

Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



Changes to Partnership Agreement Outcomes

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Background

- The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement is a signed document reflecting a moment in time and will not change
- The signatories anticipated that changes to Goals and Outcomes would be needed as we learn through adaptive management. Those recommended changes are to be approved by the PSC or EC.
- During the Quarterly Review SRS meetings, the MB reviews progress on each outcome and at times, our progress necessitates changes to outcomes.
- Those changes will be reflected on ChesapeakeProgress and other CBP web materials on www.chesapeakebay.net.

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Diversity

Current Outcome: Identify **minority** stakeholder groups not currently represented in the leadership, decision-making or implementation of current conservation and restoration activities and create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage these groups in the Partnership's efforts.

Revised Outcome: Identify stakeholder groups not currently represented in the leadership, decision-making or implementation of current conservation and restoration activities and create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage these groups in the Partnership's efforts.



Land Use Options Evaluation

Current Outcome: Continually improve our knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By 2016, develop a watershed-wide methodology and local-level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.

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Fish Passage

Current Outcome: Continually increase **available** habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in Chesapeake Bay freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migratory routes by opening **1,000 additional stream miles**, with restoration success indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods.

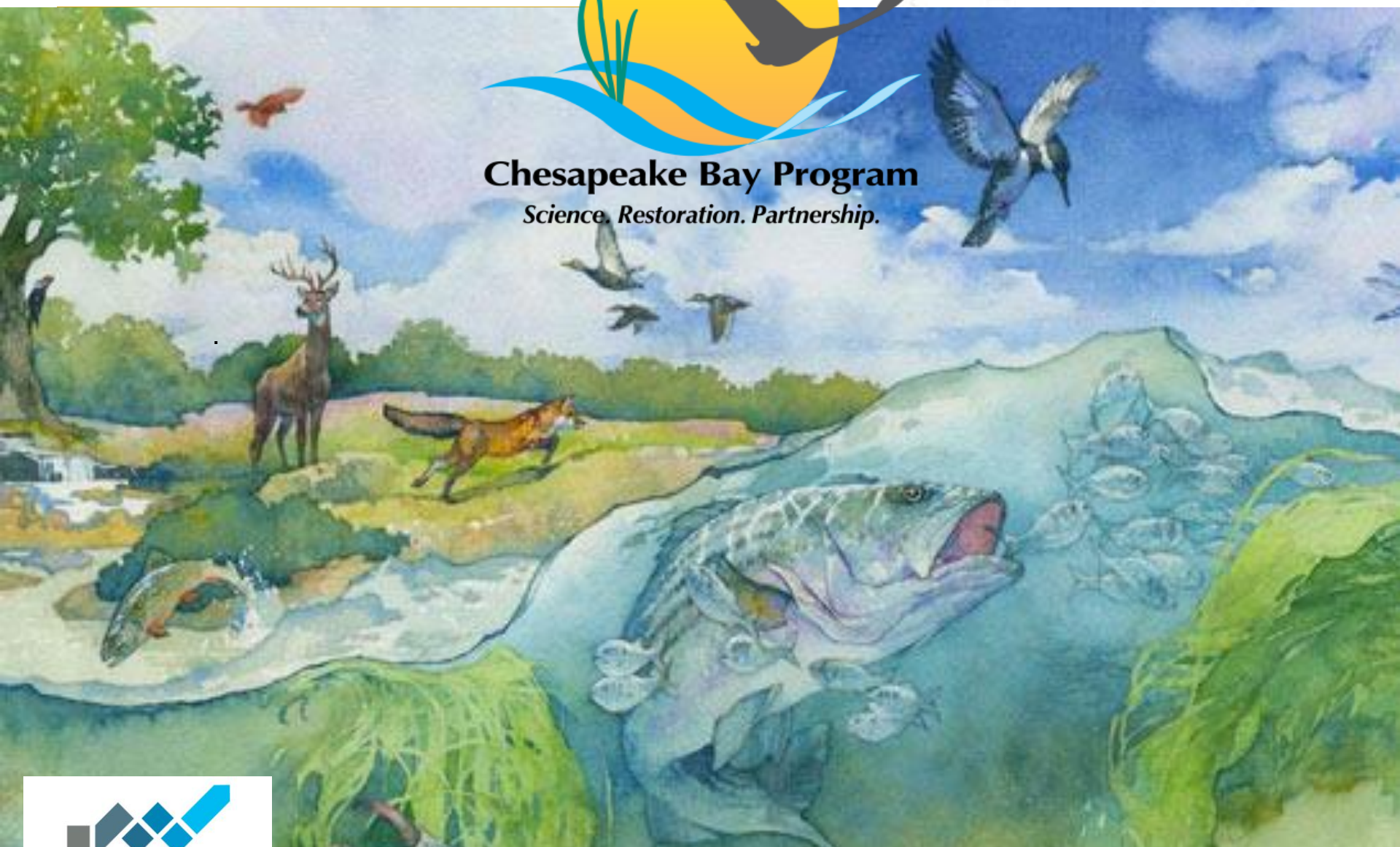
Revised Outcome:

Continually increase **access to** habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in Chesapeake Bay freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migratory routes by opening **an additional 132 miles every two years to fish passage**, with restoration success indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods.



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