Establishing a Diversity Baseline for the Chesapeake Bay Program

Using a Simple Demographic Profile Tool

Chesapeake Bay Program Office and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

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Diversity Management Strategy and Workplan

"Identify minority stakeholder groups that are **not currently** represented in the leadership, decision making and implementation of conservation and restoration activities, and create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage them in the partnership's efforts." – <u>Diversity Outcome</u>

"Explore the use of organizational demographic profile tools (e.g. Guidestar and D5) for the Bay Program jurisdictions, agencies, partners and other NGOs in the Bay watershed to report on diversity representation within their organizations." – <u>Diversity Management Strategy</u>

"Establish a baseline of the level of diversity in the CBP (staff, boards, programs and initiatives aimed at increasing internal diversity)." – <u>Diversity Workplan</u>

Why a demographic profile?

- An important aspect of tracking and assessment is to collect baseline data in order to measure progress towards the goal/outcome.
- Green 2.0 made a national call to environmental organizations to share their diversity data in order to begin improving diversity at all levels.

CBP Partners who Responded

- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Conservation Fund
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- And more...

Others have begun collecting their own diversity data to establish baselines for diverse attendance and participation at conferences:

- Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference
- Alliance Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forum
- Others?

What is the CBP Diversities Profile?

- 10 Simple Questions
- Voluntary and Anonymous
- "Self-Identify" responses
- Includes questions on management roles due to outcome language

The Process

- The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay will conduct the profile on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Program
- The profile will be sent to the Principals Staff Committee, Management Board, Advisory Committees, GITs, and workgroup members. Encourage Chairs to incorporate in ongoing meeting agendas.
- Demographic Profile analysis based on participant response.

Timeline

- May: Develop simple survey monkey instrument
- Early June: Email from Al Todd to CBP membership
- 30 days to complete the profile
- Mid June: Follow-up emails from CBP leadership (MB chair, GIT chairs, etc.)
- Summer 2016 Present results to Management Board
- September 2016: Post results on CBP website
 - Press release and web story

Questions?





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