



Concepts and Timeline for Developing a CBP Biennial Strategy Review System

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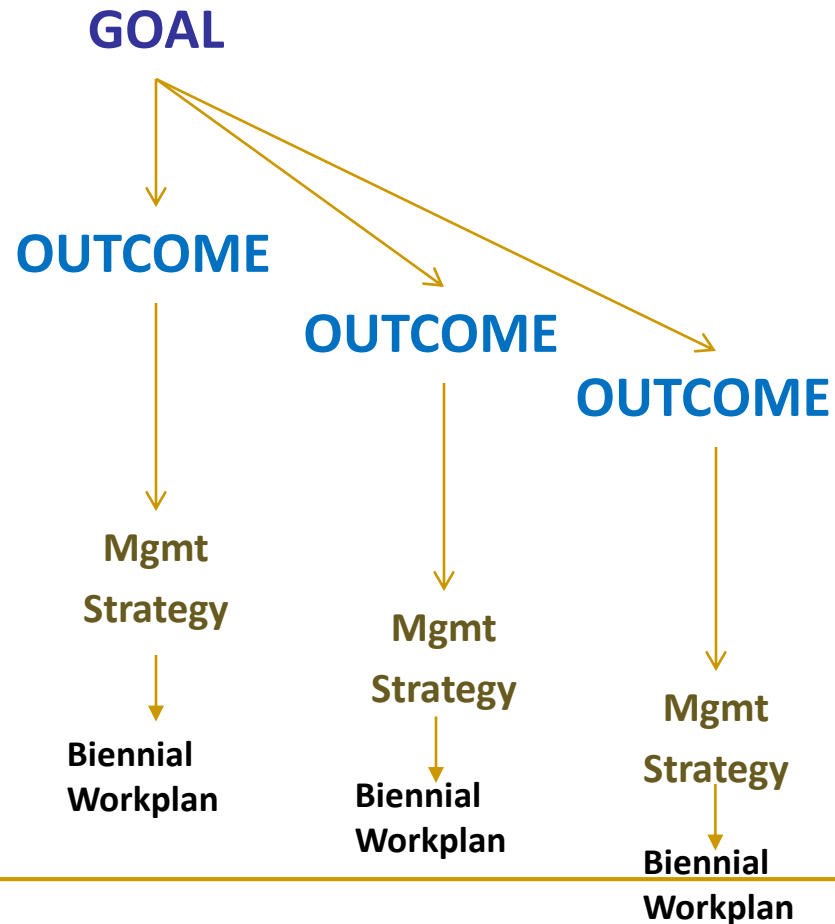
Why is it needed?

- Fulfill **2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement** (Agreement) commitment to biennially re-evaluate and update management strategies. PSC is required to report on implementation to the Executive Council.
- Support PSC charge to use the **Decision Framework** to adaptively manage (later re-affirmed in the Agreement).
- Establish consistent method for identifying changes needed to **implement adaptive management** as articulated through the Agreement.
- Utilize the **Indicators Framework** to track progress toward outcomes, to understand what factors influence outcome achievement, and whether the program did what it said it would do.
- Support **evolving partnership needs** related to accountability, transparency, and decision-support identified through stakeholder **research**.
- Promote **core values** such as flexibility, trust, open conversation, efficiency, predictability, collaboration, and solution-finding.

How partners are working



ALL goals, outcomes and strategies derived from the CBP Goal Teams –
issue experts & stakeholders from across the jurisdictions / watershed.



*CBP's Executive Council (EC)
agreed to
Watershed Agreement
GOALS & initial OUTCOMES*

*CBP's Principals' Staff Committee (PSC)
tracks **OUTCOMES** ,
ensuring they are measureable &
achievable; adapting as needed*

