



Beyond 2025 Overview

Local Leadership Workgroup

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Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARGE

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Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. **At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.**

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TWO-STEP APPROACH

- Step 1 – By EC 2024, through efforts of a Steering Committee appointed by the Management Board, determine the scope and breadth of what will be undertaken to meet the EC Charge and develop a plan to complete that work.
- Step 2 – Execute the plan after EC 2024 acceptance and subsequent directives.

Goal

We will provide a path for the Chesapeake Bay Program that assesses where we are and identifies potential changes to what we do and how we work that will get us closer to where we want to be in reaching our shared vision for the Bay and its watershed.

STEERING COMMITTEE PLANNED PRODUCT FOR EC2024

Where we are

Summary of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement

- Charting a Course to 2025, Chesapeake Progress: Outcome Attainability
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, meeting reports, Advisory Committee recommendations, and more.

Where do we want to be

Vision

- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

What we do

Impact assessment

- What is the ability of our Partnership to positively impact each goal and outcome?
- Do we have the right outcomes for our goals and the right goals for our vision?

How we work

Assessment of our overall partnership

- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

Path Forward

Recommendation on what to do with the Watershed Agreement post-2025

Recommendations on the Partnership

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Steering Committee

- Jurisdiction/Feds/ACs/GITs/+
- Monthly Meeting Frequency

ERG (Independent Evaluator via Contract)

- Evaluation plan (EP) scoped by SC
- EP implemented: Sept '23 to July '24

Small Groups

- People, Climate, Clean Water, Shallow Habitats, Healthy Watersheds
- SC + Invitees
- Active from Nov '23 to Mar '24

STEP 1 PROCESS

Source Material

Supplemental to SC Product

Evaluation Report

(April - Interim / July - Final)

- Content Analysis + Discussions
- Themes → Statement of Findings
- Considerations for SC

Recommendations (5 x 5 Group) (March)

- Vanguard, Value, Vision
- People, Climate, Living Resources
- Rationale and Phase 2 Next Steps
- Impact Agreement / Partnership

FINAL PRODUCT

Report to the EC (December)

- (1) REC DRAFTING
- (2) SC REVIEW
- (3) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
- (4) REVISIONS
- (5) REVIEW



PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- **November – January 2024:** Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **February 2024:** 2-day symposium to discuss and potentially refine topical group recommendations.
- **March 2024:** Adoption of topical group recommendations by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and review of the first draft of recommendations from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **April – May 2024:** Adoption of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **June - July 2024:** Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **August 2024:** Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations based on public input.
- **September - October 2024:** Seek approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.
- **December 2024:** Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Executive Council.