

# **NextGen Milestones Discussion**

# NextGen Timeline

- September 8<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Comments on MCCC draft
  - We will still accept comments after this for the final draft
- September 18<sup>th</sup> – Draft sent to MCCC
  - September 21<sup>st</sup> – MCCC meeting
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for **all comments**
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Final draft to ARWG
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> – ARWG vote to finalize NextGen
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – MCCC meeting, **final NextGen plan presentation**

# Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

**Investment Needed Priority 2:** Improve decision-making processes for climate adaptation funding programs to prioritize investment in underserved and overburdened communities.

## Discussion Prompts:

- Who would be best suited to lead/coordinate this effort?
- How will this priority be funded (e.g., review and assessment of state investments, state agency coordination, deep community engagement, development of decision-making criteria, establishment of transparent reporting process)?
- What will be needed to ensure ongoing participation and reporting?

# Local Government & State Service Delivery

**Investment Needed Priority 1:** Work with local governments to develop regional scale resilience plans that address the needs of vulnerable and underserved communities and prioritize adaptation actions.

## Discussion Prompts:

- Is there regional collaboration and partnerships that may be interested in working with state and local governments to create regional resilience plans?
- Do regional resilience plans exist for specific regions of Maryland and if so, what impacts do they address and are adaptation actions prioritized?
- If regional climate impact statements is the first step to achieve this priority, do we have the regional data to support this action? What are the gaps?

# Climate Jobs & Training

**Investment-Needed Priority 2:** Target a “No Net Job Loss” goal where various economic sectors (e.g. manufacturing, forestry, food service, agriculture, fisheries, energy production, etc.) emerge or pivot to support climate adaptation. Success will be measured by average positive job growth, particularly for adaptation-related jobs through 2030.

## Discussion Prompts:

- What **adaptation-related** jobs and economies would you suggest be included in a job/sector analysis?
- Which relate to your sector group?
- Are there partners or contacts in the private sector or NGO community that could be engaged to advance this analysis?

# Water Resources

**Resource Ready Priority 3: Inter-Agency Funding Coordination** Establish a multi-agency task force within ARWG to coordinate funding resources to support the water sector's goals, working in collaboration with other ARWG sector groups, to expedite the process and identify mutual opportunities. Manage funds to create a robust project portfolio when securing federal planning and capital funds. Prioritize projects, facilitate technical support for proposal development, fund administration and project management in disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened, with preference for grants, as opposed to loans.

## **Discussion Prompts:**

- One milestone within this priority calls for private entities to participate. Are there any recommendations on who to engage?
- What would be their role?
- Are there specific water resources (quality, hazards, supply) that should be prioritized when pursuing funds for projects?

# Human Health

**Investment Needed Priority 1:** MDH partners with a university to produce an update to the Maryland Climate and Health Profile Report, with planned updates to the report every 5 years. The CHPR should include: (Mid Term; Long Term)

## Discussion Prompts:

- What information would you like to see included in a scope for an expanded Climate and Health Profile Report?
- How are you utilizing health data in your decision making?
  - This can be current utilization or future ideas – would help scope the CHPR.

# Working Lands and Natural Resources-Based Industries

**Resource-Ready Priority 2:** Explore opportunities to develop new markets emerging for agriculture, forestry and fisheries as a result of climate impacts and saltwater intrusion. Consider recreation as a non-traditional market.

## **Discussion Prompts:**

- Coordinating with planning, zoning, and working lands partners around barriers to market development
- Creating carbon-positive product lines, considering product life cycles and healthy landscapes
- Minimizing environmental impacts and innovating/repurposing “waste” materials



# Natural Resources and Ecosystems

**Investment-Needed Priority 2:** Identify and incorporate new natural resource and ecosystem focus areas into comprehensive, hazard mitigation, nuisance flood and other local planning documents to afford more protection.

## Discussion Prompts:

- Does the ARWG want to prioritize a common set of natural resource and ecosystem features? If so, are there data/map-based resources to support that? What other resources would be needed?
- What updates would be needed to guidance documents for plan development?
- What new program or regulatory updates may be needed to afford greater protection for resource adaptation (e.g. TDR programs, floodplain, conservation easements)?

# Critical Infrastructure

**Resource Ready Priority 3:** Within four years, compile and publish a comprehensive critical infrastructure inventory with ownership identified.

## Discussion Prompts:

- Does your agency currently compile and maintain a critical infrastructure inventory?
- How does your agency or organization handle managing critical infrastructure assets?

# Discussion/Comment Reminders:

## Do:

- Bring up any agency comments
- Highlight important legislative implications
- Recommend current initiatives that may have been overlooked
- Suggest relevant agency leads and partnerships

## Do Not:

- Focus on formatting and grammatical corrections
- Make federal or local program mandates (this is a state-level document)
- Need to solve all “resource” problems
- Add too much detail (this is not a work plan)