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Quantifying Ecosystem Services and Co-Benefits

STAC Workshop co-chairs:
Beth McGee, CBF
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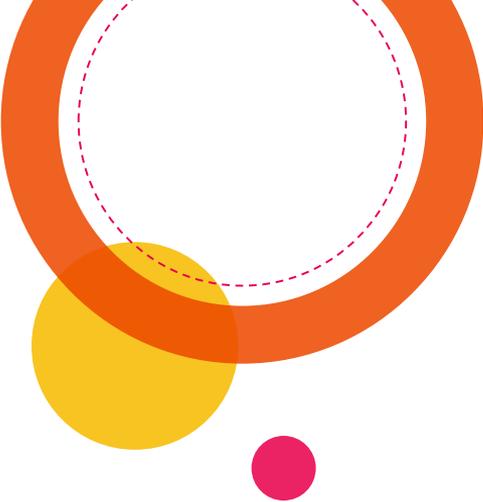


Workshop Goal

- Identify “ecosystem service” benefits of BMPs designed to improve water quality
- Discuss how they could be integrated into existing decision-making tools.

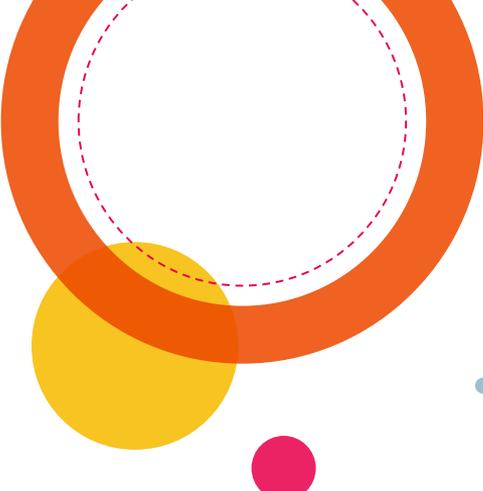
Workshop Objectives

- Develop shared understanding
- Identify which services/benefits are ready to go
 - Develop framework to institutionalize/sustain effort
 - Develop plan/schedule to implement recommendations

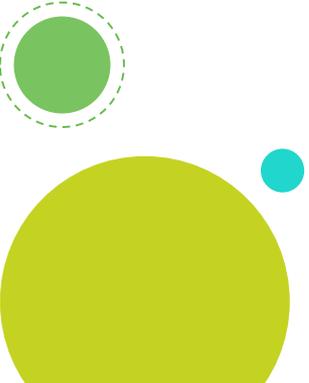


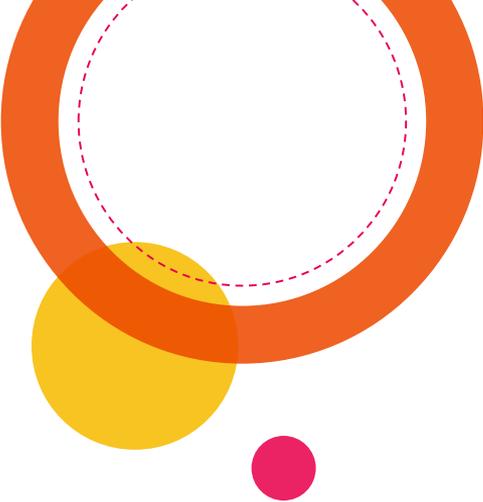
Workshop Details

- Held March 29-30, 2017
 - Annapolis, MD
 - 50 participants
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Priority benefits

- Ecosystem sustainability
 - Hazard mitigation
 - Recreation
 - Drinking water
 - Human health
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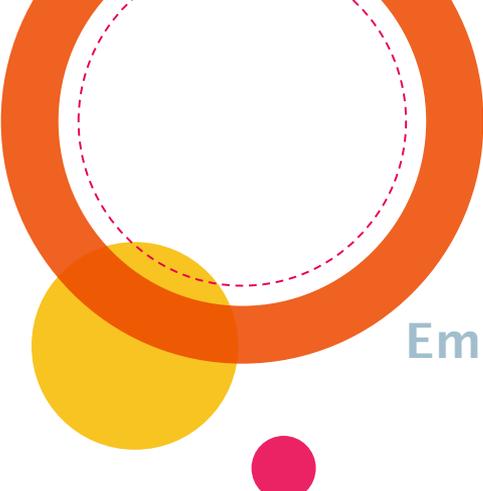


Key Observations

- **Uncertainty is okay**
 - **Location matters**
 - **Simplify language**
 - **Focus on local interests**
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Recommendations

