

Goal Team	SRS Outcome	Need	Completed? (Y/N)	More specific detail	Why is this needed?	Category	Other Goals/Outcomes This Addresses	Current resources/ efforts (Enter "Fully", "Partially", or "None")	Future opportunities/ capabilities that could address this need	Priority (Enter "High" or "Low")	GIS Comment	Relevant STAC recommendations	
Ecosystem Services		oyster reef restoration benefits and ecosystem services	No	More specific detail: Reason by Morgan State what are the benefits of oyster restoration? Researching oyster fishery, water quality, habitat, economic, fishery productivity benefits	to explain to the public/justify costs of restoration, need to synthesize oyster fishery, water quality, habitat, economic, fishery productivity benefits as BMP	Synthesis, Research	water quality, habitat	Partially - NCEM/USFWS research projects underway, i.e. study by Tom Blue and Scott Knoche evaluated the economic benefits of oyster reefs in Harris Creek showed expanded fishery resources	Future opportunities/ capabilities that could address this need	High			
Sustainable Fisheries	Fish Habitat	Potentially modify current BMP matrix to focus on habitat conditions		Under whether this refers to WP fact sheets, or a quantitative study (e.g. Teraviva)	Not a priority						Is GIS Team assistance desired? Will GIS data be developed or assembled? Will this data be made available to partners?		
	Fish Habitat	Regional Fish Habitat Assessment: 1. compile habitat and environmental, stressor, biological datasets; 2. analyze biological response data for relevance; 3. pilot fish habitat assessment; 4. conduct watershed regional assessment; 5. develop spatial tools useful to partners	No	Initiated with STAC workshop and FY2018 GTF funded project, will require extensive long-term effort with support from multiple partners	Needed to quantify existing habitat area and condition, and provide a tool to prioritize areas for conservation and restoration	Analysis	habitat, water quality	Partially - first steps initiated through STAC workshop and ongoing GTF funded project led by USGS and NOAA	WHP habitat assessment, NAWAC efforts	High			
	Fish Habitat	Is healthy habitat extent		Incorporated under Fish Habitat Assessment									
	Fish Habitat	Is spatial tools and datasets to map ranges and stressors		Incorporated under Fish Habitat Assessment									
	Fish Habitat	Connect fish and habitat survey data to spatial datasets		Incorporated under Fish Habitat Assessment									
	Fish Habitat	Explore options for monitoring programs to cover range of species		Incorporated under Fish Habitat Assessment									
	Fish Habitat	Explore cost-effective methods/approaches to phytoplankton and zooplankton monitoring	No	Determine key sub-sampling locations for interest monitoring, and develop cost-effective methods for collecting zooplankton data, continues to be brought up as a need	Needed to provide data for environmental modeling, and inform ecosystem factors influencing fishery populations	Monitoring	water quality	Dr. Bi at UMCES using sonar and other imaging techniques to understand plankton distributions, previously funded at DNR		Low			
	Fish Habitat	Develop shallow water monitoring survey proposal for gaps	No	Develop a shallow water monitoring plan that can be incorporated into monitoring needs of other outcomes	Needed to identify existing surveys and gaps in tributaries sampled, and	Monitoring	habitat	Several surveys exist, conducted by MD DNR and VMMS (many more to have more data, not critical at		Low			
	Fish Habitat / Water Quality	Monitoring vertical water column habitat (DO volume and spatial extent for hypoxia)	No	Methods are being developed through FY2018 GTF funded hypoxia pilot project	Needed to pair WQ data with living resources	Monitoring			Partially - pilot project initiated for GTF funded study, will need to expand on pilot project to implement on a larger scale		Low		
	Fish Habitat	Pair WQ data with living resources data											
	Fish Habitat	Improved fish habitat maps		Incorporated under Fish Habitat Assessment									
	Oysters	Shoreline indicator development		Closely related to shoreline threshold analysis and inventory									
	Oysters	Oyster restoration monitoring	Yes	Research by ORP to develop standardized, cost-effective monitoring restoration methods based on success metrics	Needed to compare methods for restored tributaries across MPOA, will require long-term planning as more and more reefs need to be assessed. Also need to standardize across states to discuss Baywide restoration needs to assess if restoration is working	Monitoring		partially - NCEM and state jurisdictions support	What will happen after 2025?	High			
	Shoreline	Shoreline threshold analysis	No	Inventory to quantify the amount/percentage of shoreline type - natural or hardened; more data exist for VA but are lacking for MD	Needed to understand coastal development impacts to nearshore species	Analysis	habitat	Partially - ongoing GTF funded project, need depending on outcome of project recommendations		Low	Will GIS data be developed or assembled? Will this data be made available to partners?		
