

Healthy Waters Round Table

Starting a Collaborative (MD)

Collaborative Purpose:

Enhance the capacity of Eastern Shore jurisdictions to achieve local goals for healthy water through sharing knowledge and experience, maximizing limited resources, and partnering to secure funding and assistance.

Solutions:

- Convene electeds and staff from multiple localities
- Share needs, determine priorities as a community
- Establish workgroups that respond with programming, fundraising, and cost-share

Top 2 Challenges:

- Reconciling unique priorities
- Establishing a collaborative structure that works

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Takeaways/Lessons Learned

- Collaboration can work!
- Bundled project delivery reduces cost, streamlines implementation, and grows staff capacity

Best tools:

- Clear scope of work, jointly developed
- Flexibility, determination