

ACTIONS – 2020-2021

Action #	Description	Performance Target(s)	Can you speak to any progress on this item?	Red/Green/Yellow: Do you concur with the color coding on this item? If not, please explain.	Are there lessons learned you want to offer related to this action item?	Next Steps
Factor 2: Funding for Implementation						
1	Increase awareness (e.g., providing presentations and resource materials to the CBP partnership) of the SRF program to increase coordination and leverage opportunities for NPS implementation	Increased leveraging of available funding resources	EPA hosted four presentations in 2020 and two in 2021 on using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program to reduce nutrients and sediment through nonpoint source implementation. EPA and NRCS held a local workshop on July 29, 2021 where successful approaches for using CWSRF to fund agriculture conservation practices was showcased. In 2022 EPA, MD and DE conservation districts held webinars to share success stories and discuss opportunities to use CWSRF to finance agriculture conservation practices. EPA is conducting research to identify successful approaches for marketing and using CWSRF for	Yes.	EPA and the CBP partnership should continue to communicate the benefits of using of the CWSRF program to implement nonpoint source practices to meet partnership goals. EPA should complete its research on successful marketing approaches and the CBP partnership should use the lessons learned to communicate the use of CWSRF funds to achieve its implementation goals. Continued engagement, collaboration and information sharing between state partners and EPA CWSRF staff will be valuable for improving access to loan funding.	Research suggests that conservation partners may be unaware of the needs and barriers that underserved producers face when accessing loan funding. Recommend additional outreach conducted in partnership with USDA and NRCS underserved farmer programs, local community food justice/urban agriculture organizations and Tribal partners may improve access to financing.

			agricultural conservation practices.			
2	Identify and discuss dedicated funding streams for technical assistance providers	Increased funding for technical assistance delivery in the agricultural sector	WQGIT and Budget and Finance Workgroup			
3	Continue to support implementing Phase III WIPs and 2-year milestones	Increased implementation	EPA (grant funding) and other funders			
4	Identify lessons learned from the Conowingo WIP financing strategy and determine if there are opportunities elsewhere in the watershed	Increased funding to support BMP implementation, particularly in the agricultural sector	WQGIT			
	Create pay for performance program proposal					
	Identify full-scale regional case studies to bring to the CBP					

	partnership for presentation					
5	Discuss development of incentive structures, working with NRCS, to launch pay-for-performance programs	Creation of a pay-for-performance program(s)	WQGIT			