

Appendix 3

This document is a comprehensive list of fall WIP workshop participants’ responses during the county breakout sessions. The document is organized by the following questions and regions:

- [Question 1](#) - What do you think about the information presented earlier?
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- [Question 7](#) - What other recommendations do you have?
- [Question 8](#) - How would you like the state to engage with you during WIP implementation after the Phase III WIP is finalized?

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| <b>Lower Eastern Shore</b><br>Dorchester<br>Somerset<br>Wicomico<br>Worcester       | <b>Central MD: North</b><br>Baltimore City<br>Baltimore County<br>Carroll<br>Harford | <b>Upper Eastern Shore</b><br>Caroline<br>Cecil<br>Kent<br>Queen Anne’s<br>Talbot |
| <b>Central MD: South</b><br>Anne Arundel<br>Howard<br>Montgomery<br>Prince George’s | <b>Southern MD</b><br>Calvert<br>Charles<br>St. Mary’s                               | <b>Western MD</b><br>Allegany<br>Frederick<br>Garrett<br>Washington               |

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Question 1 - What do you think about the information presented earlier?

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

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| Constituents need more details about how practices are going to be met. |
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***Somerset***

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| It is a credible plan. |
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| Manure management has increased with water keeper enforcement. Somerset County staff and Ag representatives want people to know the poultry wave of new house construction is over, and that all poultry operations have storm water management. |
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***Wicomico***

Good information as long as the goals, funding and BMP implementation are customized for different regions.

2025 is a milestone not the finish line.

***Worcester***

No comment recorded.

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Three presentations may not be enough.

Want more information on sanitary sewer overflows.

There were no stats for the city.

***Baltimore County***

Concern that the provided numbers are inflated.

More information on aligning for growth and the impact of forest loss.

Do projections include non-development forest loss?

Use more recent data.

More information on air pollution.

More MDE data.

***Carroll***

Need more information from MDE - for example, permit requirements.

If the county pays for preservation, who gets credit for the practice and easement?

***Harford***

No comment recorded.

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

More information on next steps for tracking.

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| The information was interesting.            |
| Improve messaging on sediment loads.        |
| More emphasis on agriculture v storm water. |

***Cecil***

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| There was a lot of information and it was hard to digest. It would be preferable to have the information earlier. |
| MS4 goals and WIP goals seem to be aligning   |
| There are still questions about how to collaborate cross-sector.  |
| We need information on permit requirements.   |

***Kent***

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| Where are loads applied for sewer treatment plants? Service area or location? |
| More information on agriculture land retirement                               |
| Kent growth projections from MDP are over-optimistic                          |

***Queen Anne's***

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| The county is in a better situation than at Phase II         |
| The numbers are more realistic for agriculture               |
| Where do we get 2025 numbers?                                |
| There are silos in the government that need to be addressed. |

***Talbot***

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| Are the projections too optimistic?  |
| Enjoyed presentation of information  |
| Recognize that certain practices are not being captured (like agricultural advanced nutrient management) |
| Acknowledge stressors like Clean Air Act and the Conowingo   |

**Central MD: South**  
***Anne Arundel***

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| Targets are good even though they are preliminary.                                 |
| It was a good overview   |
| Do we have the capacity to actually deliver?                                       |
| Would like more information for targets v specific goals.                          |
| The table for agriculture is great. Is there a way to do it for local governments? |
| We need more up to date data.  |

***Howard***

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| More information on co-benefits                  |
| Verification is needed for urban and agriculture |
| Discuss how to incentivize the private sector    |
| Are goals actually achievable?                   |

***Montgomery***

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| There needs to be more state pressure for new reductions in storm water                                    |
| Disconnect between hopeful outcomes and political reality  |
| More explanation of water quality trading  |
| Technical data can be misleading when it is not understood by the audience. More clarity would be helpful. |

***Prince George's***

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| More clarification on targets, gaps and trends |
| Add footnotes to the document                  |

**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| Septic is a heavy lift                    |
| Need a more concrete way to get past 2025 |

***Charles***

No comment recorded.

