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