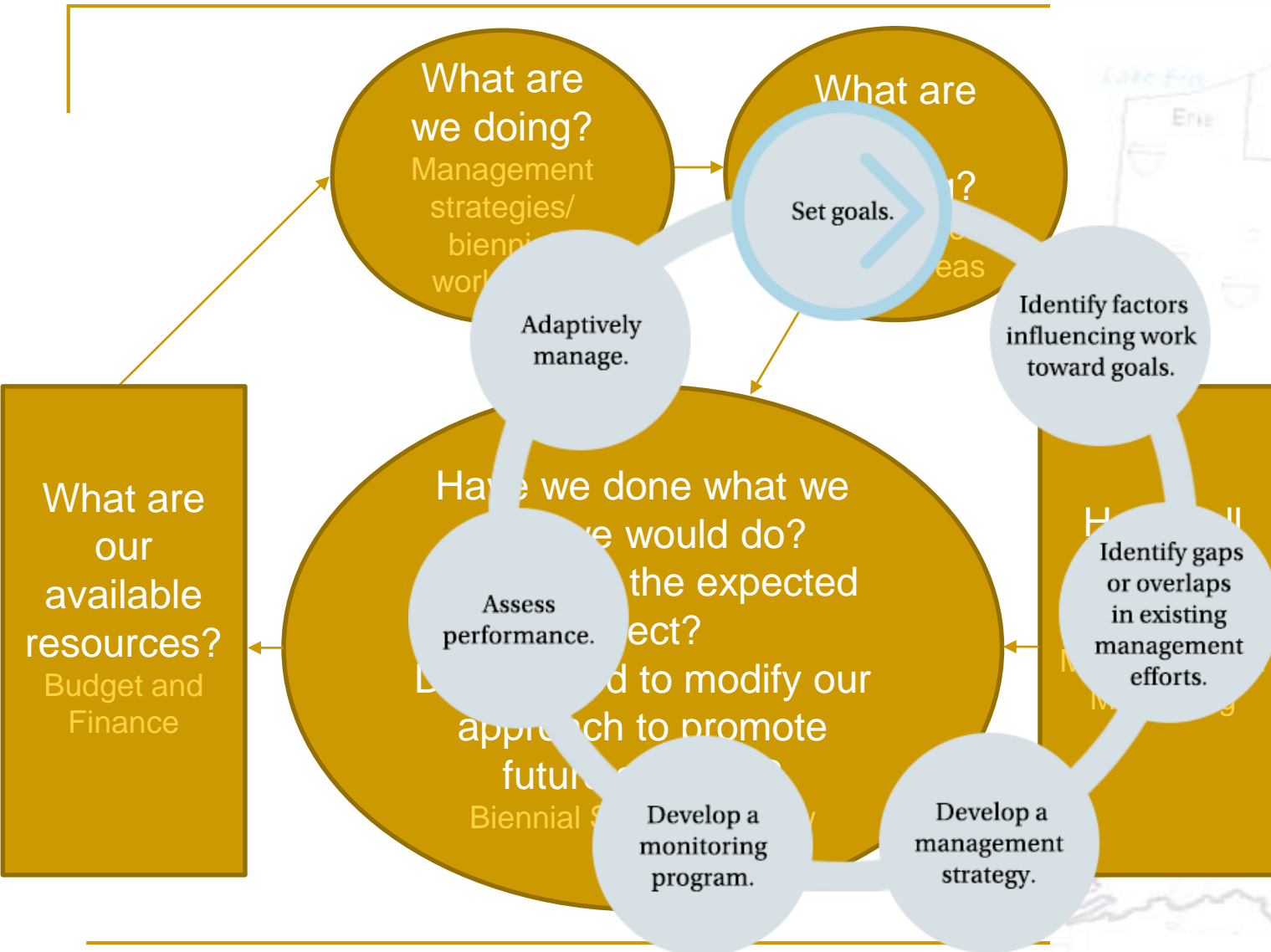
*CBP's Management Board (MB) to
manage and track the **STRATEGIES**,
adapting them as necessary over
time for success*

Biennial Strategy Review System



How do we do it?

- Planned two-year schedule
- Regular meetings designed to accomplish specific objectives
- Work-planning/in-depth discussions distributed throughout the year
- Management Board decision-makers provided with robust information to learn how to do it better
- Clearly defined process and outputs.



The Timeline



Date	Action
August 2, 2016	Present draft options to GIT6 . Solicit input for revisions.
August 30, 2016	Present revised draft options to GIT Chairs . Present during GIT Chairs meeting, have Chairs review and comment.
September 6, 2016	GIT 6 members review comments from GIT Chairs and modify options as needed.
September 14, 2016	STAC members review and comment.
September 15, 2016	Present revised draft options to the Management Board for review and discussion.
October 2016	Revise and edit the draft Strategy Review System to incorporate Management Board suggestions at full-day GIT6 meeting.
November 2016	Present recommended draft to the Management Board and conduct a “test run” scenario at the MB meeting (i.e., Blue Crab).
December 2016	Present final draft of Strategy Review System to Management Board for approval and implementation.

Biennial Strategy Review Meetings



Time-sensitive Topics

GIT Progress
MB Sessions



2-Day Biennial
Review

PSC

EC

Goal Implementation Teams Progress Sessions – Review management strategy and work plan progress highlighting successes, challenges and obstacles. Provide rationale for any planned shifts in strategies and workplans. Receive input and problem solving support from Management Board, including Advisory Committee chairs.

Interim Management Board Meetings – As needed, follow-up on issues identified in GIT Progress Sessions, new issues related to challenges or strategy shifts, other business.