***St. Mary's***

Recognize that agriculture verification is less important than encouraging BMPs on leased land  
Figure out how to interact with the plain sector to get non-government money  
Look at CBF buffer bonus program in PA  
Clarification on the focus of septics

**Western MD**

***Allegany***

Are the projections good enough to meet targets?  
How were wastewater treatment projections determined?  
Address lack of movement in septics

***Frederick***

Where are the Agriculture BMPs?  
Create drainage area maps for responsibility and credit  
How does water quality trading get incorporated?  
Will MS4s be given targets for TMDL?

***Garrett***

Focus on the extraction industry in Western MD  
Explain validation - the model is a moving target

***Washington***

Would like more transparency with the implementation of water quality trading (how to use it, information by sector, etc.).

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Question 2 - How can the state help local partners more with WIP implementation?

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

More clarity on water quality trading.

***Somerset***

Funding and support for roadside ditch retrofits for storm water/ditch management and vegetative buffers. Need a model and plan for ditch management to optimize both drainage and nutrient management.

Assist with flooding issues (particularly bad in parts of Somerset, a low-lying county).

Somerset has small staff, needs more expert resources. No particular preference between circuit rider vs. Watershed Specialist.

***Wicomico***

More technical service providers

Don't cut buffer BMP that is planted on purpose

More funding options for low capacity jurisdictions. They don't necessarily want or need more staff, but need technical service providers that could help without each county having to add more staff.

Storm water technical assistance like soil conservation districts for the agriculture sector.

***Worcester***

There is a need for expert help. Worcester is in a coastal bay, not the Chesapeake, making it an interesting situation to deal with.

It is difficult to get some agriculture records, whether or not they have a good grasp of BMPs on the land.

There is an effort to channel county NGO efforts.

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Baltimore City is engaged, especially with storm water and wastewater.

Does the bay program model accurately account for street sweeping?

Can use help with trash and sanitary sewer overflows.

***Baltimore County***

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| Renegotiate CREP.   |
| Require all areas to have BAT, not just critical areas.       |
| Set more ambitious goals for agriculture.                     |
| Look into multi-functional riparian buffers like those in PA. |
| Address credit competition.                                   |
| Lobby for money in the farm bill for BMP funding.             |

***Carroll***

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| Increase funding for storm water.              |
| Increase technical assistance for maintenance. |
| Expand MACS.                                   |
| Give information sooner rather than later.     |

***Harford***

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| Explain how the Conowingo WIP affects the county.                    |
| More state and county inspectors.                                    |
| Engagement with municipal county public works, not just planting.    |
| Create incentives for private landowners (like MD mortgage program). |
| Help encourage trading for permanent agriculture practices.          |

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

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| Wanted to note that MDE has been helpful to Federalsburg. MDE helped their storm water project, but they still need funding for implementation. |
| Stress Co-benefits, and work to get more precise and scientific information about co-benefits.  |
| Make it clearer which state staff should be contacted and where to find web resources.  |
| Increase access to the Bay Restoration Fund for storm water projects and for agriculture projects beyond cover crops.                           |
| Recognize that agriculture is doing more than its fair share.   |

Improve leases to improve the quality of conservation practices on leased lands.

***Cecil***

Provide information on permit requirements

Give us information on how to plan for 2022

Educate elected officials

Address growth and incentives

Recognize that agriculture storm water is more than poultry. There needs to be whole farm conservation planning

Improve communication with constituents

***Kent***

Additional Soil Conservation District technician for nutrient management

Dedicated urban storm water funding

Grant-Writing assistance

***Queen Anne's***

Give counties more information on practices that have worked well

Streamline permitting

Recognize that when agriculture numbers were set that it was assuming adequate funding and staff

Address climate change.

***Talbot***

Expediting county permits for restoration projects

Give more funds

Engineering assistance for agriculture

Reallocation of the Bay Restoration Fund

Work with local jurisdictions to complete inventories and set goals.

