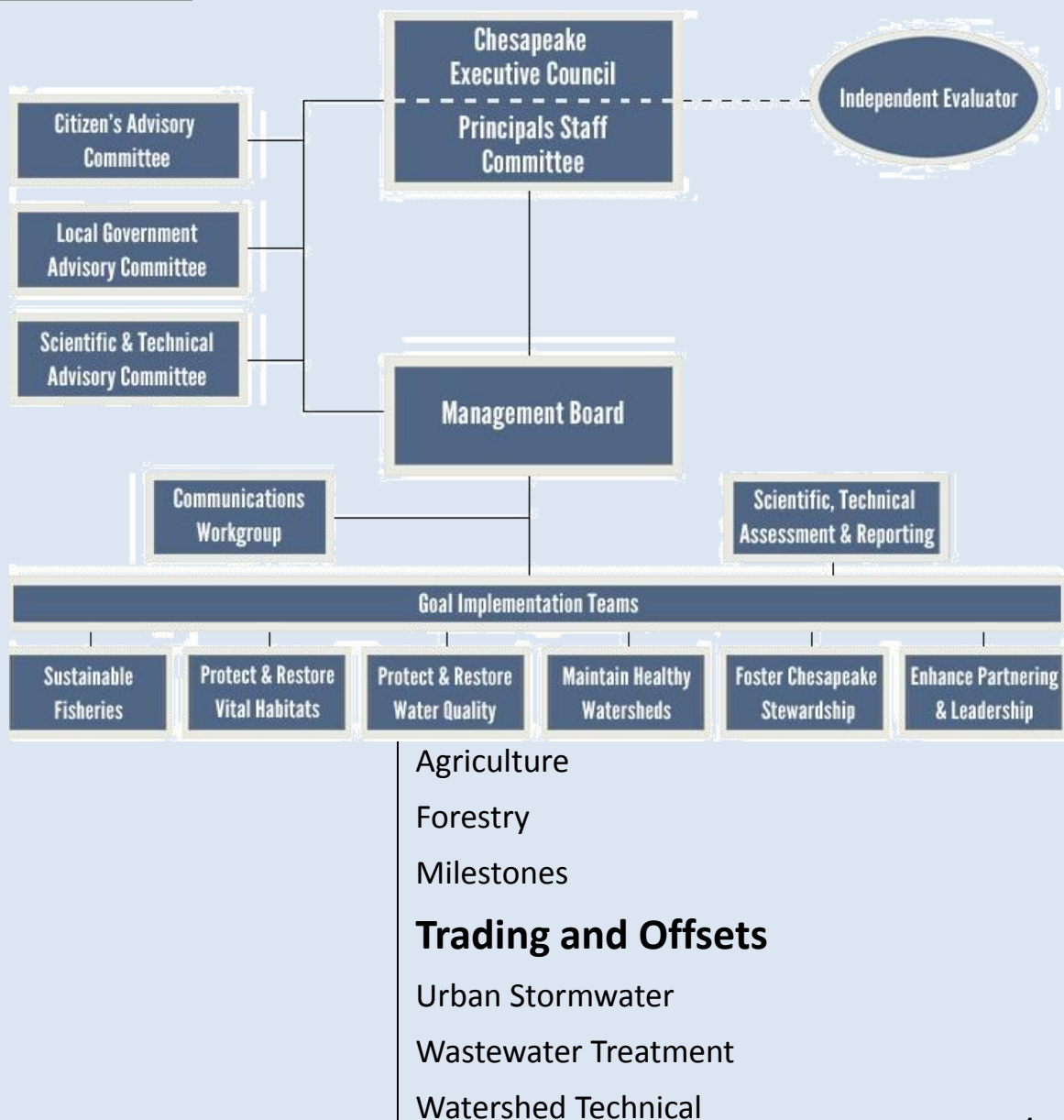


Outline

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History, charge, and functions

- Established in 2011 as the Water Quality Trading Forum
- Charged with focusing and supporting trading and offset activities
- Functions include
 - 1) Providing a forum for discussion and information exchange
 - 2) Evaluating and facilitating strategies to exchange loads among sectors
 - 3) Building consensus on common approaches



Work plan development

- Asked members
 - What are you doing currently related to trading and offsets?
 - What challenges, if any, are you facing?
 - How can the TOWG help you overcome those challenges?
- Interviewed
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - DENREC
 - Maroon Consulting
 - MDA, MDE
 - National Association of Home Builders
 - NYSDEC
 - PADEP
 - PENNVEST
 - VADCR, VADEQ
 - WRI
 - WVDA, WVDEP
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 - USDA Office of Environmental Markets

Work plan development (cont'd)

[See TOWG work plan]

EPA collaboration

- CBP approached TOWG in April with request to coordinate trading and offset activities in 2012-2014
- Staff members from the CBPO, EPA Region III, and EPA headquarters met with a TOWG subcommittee on June 25th
- Both groups are revising their work plans based on feedback from that meeting

[See EPA work plan]

Discussion and contact

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