

# NACWA's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Watershed Act

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# Framework

- Focus on the principle tenants of 1972 Act
  - Protect and restore the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters
  - All sources and activities contributing to pollution of our waters and degradation of the health of our watersheds should be identified and addressed



# Discussions with Stakeholders

- Series of meeting with selected stakeholders
  - Environmental Law & Policy Center
  - Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
  - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
  - Sustainable Agriculture
  - Association of State & Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA)
  - American Rivers



# Shared set of Principles

- Integrated Water Resource Management
- Watershed-based Planning and Implementation
- Prioritization
- Comprehensive and Innovative Solutions
- Improved Monitoring and Research
- Funding
- Enforcement



# Next Steps

- Continue to monitor legislative activities
- Work to encourage nationwide perspective
- Finalize Shared Principles
- Introduce our TCWA in the Fall