

ChesapeakeDecisions:

Supporting the Biennial Strategy Review System

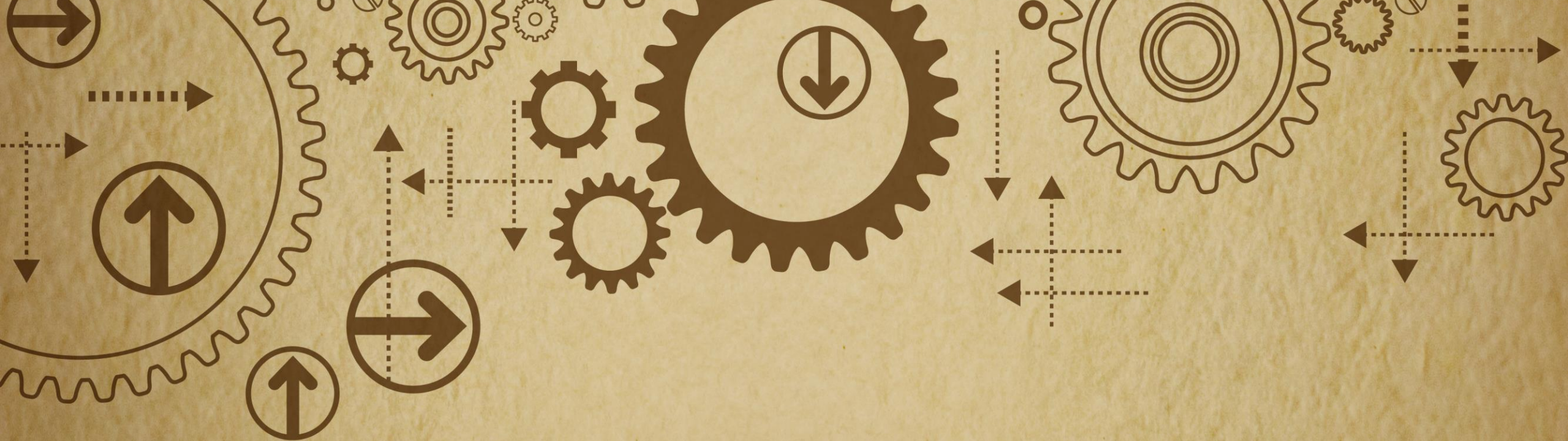
Update and Recommendation to GIT6 | June 6, 2017



Last July, GIT6 and the
ChesapeakeDecisions Project
Team gave a joint presentation
to MB.





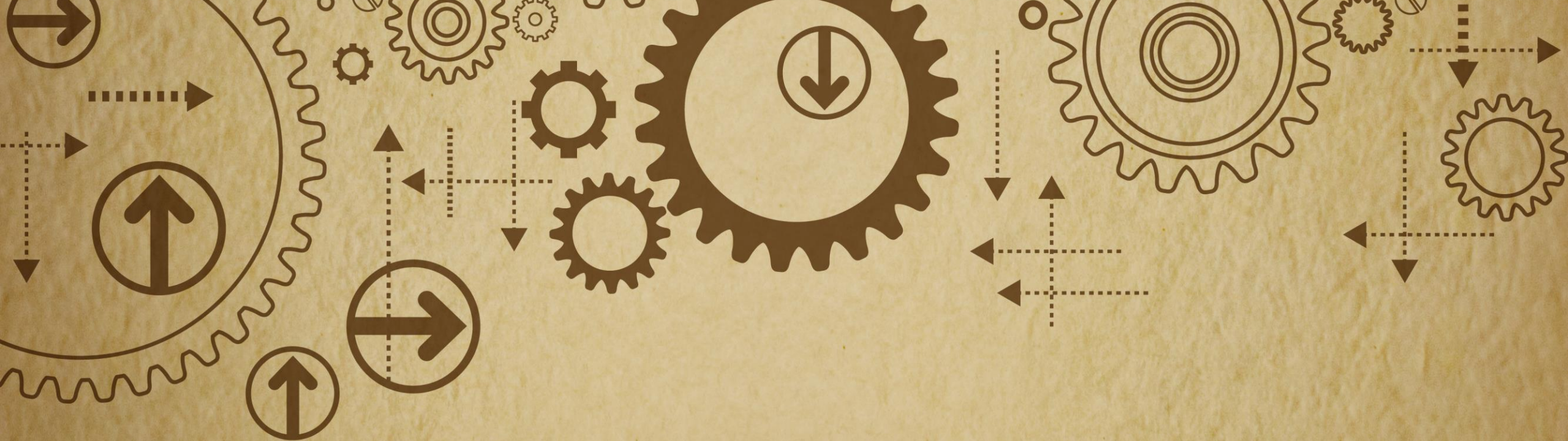


**Help us be transparent and
accountable to oversight groups.**



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PROGRESS



**Help us adaptively manage.
Help us work together to achieve our
goals.**



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DECISIONS

**ChesapeakeDecisions will serve as a
decision support tool that helps the
Chesapeake Bay Program and its partners
work together and adaptively manage their
strategies to achieve the goals and
outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay
Watershed Agreement.**

Research Findings



3 Parts:
Guiding Principles
Process
Product

Findings: Guiding Principles

**How We
Work**



**What We
Create**

Findings: Process

Clear expectations for Staff.





