

Healthy Forests and Trees Draft Management Strategy:

September 2026 Forestry Workgroup Meeting

Process to date

- Discussed Challenges and Management Approaches at July 1 FWG meeting
- Workgroup/Goal Team review period: 7/24-8/14
 - Optional office hours held 7/29
- Revisions: 8/17-8/26
 - Send revised version 8/26 (one week in advance of September meeting)
- Sept 2nd FWG meeting: Discuss any remaining issues before finalizing draft for goal team

Next Steps

- September 10th: Deadline for any final revisions/red flags before elevating Strategy to Goal Team
- September 11th: Management Strategy due to Healthy Landscapes Goal Team
- September 30th: Healthy Landscapes Goal Team meeting
- October 19th: Goal team provides Strategic Plan chapter to CBPO
- November 5th: PSC provides feedback on revisions
- December 3rd: CBPO provides full draft Strategic Plan to PSC
- Jan 5-31: Public Feedback period
- Feb-May: Additional revisions and refinements
- June 2027: Strategic Plan finalized

Revisions reflected in current draft

Baseline and current conditions section:

- Modified graphs to put progress in context of the Watershed Agreement targets
- Added average annual rate of change in the net Land Use/Land Cover change tables

Monitoring Progress and indicators

- Added acknowledgement of additional analyses that may be conducted in the future with new data

Revisions reflected in current draft

Challenges

- Added a new challenge to consider:
 - **Crediting and incentives:** Chesapeake Bay Program water quality crediting framework and state MS4 programs do not consistently incentivize forest conservation, reforestation and long-term management and stewardship
 - Does the FWG agree with including this new challenge?

Management Approaches

- Added text to make stronger connections between each Management Approach and the targets
- Clarified connections between Management Approaches and a focus on working with people and communities



Any additional questions
or comments?

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