	Shoreline	Shoreline monitoring plan that can incorporate monitoring needs of other outcomes		Addressed above									
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SAV	Assessment of future SAV habitat availability in relation to climate change, sea level rise, shoreline alteration, and nearshore development to determine if segment-specific and Bay-wide SAV restoration goals are feasible.	N	This project would use the 1 meter resolution land cover data combined with bathymetry data, SAV data, and future sea level rise projection scenarios to determine if the segment-specific and Bay-wide SAV restoration goals are feasible. Results would inform potential updates to the goals.	Chesapeake Bay restoration success is measured by a number of factors, one of which is SAV coverage in the Bay and its tributaries. Each of the 92 CBP segments has an SAV restoration target, and significant resources are allocated to SAV restoration - both direct and indirect restoration efforts. If climate change impacts, such as sea level rise, coupled with population growth and development in the watershed will prevent SAV from being fully restored in any or all segments, this analysis will inform a review of the goals and any changes deemed necessary.	Date Gathering Analysis	As SAV provides a number of ecosystem services, including the provision of food and habitat for a number of commercially and ecologically important fish and shellfish, as well as resident and migrating waterfowl, erosion control and sediment stabilization, oxygenation of the water column, carbon sequestration, and buffering of coastal acidification, an inability to restore SAV to the designated acreage level will impact the overall restoration of bay health. Multiple fisheries will be impacted and other ecosystem services will be lost to varying degrees. Achievement of the water quality, fish habitat, blue oysters, fish habitat, blue oysters, black duck, oyster, forage, and wetland outcomes could all be impacted. Because SAV is one of the most easily visible indicators of water	Becky Golden, MS DNR, is a co-PI on a proposal w/ CMU and TNC for a project entitled "FY2019 Quantifying the benefits of natural and nature-based features in Maryland's Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to inform conservation and management under future sea level rise scenarios." This proposal will be submitted to NOAA once the federal shutdown is over. Some of the objectives of this project include re-running the SIAMM model with the SAV component and mapping SAV habitat under future sea level rise scenarios. If funded, this "first" would be at least partially addressed as part of this project.	Is GIS Team assistance desired? Will GIS data be developed or assembled? Will this data be made available to partners?
Fish Passage	None							
WQGIT/Modeling	Finer scale modeling	N	1) refine urban phosphorus sensitivities 2) investigate the impact of urban BMPs using SWAT and/or SWMM models.	1) to come up with a more robust representation of parameters that govern phosphorus simulation in urban areas 2) improve stream bank erosion simulation	Modeling			
WQGIT/Modeling	Implement an estuary model in local waters	N	Investigate if other models can better represent tidal tributaries	10-2017-2018 Jurisdictions with local waters assessments and implementation efforts	Modeling			
WQGIT/Modeling/Climate	Characterize uncertainty in the removal performance of BMPs due to climate change	N	http://www.chesapeake.org/links/links.php?link_id=280		Modeling			
Toxics Policy/Prevention	Explore establishing a consortium to share information on addressing PCB TMDLs and reducing their impacts	N	Many CBP stakeholders and jurisdictions have local PCB TMDLs. There is a need for a consortium for facilitation and technical exchange throughout the lifecycle of the PCB TMDLs for more effective reduction of PCBs.	Providing an opportunity for direct technical exchange between scientists and stakeholders, and between stakeholders to implement the local PCB TMDLs	Data gathering and synthesis			
Toxics Policy/Prevention	Improved understanding of PCB sources and fate in the environment to better inform PCB mitigation	N	Summarizing best practices for PCB track down, informing stakeholders of findings of ongoing studies in various source sectors, status and change in the environment as more data become available using EPA PCB analytical methods.	Contribute to achieving local PCB TMDLs and their overall reduction to improve conditions for fish and aquatic resources.	Research and synthesis			
Toxics Policy/Prevention	Improved understanding of BMP effectiveness for removal of PCBs	N	Quantifying co-benefits for PCBs from most commonly used practices for nutrients and sediment reduction.	Helpful to identify and encourage practices that may provide PCB removal in addition to nutrient or sediment reduction	Research and synthesis			
Toxics Research	Generate further information on mercury in the watershed (water, sediment, fish tissue)	N	Use Create a story map to summarize impairments due to mercury, and communicate ongoing studies of mercury and fish in the watershed. Inventory data to help document status and trends of mercury.	Determine whether further Chesapeake strategies are needed to supplement national efforts to reduce mercury impact on fish and fish consumption advisories.	Synthesis and Data gathering			
Toxics Research	Assess the effects of toxic contaminants on fish and shell fish in tidal waters	N	Need to inform presence of certain contaminants of emerging concern in fish and shell fish, ongoing studies to inform health of particular fish species in urban environments	Understand the influence of contaminants in degrading the health, and contributing to mortality, of fish	Research, monitoring, data gathering			
Toxics Research	Synthesize and communicate information to document fish health and wildlife conditions in the Bay watershed	N	Report and communicate results of studies to improve understanding of the influence of contaminants and other factors degrading the health of fish, EDC compounds and effects on fish conditions, risk assessment of EDC compounds with occurrence of interest and other fish health conditions.	Provide technical summary/ies to stakeholders of results for management decisions. Many of these summaries will be completed in FY19.	Synthesis			
Toxics Research	Document occurrence, concentrations, and sources of contaminants in different landscape settings	N	Inventory monitoring efforts by jurisdictions and groups for toxic contaminants and contaminants of emerging concern in surface waters, fish, and oysters and hooked mussels and identify any co-occurrence with nutrients and sediments in urban and agricultural settings	Understand occurrence and sources of toxic contaminants in landscape settings, and their relation to nutrients and sediment. To infer appropriate targeting of future resources for monitoring and mitigation	Data gathering and monitoring			
