

2006 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Suggested for EC Action

Restoring Healthy Waters

- Manure Strategy – Government by Example Using Manure on Government lands instead of Commercial Fertilizers (NSC)
- Federal Agency Tributary Implementation Plan (FAC/NSC)
- Urban Directive
 1. Regional approach to stormwater management (NSC)
 2. Regional adoption of common low impact development practices (LGSS)
 3. Regional reduced phosphorous fertilizer strategy/slow release N fertilizer (NSC)
 4. Businesses for the Bay goal (under construction) (TSC)
- Bay-Friendly Farm Bill – Regional Stewardship Fund (IC)
- Coal Tar Sealants Ban. There is very good and increasing evidence that driveway and parking lot sealers are a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAHs. These substances are toxic, some are human carcinogens (TSC)

Restoring Healthy Habitats

- New Overall Preservation/Conservation Goal (LGSS)
- Focused Wetland Preservation Goal (e.g. headwater stream habitat or wetland easements under threat) (LRSC)
- State of Forest Recommendations – (NSC/LRSC)
- Recognize the contribution of watershed organization – (LGSS)

Finance

- Identify federal and state funding for accelerating the implementation of agricultural practices (IC)
- Accelerate the development and implementation of the regional finance authority (IC)

Suggested for Updates and Potential Principle Talking Points

Restoring Healthy Waters

- Manure Strategy (NSC)
- Regional coordination of nutrient offsets and trading (EPA)
- Point source pollution issues – Progress (NSC)

Restoring Healthy Habitats

- Wetlands Restoration (LRSC)
- Fish Passage (LRSC)
- SAV Strategy (LRSC)

Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management

- Coordinated Bay-wide finfish, blue crab and oyster monitoring (STAC)

- Fisheries and Fisheries management. A discussion on how we will move from a species specific approach to fisheries management to a multi-species and ecosystem based approach to management (STAC)
- Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (LRSC)

Maintaining Healthy Watersheds

- Reevaluation guidelines (WQS)

Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship

- Improve communication of the state of the Bay report (CESC)

Finance

- Final direction on the formulation of a regional Finance Authority (IC)
- GAO Report Response and Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization (EPA)

Suggested for good things to do, but no EC action required

Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship

- Expand our multi-cultural and multi-lingual outreach efforts (CES)
- Work on forging partnerships with institutions of higher learning to integrate “Bay info” into curriculum and program (CES)