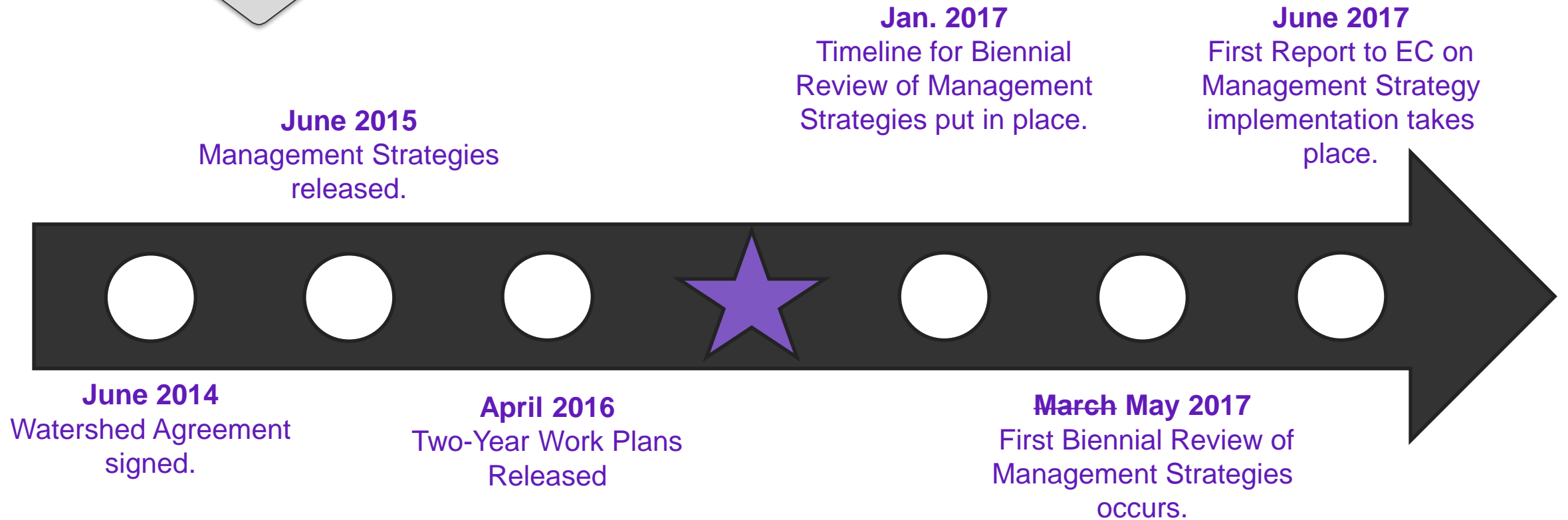
**A consistent workflow
and timeline.**

**A roadmap of adaptive
management.**



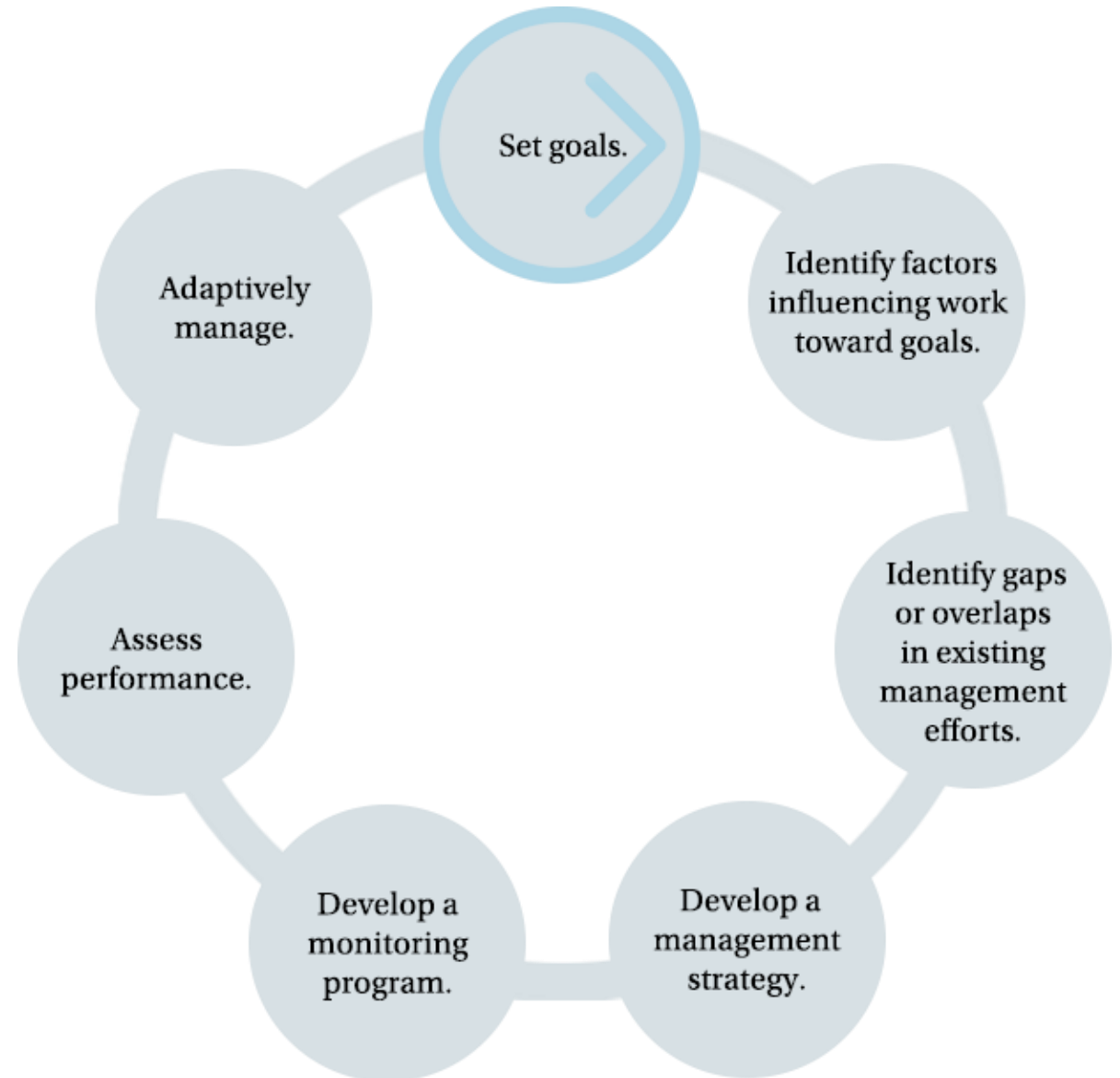
**Well-defined guidelines and
workflows can vastly improve our
workplace.**

July – December 2016



The Chesapeake Bay Program follows an **adaptive management decision framework**.

The partnership adopted this **structured, iterative, decision-making process** in 2011 and named it a core principle of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* in 2014.



How do we put this framework in place?

The **adaptive management decision framework** is implemented through the newly developed **Biennial Strategy Review System (SRS)**.





Quarterly Progress Meeting Calendar

Work continued...


- Many members of the ChesapeakeDecisions Project Team participated on the small SRS Team.
- The Project Team further evaluated the research findings.
- The contractor did a comparative analysis of project management software and worked on some concepts based on the product research findings.



Findings: Product

Three antique keys of different sizes and shapes are scattered on a dark, textured wooden surface. The keys are made of metal and show signs of age and wear. One key is a simple notched key, another is a more complex bit key, and the third is a large, ornate key with a circular bow. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the wood and metal.

Key capabilities that will be
integral to **any solution** that
supports adaptive
management-based **decision-**
making and **collaboration**
within the partnership.



Space to connect.

Visibility.

