

## **Draft Wetland Goals, Objectives & Measures for Stimulating Discussion**

### **Goals:**

- \* Maintain no net loss of wetlands on agricultural lands at a watershed scale as of July 22, 2011
- \* Encourage the voluntary enhancement of wetlands on agricultural lands

### **Objectives and Measures:**

- ▶ Track losses and gains of wetlands on agricultural lands at a watershed scale as of July 22, 2011
  - Measure: number of Section 404 Permits issued on agricultural lands
  - Measure: number of new wetland acres created
- ▶ Recruit and assist agricultural operators to prepare individual voluntary stewardship plans that identify potential conservation practices that will enhance wetlands
  - Measure: number of stewardship plans completed
- ▶ Assist agricultural operators in implementing voluntary conservation practices that enhance the functions and values of wetlands on their property
  - Measure: number, type, and extent of conservation practices implemented
- ▶ Provide confidential assistance to agricultural operators about how to identify wetlands on their properties
  - Measure: number of consultations
- ▶ Prepare and distribute information to agricultural operators about available financial assistance programs for voluntary conservation practices that enhance wetlands
  - Measure: literature prepared and distributed
- ▶ Encourage agricultural operators to enroll in voluntary conservation easements or participate in acquisition programs for high functioning wetlands on their properties
  - Measure: number of consultations
- ▶ Promote a dual approach to voluntary conservation practices that enhance both wetlands and agricultural viability
  - Measure: number, type, and extent of wetland enhancement projects that created no net loss of agricultural viability