Increase outreach about status and milestones to the public along with elected officials



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| Uniform tracking system and time requirements for meeting certain goals |
| Give more information about permitting and requirements                 |

**Central MD: South**  
***Anne Arundel***

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| More stress on co-benefits  |
| Streamline permitting   |
| Use TMDL implementation plans to get global improvements            |
| Improve relations with private property owners                      |
| Credits against storm water fee - 60 to 70% of projects are private |

***Howard***

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| Funding  |
| Circuit rider who can help with technical assistance                       |
| Increase bay trust fund  |
| Communicate ongoing progress and CIG opportunities                         |
| Look at financial assurance plans and see differences and lessons to learn |

***Montgomery***

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| Permit information ASAP                         |
| Increased technical assistance                  |
| Streamline permits                              |
| Funding   |
| More information in plain English - no acronyms |
| Address the issue of deer                       |

***Prince George's***

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| Need more money for maintenance        |
| Need data for modeling and maintenance |

Help in convincing communities to improve septic

## **Southern MD**

### ***Calvert***

Resources for Septic

Funding

Technical assistance

### ***Charles***

Increase BMP verification training

Facilitate more meetings with stakeholders

Facilitate peer to peer information between sectors

Coordinate with counties in a region to figure out crediting concerns

### ***St. Mary's***

Urban staff support from MDE for sediment erosion in St. Mary's

## **Western MD**

### ***Allegany***

Help target private landowners for involvement

More funding relative to project needs

Why is there no watershed restoration specialist in western MD?

Educate local officials and public

Take emphasis away from the Chesapeake in areas where this is less relevant

### ***Frederick***

Report out on sector and watershed progress on CAST

Streamline reporting systems across sectors or facilitate information sharing between counties on how to streamline

### ***Garrett***

Funding

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| Staffing that is dedicated to WIP work                          |
| Tree planting - communication of benefits and reclamation sites |
| Discuss regulation and policy changes                           |

**Washington**

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| Assistance with septic plan assistance  |
| Circuit riders  |
| Fund septic BAT tank and drain field  |
| Tax credits for implementing water quality practices                                  |
| Create a web source to find contacts by topic (similar to “311” in Montgomery County) |
| Create “Urban SCD” to help private landowners   |

**Question 3 - What opportunities can you imagine for coordination/collaboration?**

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

**Dorchester**

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| Collaboration between county agencies to ensure that all BMPs are being credited.                                       |
| Poultry storm water practices done even before required by the state. The question is, how those do those get recouped? |

**Somerset**

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| Learning from other counties’ successes. Could use a staffer dedicated to county collaboration (Watershed Specialist vs Circuit Rider) |
| Could benefit from the Soil Conservation District model for sharing information between county urban sectors.                          |

**Wicomico**

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| Peer to peer communications between counties. |
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**Worcester**

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**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

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| Green planning and green infrastructure planning.                            |
| Partnerships with private property owners.                                   |
| Permitting innovations.  |
| Move beyond street sweeping by finding more efficient return on investments. |
| Connect consent order for fixing wastewater to TMDL.                         |

***Baltimore County***

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| More local and state communication.   |
| Promoting the benefits of a clean bay to excite people about cleanup efforts. |
| Central database for BMP information with ownership of credits included.      |
| Detailing of co-benefits.   |
| Collaborate to increase public education on water quality issues.             |
| Increased tree planting.  |

***Carroll***

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| Breaking down silos.                       |
| Mentoring the next generation (education). |
| Tree Planting                              |
| Grant funding                              |

***Harford***

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| Peer to peer information sharing.                   |
| Regional meetings to share with neighboring states. |
| Counties come to the neighborhoods.                 |

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

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| More projects similar to Envision Choptank.          |
| Find local partners to better establish co-benefits. |
| Taking advantage of federal grant opportunities.     |
| Get access to experts and collaboration for funding. |

***Cecil***

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| Collaborating on funds especially with State Highway Administration. |
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***Kent***

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| More communication of partnerships - for example: Shore Rivers with Soil Conservation Districts |
| Collaborate to provide training in technical topics   |

***Queen Anne's***

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| Collaboration between NGOs and the county                            |
| Identification of buffer gaps and prioritization                     |
| Fee in lieu funds  |
| Watershed education in schools - pursue WIP credit                   |
| Coordinate between sectors and with the state                        |
| Work together to figure where credits go when sectors do collaborate |