Highlight opportunities for alignment.

Share successes and lessons learned.



**Goal-setting and
decision-making.**

Documentation.

Discussion.

**Point out issues and
revisions.**

Meanwhile...

- In March, we brought on Aera Hoffman, User Experience Analyst, to support CBP needs in-house.
- In April, the Project Team met to discuss a path forward for ChesapeakeDecisions.
- We recommend that **Phase I** of **ChesapeakeDecisions** should support the **SRS** by helping **GITs** prepare for and participate in their **Quarterly Progress Meetings**.
- We also agreed that additional user research would be needed to refine our path.



**We have already received
feedback from some target
users in response to the
Quarterly Progress Meeting.**

**We want to ask our target users
more questions.**

**We need to better understand
their journey and determine
how to best support their work.**

The People

Healthy Watersheds (GIT4): Angel Valdez, Renee Thompson, Katherine Wares

Protected Lands (GIT5): John Griffin, Jonathan Doherty, Kate Baker, Amy Handen, Drew Pizzala

Stream Health, Brook Trout and Fish Passage (GIT2): Christine Conn, David Whitehurst, Jennifer Greiner, Steve Faulkner, Rich Starr, Mike Lovegreen, Mary Andrews, Julie Devers, Kyle Runion, Paige Hobaugh

Fish Habitat (GIT1): Sean Corson, Bruce Vogt, Gina Hunt, Kara Skipper



Recommended Next Steps

Continue to participate on the SRS Planning Team.

Targeted research through our User Experience Analyst | Aera Hoffman.

ChesapeakeStat team to evaluate results and propose options to the Project Team.

**Questions or
comments?**

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