

# Bureau Of Conservation and Restoration (BCR)

*Where are we going?*

# BCR – A Hybrid from BAMR and BWM

- \* AMD Treatment
- \* AMD O&M
- \* New AMD Treatment Sites
- \* Use of AMD for hydraulic fracturing operations

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- \* NPS management
- \* Improving waters
- \* CREP
- \* Conservation Districts
- \* Agriculture
- \* Chesapeake Bay Agriculture Programs

# BCR – Multiple Funding Streams

- \* AMD set-aside Fund
- \* GG Watershed Protection Program Funding
- \* Section 319(h) Program Funding
- \* Chesapeake Bay Program Funding

# BCR Structure

- \* 2 Divisions
  - \* *Watershed Restoration*
  - \* *Conservation*

# BCR Structure

- \* Watershed Restoration (38 staff)
  - \* AMD Program
  - \* 319 program
  - \* GG program
  - \* CREP
  - \* Improving Waters

# BCR Structure

- \* Conservation (10 staff)
  - \* Agriculture Program
  - \* Conservation Districts
  - \* Chesapeake Bay Agriculture Program

# BCR Mission

“Get dirty waters off the dirty water list”



# Implementing the BCR Mission

- \* Finalizing Bureau structure
  - \* *Looking at some internal manipulation of programs*
- \* Developing a Bureau Action Plan
  - \* *Identifying watersheds that will result in fulfilling the mission in a timely manner*
  - \* *Considering strategic use of funding resources*
  - \* *Focus increased attention to documenting “improving waters”*
  - \* *Encourage and cultivate partnerships with stakeholders to maximize use of limited resources*

# Implementing the BCR Mission

## \* AMD Programs

- \* *Revisit the set-aside guidelines and finalize a plan to move ahead*
- \* *Looking for priority watersheds of a manageable size and cost/benefit or*
- \* *High priority treatable discharges that will result in significant miles of stream improved or restored at a reasonable cost/benefit*
- \* *Maximize opportunities for funding these opportunities (i.e.. Utilize 319, set-aside, GG, Capital, and private funding)*
- \* *Balance new treatment investments with long-term O&M*
- \* *Balance the use of passive and active treatment technologies*
- \* *Utilize “sound science” in all treatment alternatives*
- \* *Encourage and implement utilization of AMD*

# Implementing the BCR Mission

- \* **Agriculture and Conservation District Programs**
  - \* *Training and technical assistance for agriculture related programs*
  - \* *Finalizing PAG-12 for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)*
  - \* *Developing an Agricultural Complaint Investigation model policy for CDs*
  - \* *Implementing and tracking the agriculture portion of Chesapeake Bay WIP*
  - \* *Implementing and possible expansion of the PA CREP program*
  - \* *Support to CDs and the State Conservation Commission*

# Implementing the BCR Mission

- \* **Watershed Support Activities**
  - \* *Providing more focus on documenting improving waters*
  - \* *Work to incorporate the establishment and long-term protection of Riparian Forested Buffers as part of projects funded by DEP programs*
  - \* *Continue implementation of Pa's Lakes program and completion of the National Lakes Monitoring project*
  - \* *Continue implementation and begin planning for revisions to Pa's NPS Management Program*
  - \* *Continue to provide technical support and assistance to watershed groups working on restoration activities*

# Implementing the BCR Mission

- \* Funding Programs
  - \* Watershed Stewardship Grants (Growing Greener)
    - \* *Focus on funding in priority watersheds*
    - \* *Include an AMD set-aside project solicitation in the GG program*
  - \* Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Management
    - \* *Focus funding in priority watersheds*
  - \* AMD set-aside
    - \* *Focus use of money in priority watersheds where remediation efforts will significantly improve or restore stream segments or designated uses*
  - \* Chesapeake Bay funding to CDs
    - \* *Target resources to implement the Chesapeake bay WIP*

# Moving Forward

- \* **Timeline:**

- \* *Meeting with Key stakeholders May 2012*
- \* *Draft Action Plan development June 2012*

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