

DWSPP - Ag Workgroup

February 6, 2019



Agricultural Workgroup Planning

1 **Communication Messaging:** Understand where we can make a difference; identify mutually beneficial goals and talking points.

2 **Partnerships:** Identify and collaborate with other standing groups

3 **Projects:** Leverage activities of other organizations and programs

4 **Funding Opportunities:** Bring money through funding pathways.

Work in Progress

Developing talking points for furthering conversations with ag producers, potential partners and funding organizations

Capturing contact information from watershed meetings, research on partner organizations and funding organizations

Maintaining a list of funding opportunities for reference.

Organize an information session/workshop for ourselves that focuses on funding SWP activities for Ag activities

Using Samepage.io to collect information

AWWA Govt Affairs - Outreach and Support

AWWA successful inserting language into Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (the Farm Bill):

- 10% spending on Conservation Title programs directed to source water protection
- \$4 billion over next 10 years
- USDA to work with utilities to identify and prioritize areas for SWP

Working with the NRCS is key to tapping these new resources, and following are recommended

- Connect with State Conservationists
- Ask about joining the State Technical Committee or Local Work Groups; these committees are established by law

Next Steps - Workgroup Meeting

Monday, Feb 11

- ▶ Discuss advancing dialogue with state conservationists
- ▶ Identify potential projects for discussion:
 - ▶ PA and WV have submitted proposals for funding through NRCS SWP Pilot Project
 - ▶ Discuss opportunity in Upper Goose Creek basin of Virginia; WIP developed and lightly funded through 319 funds
 - ▶ Identify opportunities in Monocacy/Catoctin basin in Maryland (TMDL?WIP process?)
 - ▶ Discuss Land Prioritization project with US Endowment for Forestry
- ▶ Discuss development of workshop to advance our relationships with NRCS and understanding of approach to funding SWP actions

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