***Talbot***

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| Water quality trading   |
| Collaborate regarding roadside ditch retrofits                                      |
| Use "Envision the Choptank" as a model for coordination and collaboration           |
| Engage the various State Highway Administration districts across the Eastern Shore. |

**Central MD: South**

***Anne Arundel***

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| Education of contractors - through extension and watershed stewards academy |
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| Coordinating with volunteer groups for BMP implementation |
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***Howard***

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| Circuit riders |
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| Case study information in a database to make BMP information more accessible |
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| Collaboration between restoration partners and local government decision-makers |
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***Montgomery***

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| Peer to peer information sharing |
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| Coordination to breakdown silos |
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| Central location where needs can be listed to find shared needs and collaborators |
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| Increased education for developers and HOAs |
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***Prince George's***

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| Private property owners and developers |
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| Coordination between organizations and the county |
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**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| Having all county points in the same room |
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| Permit assistance |
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| Personalized meetings |
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***Charles***

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| Define roles for NGOs |
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***St. Mary's***

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| Internal organization in the county and Soil Conservation District collaboration |
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| Soil Conservation District collaboration with the department of public works |
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| Need barriers between MDE and Critical Area communication about tree removal and living shoreline |
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**Western MD**

***Allegany***

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| Water Quality Trading     |
| Support for MAST training |

***Frederick***

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| Communication at the local and state level                       |
| Circuit rider who can help schedule meetings                     |
| Develop quick funding options - specifically to address flooding |

***Garrett***

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| More collaboration with the state on reclamation  |
| Canaan Valley Institute   |
| Engineering staff to help soil conservation districts to partner with other organizations |
| Contract services per project and regionally  |

***Washington***

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| State association conservation districts or county wide cost-share for urban grants              |
| Regional partnerships (Ex: bond between Washington and Frederick because of history and biology) |

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**Question 4 - What opportunities can you imagine for sharing costs?**

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

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| Sharing of costs for maintenance. Possibly a certified landscape contractor doing program between jurisdictions, help expedite that and cut costs. |
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***Somerset***

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| Somerset is a poor county. Commissioners have a small budget and don't want to raise taxes. |
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Private funding is difficult to get. NGO funding is difficult to get, politically, too. Grant proposals from Somerset can't compete with other counties and projects because they don't impact as many people and there is a low cost-benefit to funding them.

Cost-sharing with grant makers is tough with the county budget.

Trading could step in to help with cost-sharing.

***Wicomico***

No comment recorded.

***Worcester***

Local Partners

Watershed Specialists

Private partnerships

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Incentivize using storm water tax relief.

***Baltimore County***

Develop water quality trading markets.

Storm water utility fee

Private/public partnerships like examples in Prince George's County.

***Carroll***

Work with developers and NGOs

Dedicated portion of property tax for storm water management

Storm water ponds under county control

When commercial storm water ponds fail, the county should partner with them

***Harford***

DOT - Shelf-ready projects

Matching up land with money



Matching up projects with money.

### **Upper Eastern Shore**

#### ***Caroline***

Using the Bay Restoration Fund more efficiently by finding cost-effectiveness of Agriculture v Storm water.

Take advantage of federal grant opportunities.

#### ***Cecil***

Money from the federal government

Grant writing

permits

Staffing

Private contractors covering up front costs, especially on stream restoration.

#### ***Kent***

Storm water review and design

Expand county storm water review to independent certified engineer (part-time or contract)

Analysis of buffer planning

Report living shoreline projects

#### ***Queen Anne's***

Private property owners

Cost share from state for MACS

#### ***Talbot***

Pay for nitrogen inhibitors in fertilizer

Southern Kent Island (S.K.I.) is a model for funding sewer expansion

### **Central MD: South**

#### ***Anne Arundel***

Utilities should cost share where there is infrastructure protection

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| Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund |
| Bay Restoration Fund      |
| Private Sector            |
| Fee in lieu               |