Biennial Review Meeting – High-level retrospective program-wide review to celebrate our successes and identify important stories. Discuss developments in environmental (monitoring, science) and economic (available resources) conditions, and results of program evaluations (e.g., Independent Evaluator). Identify science needs and future focus for GIT Progress meetings, and summarize recommendations to be reported to the PSC.

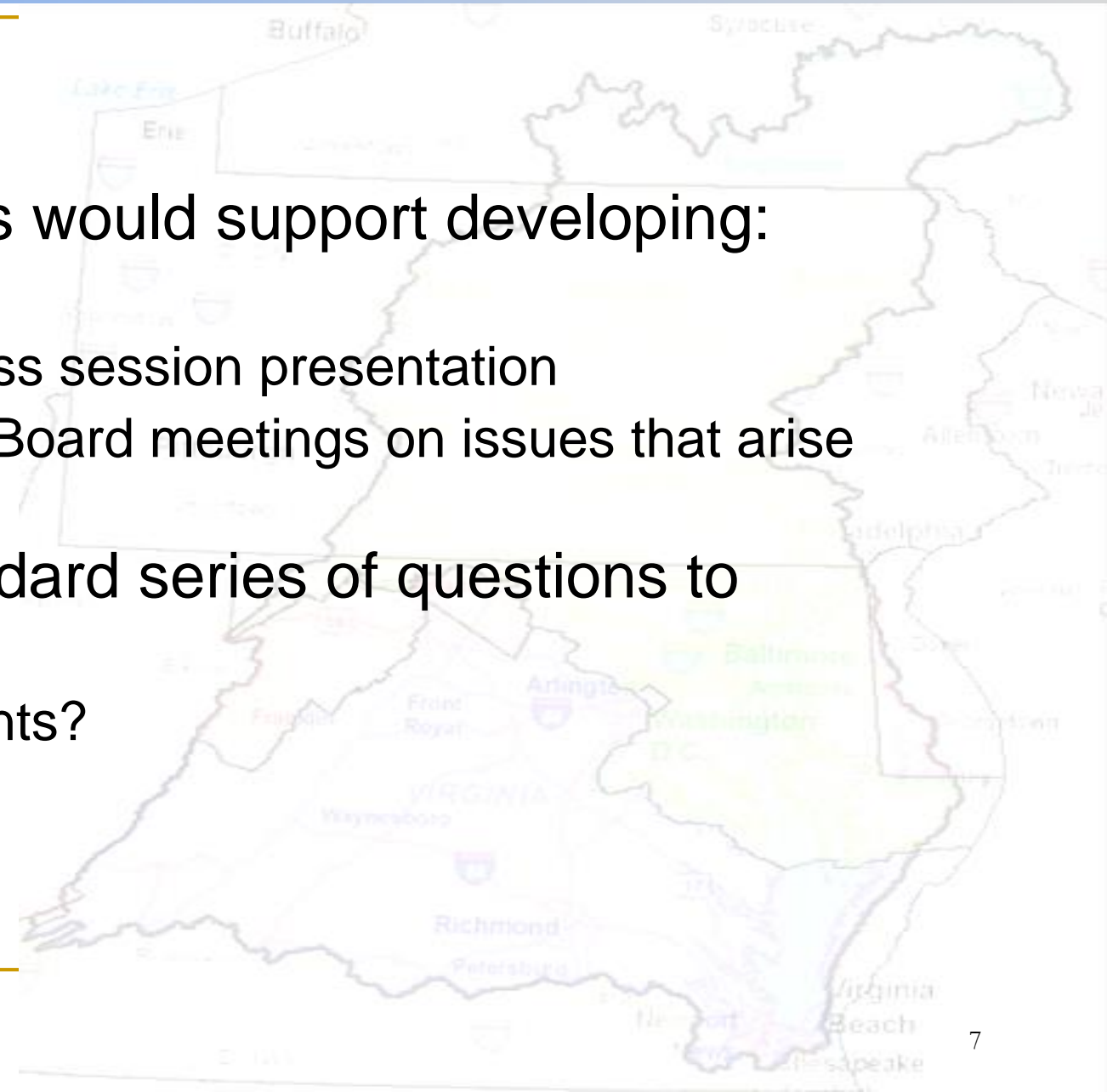
Principals' Staff Committee – Provide input on any significant shifts in strategy and approval of changes, with public input, resulting from the Biennial Review to prepare for PSC report on implementation progress to the Executive Council.

Executive Council – Concurrence and partner commitment to significant strategy shifts and discussion and approval of goal/outcome changes, if necessary.

