

Project Description

The Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) has been tasked by the Chesapeake Executive Council (EC) to prepare recommendations for the EC's 2024 annual meeting "that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025." The EC Charge identifies multiple considerations, including identifying opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes, and assessing the overall partnership to determine whether we are effectively listening to all stakeholders and have systems of evaluation and decision-making to enable meaningful action and allocation of partnership resources.

Important source documentation includes the [EC Charge](#), April [presentation](#) to the PSC regarding the Beyond 2025 work, the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed [Agreement](#) with its 14 principles that encompass our shared values and guide our work, our Governance [document](#), the [Strategy Review System](#) (the CBP's adaptive management system to manage our work at the outcome level), summary from the SRS Biennial Meeting held May 11-12, 2023-

The CBP has established a Beyond 2025 Steering Committee consisting of partner signatories, federal agencies, advisory committees, non-governmental organizations, and other partners with a first meeting on June 22, 2023. In addition to the described work areas below, we need logistical support for setting up meetings and supporting the Steering Committee work, planning effective agendas, and capturing notes during the meetings.

Work Products:

After the initial Kick-off meeting, develop an initial schedule for preparing for and follow-up from the first Steering Committee meeting. The schedule should describe what can be accomplished in advance of the June 22 Steering Committee meeting and by July 22, 2023.

Recommendations for a set of products and schedule leading up to the Fall 2024 PSC meeting will be drafted and presented at the June 22 Steering Committee meeting.

Elements to be included in the timeline should be drawn from the EC Charge and the PSC presentation, for example:

- 1) assessment of the existing goals and outcomes of the Agreement,
- 2) an evaluation of existing program implementation and processes described in the source documentation and other relevant items,
- 3) organizational assessment of the existing partnership structure to evaluate how partners and stakeholders interact and work together and identify impediments that impact attaining our goals and outcomes,
- 4) a functional review of the Bay Program to assess what works effectively and recommend opportunities for improvement where challenges and barriers exist.