***Howard***

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***Montgomery***

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| Water Quality Trading                                 |
| Cost share private agricultural nutrient plan writing |
| Collaboration with the State Highway Administration   |
| Creating a clearing house to determine shared needs   |

***Prince George's***

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| Cost-sharing infrastructure money                  |
| Fee in lieu funds                                  |
| Use workshops to further discuss maintenance costs |

**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| County fees  |
| Shoreline protections  |
| Agriculture for increased preservation / forest conservation and restoration |

***Charles***

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| Cost-share for shoreline restoration |
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***St. Mary's***

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| Federal money from the NAVY to assist with land conservation and preservation |
| Money for non-rural legacy lands  |

Cost-share for shoreline restoration

**Western MD**

***Allegany***

Cost-share with non-profits - TNC is very active in this area

Cost sharing with stream restoration

***Frederick***

Flooding mitigation and water quality improvement

***Garrett***

Tree planting incentive

***Washington***

Circuit riders to help get grants

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Question 5 - What barriers do you see for achieving 2025 targets or maintaining them beyond 2025?

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

State funding has been reduced. This reduction had a major impact on the lower shore. Drainage issue and maintenance of drainage structures been impacted.

Forest management a significant issue. Forest not being maintained as well on state lands and that impacts drainage.

Right of way issues. Often in Dorchester, there's not enough right of way, or maybe the county has not actually gotten the actual deed of easement tidal connections for those ditches.

Staffing

Climate change and extreme weather events

Informed public. How do we get more people involved?

Wetland migration in lower Dorchester impacts land use

***Somerset***

Flooding and drainage is only going to get worse.

Saltwater intrusion, lessening access to fresh water. Sea level rise is ruining timber and companies don't want it. Need SWI mitigation solution.

***Wicomico***

Need money from the farm bill.

Need funding for BMP maintenance.

***Worcester***

Lack of growth in the Chesapeake Bay region.

The cost associated with hooking up septic. Mobile home park owners the cost is extraordinary. Maybe a public-private partnership could help. And getting landowners interested in putting in practices.

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Lack of tools.

Long term structural investment.

State's failure to invest in non-vehicle/car transportation impedes conversion to green space.

Barriers to smart growth - local issue is adequate public facilities ordinance.

***Baltimore County***

Resistance to tree planting.

Lack of enforcement of regulations at state and local level.

Misinformation

Over reliance on short term projects

Not enough funding for reservoirs.

***Carroll***

Climate change

Landowner participation

Credit competition

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| Staffing               |
| Timelines              |
| Funding                |
| Storm water Management |

***Harford***

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| Plantings need more maintenance programs.                          |
| Old septic without access to public sewers.                        |
| Private landowners.  |
| Phase 2 MS4 is very expensive and cannot compete with agriculture. |

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

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| Staffing   |
| Funding  |
| Not enough resources for Soil Conservation Districts.                    |
| Tax laws   |
| Private landowners   |
| Agriculture wetland reserve program because storm water BMPs are better. |
| Lack of flexibility with MDE and EPA.                                    |
| Lack of tax incentives to keep agricultural land in agriculture.         |
| Climate change   |
| Parking lot retrofits  |
| Towns on septic  |

***Cecil***

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| Public sewer connections  |
| Adversarial relationships between the county and state                        |
| Bay Restoration Fund Program -- When personnel changes so do decision points. |

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| Response time from MDE                                   |
| Staffing   |
| Funding -especially with shifting priorities of grantors |

***Kent***

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| Funding   |
| Staffing  |
| Public will   |
| Uncertainty of growth - proposed bridge to Kent and 301 extension   |
| Permitting - the length of time and mismatch with cost-share cycles |

***Queen Anne's***

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| Funding                |
| Staffing               |
| Climate Change         |
| Private Property       |
| Increased in paperwork |

***Talbot***

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| Changes in environmental regulations such as Clean Air Act |
| Technical assistance                                       |
| funding  |
| staffing   |
| Change in land ownership                                   |
| Climate change   |
| Reliance on annual practices                               |
| Maintenance  |

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| Political will |
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**Central MD: South**  
***Anne Arundel***