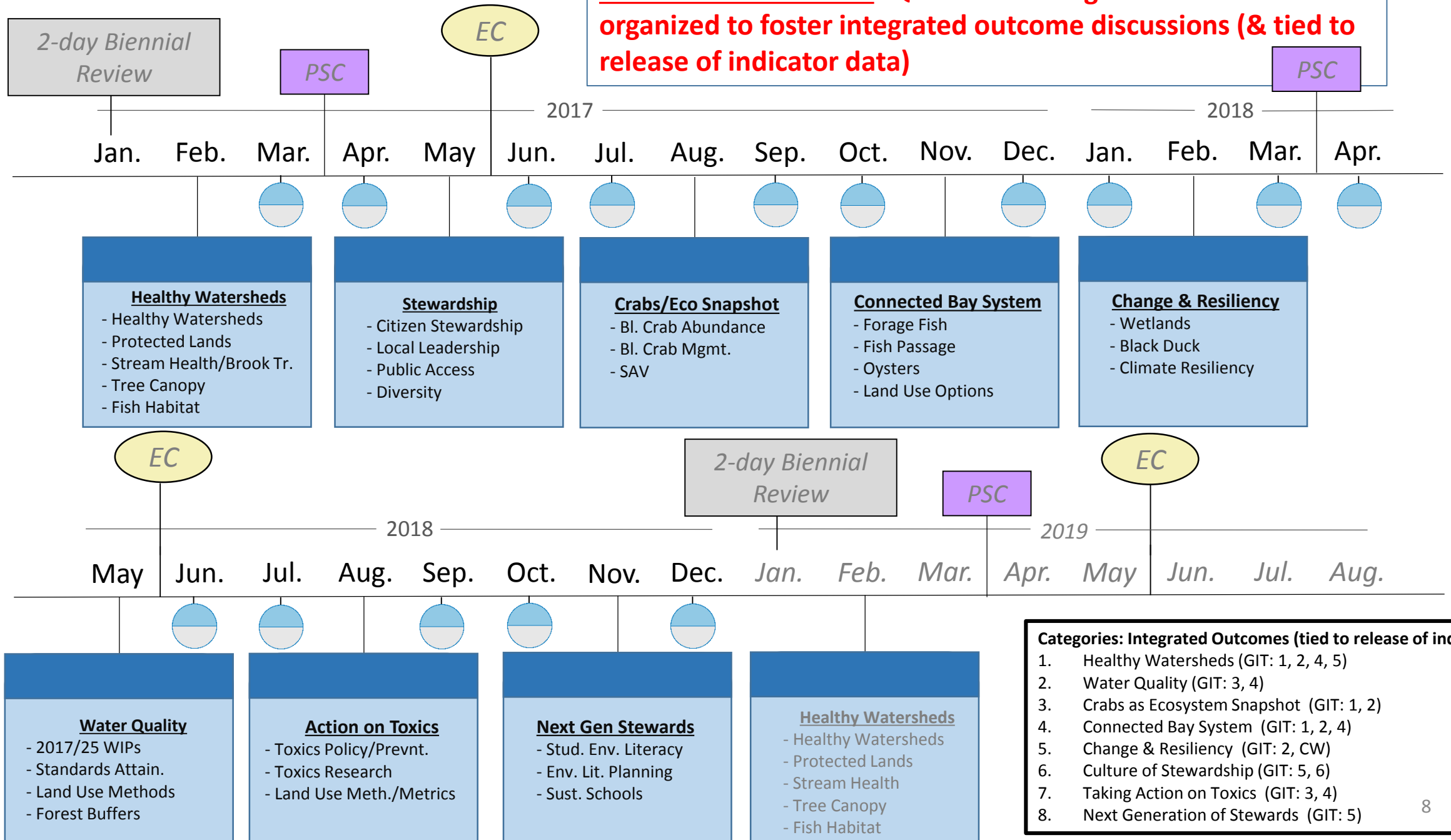


Simplifying Our Work

- Standard, easy to use templates would support developing:
 - ❑ Pre-brief background papers
 - ❑ Goal Implementation Team progress session presentation
 - ❑ Materials for Interim Management Board meetings on issues that arise between progress meetings
- Templates would include a standard series of questions to focus the reviews, such as:
 - ❑ What are the major accomplishments?
 - ❑ What are the barriers?
 - Proposed solutions
 - Needed resources



Recommended Model: QUARTERLY Progress Sessions – organized to foster integrated outcome discussions (& tied to release of indicator data)





Cross-Outcome/Indicator Themes

- Encourages most cross-outcome/cross-GIT collaboration
- Planned around cross-outcome story lines and logic yielding key opportunity for meaningful strategy changes (if needed)
- Tied to indicators data release ensuring timely information
- Facilitates more robust discussion with fewer outcomes/meeting
- GITs have chance to present multiple times through the year on different outcomes