

Reccomendation	Small Group #	LGAC Priorities	Impact on Local Governments
Design and implement system-scale shallow water habitat restoration to include multiple practices (i.e., oysters, wetlands, SAV, and reforestation) that provides social, economic, and ecological benefits while also providing resilience and connectivity under changing land-use and climate conditions. A disconnected restoration project will have limited benefits, particularly in upstream areas of the watershed	Shallow Waters - 1	X	
Improve the understanding of connectivity and habitat function under changing conditions by expanding Chesapeake Bay and watershed monitoring and modeling to include continuous shallow water habitats.	Shallow Waters - 2		
Implement an active approach to climate adaptation in shallow water habitats that integrates vulnerability assessments for living resources and communities, alternative future scenarios, community engagement, and learning elements.	Shallow Waters - 3		X
Strengthen the connection between people and shallow water habitats by communicating the importance of these ecosystems and their socio-economic benefits to stakeholders. Develop active and sustained engagement with communities to understand their values and utilize social science strategies to develop stewards of our local waterways. Align actions and funding to these values and socio-economic considerations.	Shallow Waters - 4		
Balance accountability, resources, and effort in an equitable way across the outcomes. Manage shallow water habitats as an interconnected ecosystem that leverages collaboration among the Bay Program partnership and organization structure by minimizing rigid bureaucracy without sacrificing inclusivity. Adjusting outcomes and funding accordingly.	Shallow Waters - 5	X	
Utilize an independent expert on equitable and collaborative partnerships to reimagine the governance, structure, accountability framework, and decision-making process of the Chesapeake Bay Program.	People -1	X	
Ensure the priorities of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership reflect the needs of people and the impacts of a changing environment at the most local level.	People - 2		
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) must be a central frame from which all work of the Chesapeake Bay Program flows.	People - 3		X
Create intentional partnerships with networks focused on issues related to Watershed Agreement goals to learn from those networks and accelerate outcome attainment in collaboration with their members.	People - 4	X	
Create a budget and staffing allocation plan to support the strategic application of social science best practices, research, and synthesis to advance goal achievement and ensure partnership impact.	People - 5	X	

Revise the Accountability Framework associated with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to improve our management effectiveness.	Clean Water - 1		
Adopt a tiered approach to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL which prioritizes living resources response, near term benefits, and climate resiliency.	Clean Water - 2		X
Enhance coordination and use of monitoring and assessment results with an emphasis on guiding implementation through documenting performance.	Clean Water - 3		
Increase and incentivize nonpoint source management implementation and identify, track, and address nutrient mass imbalances.	Clean Water - 4		
Expand support for local government capacity.	Clean Water - 5	X	
Data, Tools and Monitoring: Using partnership-approved monitoring data, assessments, and tools, characterize and track watershed health at various scales to inform and increase implementation.	Healthy Watersheds - 1		
Planning: Support strategic green infrastructure planning for watershed health at multiple scales.	Healthy Watersheds - 2		X
Local Engagement: Increase the reach and effectiveness of Local Community and Partner Engagement through capacity building.	Healthy Watersheds - 3	X	
Watershed Actions: Integrate land conservation and stewardship more explicitly into the goals of the Bay Program	Healthy Watersheds - 4		
Measure Watershed Outcomes: Shift to an outcomes-based approach to promote protecting, restoring, and maintaining watershed health.	Healthy Watersheds - 5		
Develop and Implement a Framework for a Climate Adaptive Bay and Watershed of the Future	Climate - 1		X
Improve the resilience of communities to key regional climate vulnerabilities.	Climate - 2	X	
Promote Carbon Stewardship as a Holistic Approach to Climate Mitigation	Climate - 3		
Promote strategies for healthy and productive ecosystems under changing climate conditions	Climate - 4		
Promote regenerative agricultural production and regionally based food systems in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Climate - 5		