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| Model assumes compliance which does not always happen |
| Funding   |
| Technical assistance                                  |
| Resources like stone                                  |
| Qualified contractors and staffing                    |
| Private property owners                               |

***Howard***

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| Funding  |
| Staffing   |
| Private Property Owners  |
| Capping acres for practices in the Watershed model count prevent good projects |

***Montgomery***

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| Funding                    |
| Staffing                   |
| Timelines                  |
| Coordination of sectors    |
| Misinformation             |
| Lack of shared information |

***Prince George's***

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| Private property owners                      |
| Data reporting at the state and county level |
| Funding                                      |

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| Staffing           |
| Legacy storm water |

**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| Funding                                |
| Lack of Southern MD priority in septic |
| Soil that is susceptible to erosion    |
| Development                            |
| High water table                       |
| Lack of technical assistance           |

***Charles***

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| Funding        |
| Outdated data  |
| Misinformation |

***St. Mary's***

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| Landowner adoption   |
| Maintenance after 2025   |
| Short timelines  |
| Developing Water Quality trading markets                               |
| Metcom (water services in St. Mary's) has little capacity for increase |
| Defunct HOAs and lack of storm water management                        |
| Need for property acquisition for restoration action                   |

**Western MD**

***Allegany***

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| Politics |
| Funding  |



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| Timelines                 |
| Staffing                  |
| Conservation plan writing |

***Frederick***

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| BMP maintenance                              |
| Staffing                                     |
| Timelines                                    |
| Value of pound of N or P in nutrient trading |

***Garrett***

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| Limited Staff in the county and soil conservation districts          |
| Local attitudes (not near the Chesapeake, have plenty of trees etc.) |
| Limited opportunities and acres                                      |
| Less impact/result per project                                       |

***Washington***

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| Lack of Programs for private lands          |
| Lack of Education for public and landowners |

**Question 6 - What's missing?**

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

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| Maintenance funding |
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***Somerset***

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| Uncertainty in counting the BMPs on the ground. |
| Funding   |

***Wicomico***

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| General Public Outreach.   |
| Commercial and business outreach for landscapers and emphasis on green jobs and the people from the county and our group |

***Worcester***

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| Staffing  |
| Funding   |
| An understanding of how the tracking and monitoring system works. |

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

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***Baltimore County***

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| Aligning for growth information |
| Holistic conservation model.    |

***Carroll***

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| Important information - like about permitting.                                   |
| How do we know BMPs being put in are being monitored to verify they are working? |
| Landowner outreach.  |
| Public outreach.   |
| Technical assistance.  |

***Harford***

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| Conservation                           |
| New technology                         |
| Information on monitoring vs modeling. |

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| How to approach defunct HOAs, BMPs, and forests. |
| Conowingo debris and trash                       |

**Upper Eastern Shore**  
*Caroline*

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| Stronger connections to the health department.     |
| Flexibility with MDE and EPA                       |
| Tax incentives to keep agriculture in agriculture. |

*Cecil*

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| Reporting guidelines                |
| Circuit riders                      |
| Experienced staff at state agencies |
| MDE enforcement presence            |

*Kent*

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| Landowners       |
| Adequate buffers |
| Sea level rise   |
| Climate change   |

*Queen Anne's*

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| Concrete policies with further explanation |
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*Talbot*

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| Involvement with the general public (example: Watershed Stewards Academy) |
| Funding   |
| Political will  |
| A sense of immediacy  |

**Central MD: South**  
*Anne Arundel*

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| Funding                |
| Sector by sector goals |
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***Howard***

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| Water Quality Trading  |
| BMPs efficient enough to offset development                    |
| Incentives for private landowners                              |
| Dedicated funding for technical assistance (ex: circuit rider) |

***Montgomery***

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| The role of farmland preservation in growth management  |
| Aligning for growth   |
| An understanding of how proposed transportation will increase traffic, air emissions, and impervious surfaces |

***Prince George's***

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| Tree maintenance                          |
| Forest conservation goals for agriculture |

**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| Prioritization of geographic areas |
| Incentivizing septic pump outs     |

***Charles***

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| A central place for all necessary information                      |
| Verification guidance for living shorelines                        |
| More information on smart tool and reporting private/NGO practices |

***St. Mary's***

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| People with technical experience |
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| Distribution of state money |
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**Western MD**

*Allegany*

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| Funding            |
| Experienced Staff  |
| Adequate Timelines |

*Frederick*

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| Information on what is coming - regulations and permits |
| Information on how the model is going to change         |
| Get storm water guidance out                            |

*Garrett*

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| Appropriate branding for the region |
| Funding                             |

*Washington*

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| Education                     |
| Private landowner involvement |

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Question 7 - What other recommendations do you have?