Toxics Research	Prioritize options for mitigation of toxic contaminants to help inform policy and prevention	N	Summarize further information about direct and co-benefits for mitigation of toxic contaminants and nutrient and sediment reductions, and complete quantitative assessments of toxic contaminant removal by BMPs. Further interaction between toxic contaminant workinggroup and other source sector groups (i.e. agricultural, residential, and stormwater).	Helpful in prioritizing BMP selection and quantifying co-benefits from nutrient and sediment BMPs in urban and agricultural settings. Work	Data gathering			
Toxics Research	Gather information on issues of emerging concern in the watershed to prioritize and identify related tasks	N	Information needed on new issues and potential concerns for action by CBP. Issues include pollutant toxicity, microplastics, and unconventional oil and gas; expand to also inform state of the science for harmful algal bloom toxins, chloride from road salt, perfluorinated compounds (PFAS), and coal combustion residuals	Helpful to stay informed of emerging issues that may have impacts in the Bay watershed in the years ahead	Other - informational			
2017/2015 WQPs	Determine cost and timeline for updating CAST BMP cost info	N	CAST does not have updated state specific BMP cost information beyond 2010.	Needed to improve cost quantification in CAST, and facilitate accurate understanding of funding needs	Data gathering and synthesis			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Compare observed and expected trends in watershed where differences were identified in the 95 presentation	N	Some divergences were identified between model predicted load-trend patterns and monitoring data	Investigation was requested	Analysis			Is GIS Team assistance desired to represent trends in attainment geographically? Will this data be made available to partners?
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Adjust, sustain and grow monitoring programs that are supporting water quality modeling and monitoring assessments	N	Tidal (includes long term main channel, shallow water & SAV) and Nontidal WQ Monitoring Programs have been growing	WQ Standards Attainment support and watershed bay wq living resource assessment support	Other - network planning			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Improve understanding of source sector contributions to N,P,S loading	Ongoing (Yr. but N)	Ongoing interest in best available understanding of load sources	The models, analyses that track change and inform targeting of BMPs are only as good as the data	Analysis			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Improve understanding of bay wq response to loads and BMPs	Ongoing	Ongoing interest in restoration progress to management actions/climate influences	Understanding bay response to watershed management is core to our adaptive management framework.	Analysis			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Improve understanding of bay living resources to watershed and bay management effects	Ongoing	Ongoing interest in actual and forecast living resource responses in the ecosystem that affect ecosystem function, commercial and recreational interests.	Understanding bay response to watershed management is core to our adaptive management framework.	Analysis			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Tracking/Explaining attainment/attainment deficit patterns and trends	Ongoing	WQ indicator needs/ongoing interest in tracking wq progress	Analysis results provides for understanding of progress in bay response to BMPs and directs targeting of monitoring and management resources	Analysis			
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Further analysis comparing expected trends in Bay water quality and watershed	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	WQ Criteria Attainment patterns summary	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Update in patterns in WQ standards attainment DO, clarity/SAV and chlorophyll	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Publish WQ Criteria Tech Addendum	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Implement new process to quantify trends in tidal WQ parameters	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	WQ results attained from 2 of 6 high flow events for mid point assessment	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Monitor high flow events at Conowingo	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Conowingo impacts on WQ monitoring plans	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	125 sites of nutrient and sediment samples	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Update loads and Trends USGS	Y						Is GIS Team assistance desired to update potential website and/or WQ data dashboard? Will this data be made available to partners?
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	USGS to update reporting/communicating of loads to Bay	Y						Is GIS Team assistance desired to update potential website and/or WQ data dashboard? Will this data be made available to partners?
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Expand on BEI report for add'l monitoring needs	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Incorporate Citizen Science Monitoring for WQ standards	N						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Develop targeted shallow water monitoring strategy	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Test watershed factors influencing WQ trends in tidal waters	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Release report/communication of nitrogen sources	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Compare observed and expected trends in watershed	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Improve knowledge of sed and N sources	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Use WQ data to assess PN's progress	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	WQ functions of wetlands	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Improve understanding of tidal water response to load changes	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Develop land cover dataset	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Enhance watershed and SPARROW model	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Examine Susquehanna reservoirs' impact on N and sed transport	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Assess N and sed response to management practices	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Incorporate BMP efficiencies and land cover/use	Y						
Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Conduct STAC peer reviews	Y						

