STAC MEETING
CCMP Updates & Next Steps

Tuesday, February 20th
SUMMER ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Summer Engagement Summary

Online Comments
Stakeholder Presentations
Open Houses

Photo Credit: Thomas Davis, Brandywine Creek
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- Advertised on radio, website, social media, and in print
- Eight Open Houses
- Twelve presentations to stakeholder groups
- Summer Engagement reached over 700 people; with nearly 100 people participating in-person at the Open Houses.

Please see summary document for more information and analysis of feedback upon request (ebaumbach@delawareestuary.org)
# Key Topics

## Expert Workshops

- Creating, supporting, and promoting green jobs
- Conducting oyster restoration/shell planting
- Including climate change
- Installing green infrastructure
- Researching/monitoring the effectiveness of BMPs and Restoration Efforts
- Collaborating with high schools and institutes of higher learning
- Supporting or connecting with advocacy education
- Providing assistance to municipalities and the agricultural community
- Assessing and communicating the cost, value, or economic benefit of resources, ecosystem services, and environmental actions
- Creating, maintaining, and sharing databases and inventories
- Prioritizing and targeting places, programs, and elements for restoration, support, or focus
- Telling the story

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- Including climate change and resilience in the CCMP
- Working with municipalities, businesses, and industries
- Tying economics and value to ecosystem services
- Creating a central repository for information and current projects in the watershed
- Establishing baselines, especially for water
- Support for land use planning (re: water quality)
- Creating opportunities for technology transfer, especially for small organizations and coastal communities
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- Concern for funding
- Interest in seeing connections between CCMP strategies clearly represented in the document
- Including Departments of Transportation as partners, particularly for habitat goals
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1. Supporting the green economy (promoting green jobs and investment in green infrastructure and ecotourism)

2. Ensuring that climate change and resilience (research, monitoring, BMPs) is woven throughout the CCMP

3. Providing assistance to municipalities (especially coastal locations) and the agricultural community

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TOPICS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

• Stakeholders were sensitive to the omission of toxics.
• “People” and “communities” did not appear in the Core Elements as much as participants had hoped.
• Advocacy or advocacy education was routinely recommended.
• Facilitators had several Open House discussions about Environmental Justice issues and the importance of reaching underserved and minority communities.
RECENT DRAFT CCMP UPDATES

• Commitment to Diversity and Environmental Justice
  • Strategy updates in Strong Communities Theme
• TREB references
• Updates to strategy language/associated narratives
• CCMP Measures & Deliverables
NEXT STEPS

• Measures & Deliverables – *to be completed at EIC meeting on Feb 22\textsuperscript{nd}*  
  • Tracking CCMP progress  
    • CCMP tracking tool prototype  
    • Annual data collection process in concurrence with annual habitat/leveraging projects through NEPORT  
• Steering Committee reviews Draft Revised CCMP – *April 4\textsuperscript{th}*