



# BEYOND 2025: Public Feedback |





**WE WANT ALL THE  
FEEDBACK!**

- Public feedback period will open on Tuesday, July 1 and run for 60 days until Monday, September 1.
- Everything you need to know can be found at <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/what-guides-us/planning-for-2025-and-beyond>
- Feedback can be emailed to [comments@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net).
- Chesapeake Bay Program staff is available to talk with any of your members or groups about Beyond 2025.



## Thriving Habitats and Wildlife

Sustainable Fisheries  
Vital Habitats



## Clean Water

Water Quality  
Toxic Contaminants



## Healthy Landscapes

Land Conservation  
Healthy Watersheds  
Climate Resiliency



## Engaged Communities

Local Leadership  
Public Access  
Stewardship

# REVISED GOALS

# Healthy Landscapes

The well-being of the Chesapeake Bay depends on the health of the lands that make up its watershed. As communities within the region continue to grow, the demand for land and resources can put our waters and habitats at risk. Sound land use management and conservation of areas with ecological, historic and cultural value can reduce pollution, maintain healthy ecosystems and ensure the health of **forests**, farms and open spaces, all while supporting growing economies. These cost-effective strategies will help communities adapt to changing environmental conditions and ensure clean water for future generations.

**GOAL: Conserve, restore and enhance landscapes of ecological, economic and cultural value to maintain water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and increase resilience.**

## **Current Land Conservation Goal:**

Conserve treasured landscapes in order to maintain water quality and habitat; sustain working **forests**, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value

## **Current Healthy Watersheds Goal:**

Sustain state-identified healthy waters and watersheds recognized for their high quality and/or ecological value

## **Current Resilience Goal:**

Increase the resiliency of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including its living resources, habitats, public infrastructure and communities, to withstand adverse impacts from changing environmental and climate conditions

# Considerations to strengthen the new Healthy Landscapes goal

- Can forests be included/featured in the goal language?
- Will the public understand “landscapes of ecological, economic and cultural value”? Can we just say what these landscapes are- forests, wetlands, farms and community greenspace?
- Potential revision: **Conserve, restore and enhance landscapes of ecological, economic and cultural value – including forests, wetlands, farms and community greenspace-- to maintain water quality, provide habitat and increase resilience.**
- Wording suggestions to reduce repetition in goal preamble language (i.e. “maintain healthy ecosystems and ensure the health of forests”)

# Discussion

- Is there other feedback the FWG should provide to the Bay Program on the revised Watershed Agreement?
- Is there interest in providing a feedback letter from the FWG?