[Lower Eastern Shore](#), [Central MD: North](#), [Upper Eastern Shore](#), [Central MD: South](#), [Southern MD](#), [Western MD](#)

**Lower Eastern Shore**

*Dorchester*

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| The permit process for drainage and flooding areas needs to be expedited for maintenance of those.   |
| Increased flexibility in storm-water requirements.   |
| Create an option in the funding process to get maintenance and monitoring. It does not make sense to have money for implementation but not maintenance and monitoring. |
| Expand sewer service and take septic offline.  |

Have the opportunity for relocation of residents from the lower parts of Dorchester that are dealing with sea level rise and erosion.

Eliminate berm infiltration ponds.

***Somerset***

No comments recorded.

***Wicomico***

Report card on a county basis.

Funders should include and require maintenance.

***Worcester***

Keep working at the county levels.

New officials to have the agencies come and talk to the officials. That interaction will drive what the staff can do.

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Look locally at population growth.

Be mindful of the economy when deciding to handle taxes and growth.

Partner with schools.

Pay attention to traffic patterns for increased emissions.

***Baltimore County***

Increase credits for mitigation.

Shift towards holistic conservation model.

***Carroll***

Cost-effectiveness should include carbon sequestration, not just water quality.

Make the permit process more flexible.

Increase technical assistance.

Dedicate a pot of money for urban and urban practices.

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| Create a coordinated clearinghouse for sharing of information. |
| Incentivize practices that reduce climate change.              |
| Encourage equine industry BMPs.                                |
| Focus on permanent practices, not annual.                      |

***Harford***

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| New funding strategies to best use resources.            |
| Incentives for BMP maintenance on private lots.          |
| Promote impervious surface disconnection                 |
| Circuit rider to help with BMPs, and data clearing house |

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

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| There needs to be a long-term maintenance plan.   |
| Use more woodchip bioreactors to take up nitrogen.  |
| MDE should let towns know about 100% funding for both Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) and Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) |
| Priority funds for municipalities and small communities.  |
| Create more opportunities with CAFOs and storm water ponds at poultry houses.   |

***Cecil***

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| Technical assistance in the form of circuit riders                                   |
| Educate the public and local officials   |
| Offer training on MAST or CAST   |
| Report what is happening in other states and statewide success stories and failures. |

***Kent***

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| Expand technical assistance with a circuit rider that can provide assistance to towns. |
| Create a tracking system   |
| Explore more partnerships like “Envision Choptank”                                     |

Address the competitiveness of grant funding

***Queen Anne's***

Streamline permitting

Technical assistance in the form of circuit riders (Watershed specialists are a good model)

Increase uniformity across county lines with state policies - commissioners change.

Something *less* than an easement

Checklist for creditable projects

***Talbot***

Provide opportunities and incentives for private industry and business parks

Use a targeted approach to address particular areas

Provide more technical assistance with a circuit rider to work across jurisdictional barriers

Consider a "public benefit" tax reductions for implementing BMPs

Local WIP accountability to increase support of local elected officials

Effective enforcement

Effectively capture all BMPs

Clearing house to facilitate trades

Create a document to address the comments from these breakout sessions

**Central MD: South**

***Anne Arundel***

Streamline permitting

Include Phase IIs in MS4 meetings

MDE - give us a draft permit

MDE - complete GAP analysis

Education for young people coming out of school - how to get them involved?