- Implement in CAST (low hanging fruit)
- Pursue efforts for more quantification
 - Keep the process simple
 - Broaden stakeholder input
- Factor existing understanding into Partnership documents



Management Board request:

Embrace concept to establish process for
partnership to quantify benefits

Direct CBPO and Goal teams to
institutionalize this work and bring forward a
recommended path

Fund efforts to conduct a deeper dive

Help bring in more audiences



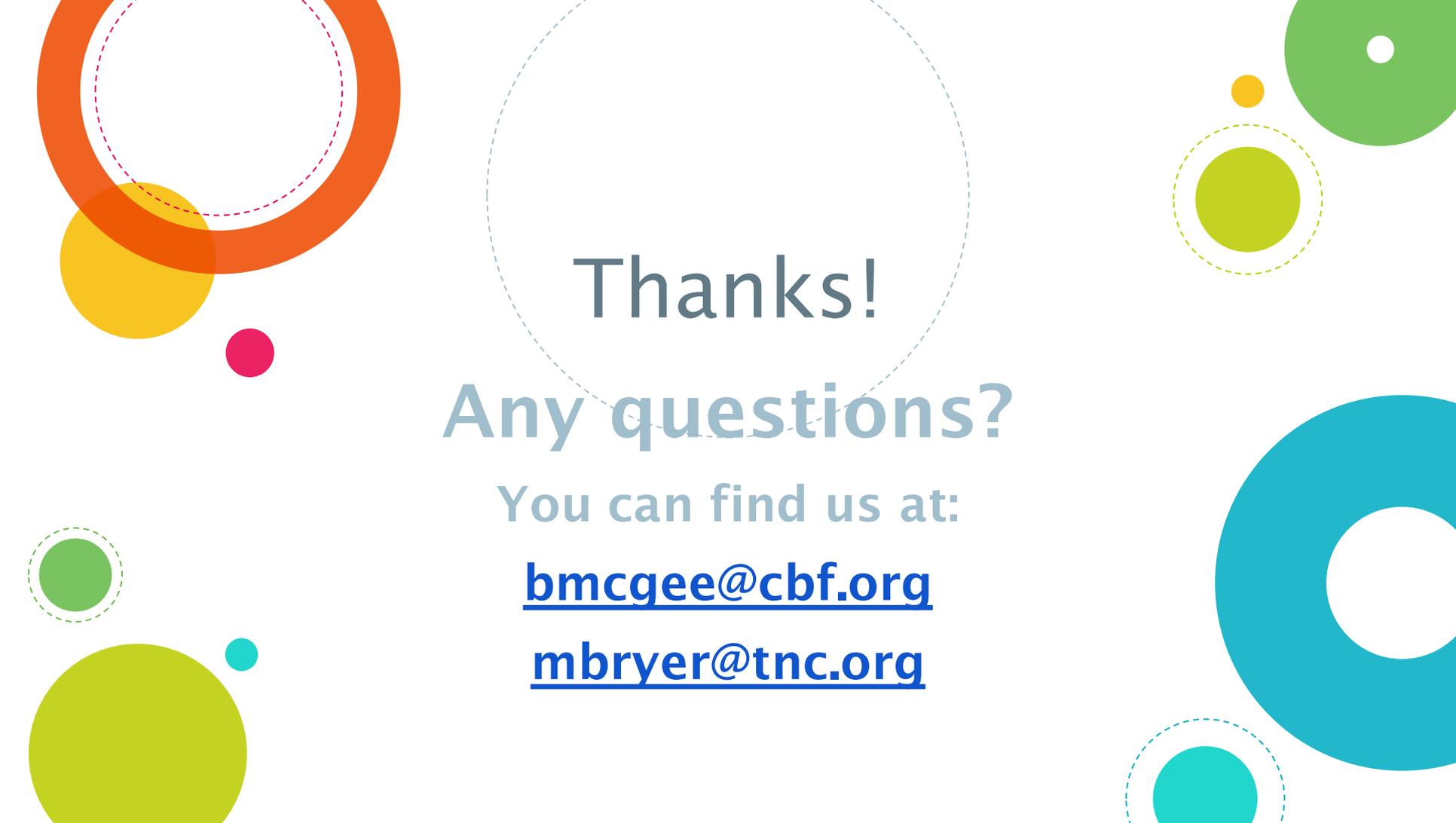


Next steps:

Move forward with changes to CAST

Huddle with Goal Team chairs in January
2018

Bring back a proposed approval process
or methodology in May/June 2018



Thanks!

Any questions?

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