Internships

Chesapeake Conservation corps



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| Bettering coordination between county level departments |
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***Howard***

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| Circuit rider to address technical assistance needs |
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| Increase Bay Trust Fund |
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| Make clearer goals for some property practices - especially in MS4 counties |
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| Have more information sharing |
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| Incentivize private landowner involvement |
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***Montgomery***

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| Increased technical assistance |
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| Improved partnerships between MS2 and MS4 counties |
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| Create a clearing house to increase shared information |
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| Streamline the permitting process |
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***Prince George's***

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| Improve BMPs by looking at co-benefits |
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| Address climate change |
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| Increase the frequency of workshops |
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| Increased funding |
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**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| More reach with Bay Restoration Fund |
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| Increased technical assistance |
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| Increased funding |
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| More attention to cutting forests on steep slopes |
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| Streamlines development permitting |
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| Accelerate conservation plus work           |
| Incorporate emerging counties and road salt |

***St. Mary's***

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| Increased technical assistance  |
| Oyster BMP - harvest the tissue and not the shell to restore shorelines and reefs |

**Western MD**

***Allegany***

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| Increase funding                                       |
| Increase permanent staffing that understand the issues |
| Help fund conservation plan writing                    |

***Frederick***

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| Alter the funding formula ranking to include co-benefits |
| Increase funding   |
| Increase technical assistance                            |
| Provide more information ASAP                            |

***Garrett***

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| Coordinate outreach and communication |
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***Washington***

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| Increased technical assistance with circuit riders      |
| Increase inter-agency communication at the county level |
| Regular intentional meetings                            |
| Invite state experts to regional meetings               |

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Question 8 - How would you like the state to engage with you during WIP implementation after the Phase III WIP is finalized?

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**Lower Eastern Shore**

***Dorchester***

Individual county meetings to get into specifics for each county.

Invite local officials so they can understand the issues.

***Somerset***

A mixture of regional workshops and face-to-face meeting.

***Wicomico***

Regional meetings are good but include municipalities next time.

***Worcester***

Meetings at the county level.

**Central MD: North**

***Baltimore City***

Workshops about permitting.

Email - sign up and be able to opt in to see data.

***Baltimore County***

Watershed level participatory planning.

***Carroll***

Quarterly meetings.

***Harford***

Meetings that include neighboring states.

Counties come to neighborhoods.

**Upper Eastern Shore**

***Caroline***

No comment recorded.

***Cecil***

Webinars

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| Easily searchable online information                          |
| Engagement with circuit riders                                |
| Individual meetings with counties to form local relationships |
| Two-way communication - listen to local entities              |

***Kent***

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| Give us more concrete numbers                       |
| Be mindful of messaging on Conowingo                |
| Meet with Kent County TMDL committee after holidays |
| Invite county commissioners to the meeting          |

***Queen Anne's***

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| More is better!  |
| Regional Meetings  |
| Email  |
| Separating counties for breakouts was useful and appreciated |

***Talbot***

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| Send money  |
| Field days (to see BMPs in action)                    |
| Regional meetings (emails get overlooked or ignored)  |
| Regular press releases on status, goals, and progress |

**Central MD: South  
*Anne Arundel***

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| Quarterly meetings         |
| Elected officials training |
| Webinars                   |

***Howard***

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| Regional meetings with county breakouts |
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| Comments or feedback on MS4 annual and monitoring reports |
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| More regular feedback on agriculture milestones |
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***Montgomery***

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| Midpoint 2025 check in for each region |
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| Give information before the meeting |
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| No long hiatuses from the state agencies |
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| Meetings that are scheduled by counties and not facilitated by the state to encourage networking at the local level |
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***Prince George's***

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| Open invitation meetings for the region and county |
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**Southern MD**

***Calvert***

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| Resolve conflicting policies |
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| Invite private landowners |
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| State needs to visit each county to get things done |
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***Charles***

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| Regional meetings |
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***St. Mary's***

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**Western MD**

***Allegany***

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| Interact with each county |
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| Working in regions is okay but similarities are lost as that radius is widened |
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***Frederick***

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| Increase outreach |
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| Quarterly meetings |
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***Garrett***

County specific meetings

Webinars

Regional Meetings

***Washington***

State WIP liaison with county teams across sectors