

The New Chesapeake Watershed Agreement:

Affirming Our Commitment &
Charting the Next Course



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting
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How did we get here?

- 2009 – Federal Executive Order was issued
- 2010 – CBP Agreement - *Chesapeake 2000* (C2K) – goals either expired or unfulfilled – whether or not they were met
- 2010 - CBP's Top Leadership called for coordinating/integrating goals, outcomes, actions of the CBP with those of the EO
- 2011 - CBP EC agreed to a 3-year, 4 stage discussion and process**

Stage 1: Use Goal Implementation Teams to Set Direction (2011)

Stage 2: Develop Negotiation Protocols (2012)

Stage 3: Negotiate New Agreement (2013)

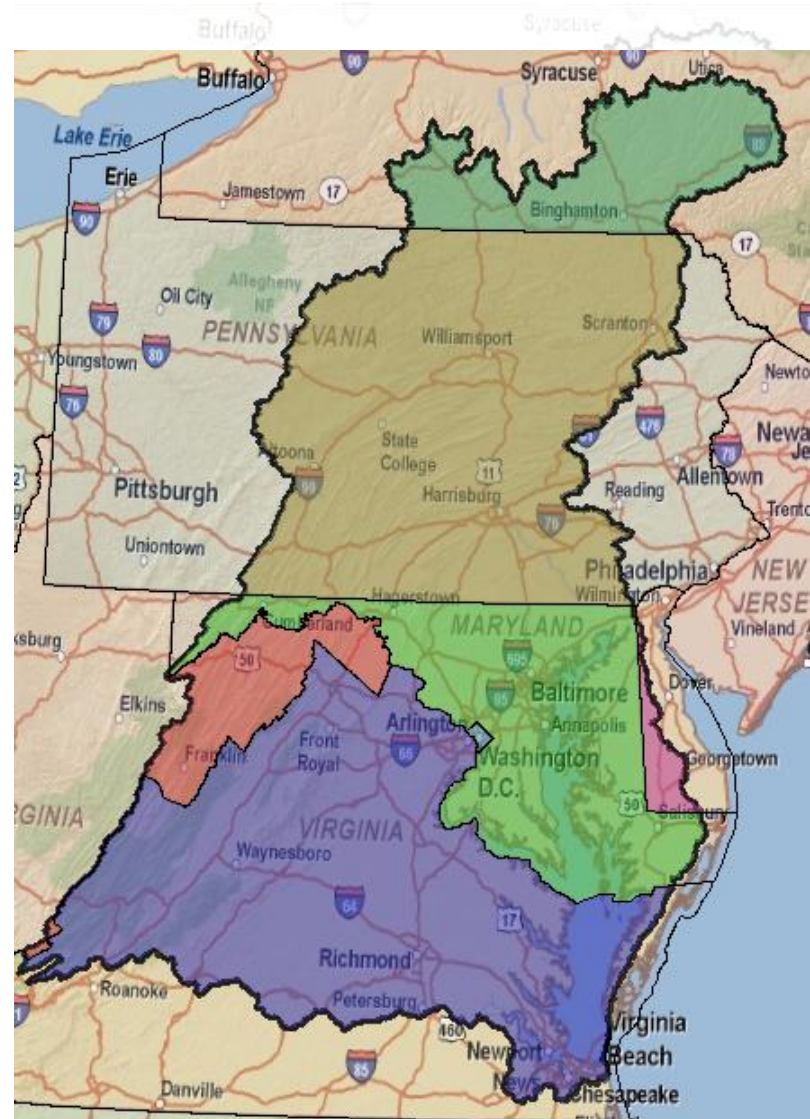
Stage 4: Implement New Agreement (2013-2025)



Why A New Partnership Agreement ?

The Next Generation Agreement:

- Renews commitments & sets new goals
- Provides opportunity for full participation by the headwater states
- Updates science, governance and management techniques – i.e., climate change, adaptive management
- Improves coordination, integration & collaboration among the partners
- Harmonizes the EO and TMDL with the Partnership agreement and governance structures



Framework being considered

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



*CBP's Executive Council (EC)
to "agree" on
overarching **GOALS** &
initial **OUTCOMES** for the partnership
(This is the content of the new Watershed agreement)*

*CBP's Principals' Staff Committee (PSC)
to track **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*

Resource managers and decision makers will be guided by the strategies while retaining some flexibility to implement the practices that make the most sense for their region.

What will it do?



➤ Simplify

- ✓ Clearer goals and more well defined outcomes than previous agreements

➤ Be more flexible

- ✓ Use of adaptive management to adjust to changing conditions and circumstances

➤ Improved transparency, tracking & accountability

- ✓ Partners set priorities & commit resources through management strategies

Stakeholder Involvement

- CBP partner meetings are *always OPEN*
 - Management Board – June 13, 10am-noon
 - Principals' Staff Com – June 27, 10am-3pm
 - **Management Board – July 11, 10am-3pm****
 - Management Board – Aug 8, 10am-noon
 - Management Board – Sept 12, 10am-3pm

** July 11 MB Mtg
Two hours set
aside for
stakeholder input

The screenshot shows the Chesapeake Bay Program website. The header includes the logo, the text "Chesapeake Bay Program", and the tagline "Science. Restoration. Partnership.". The navigation bar has links for Home, Discover THE CHESAPEAKE, Learn THE ISSUES, Track THE PROGRESS, Take ACTION, In The NEWS, Bay Resource LIBRARY, and About The BAY PROGRAM (circled in red). The main content area features a sidebar with links like Who We Are, How We Work, and Programs & Projects, and a central section for "Upcoming Meetings" listing various conference calls. A "Meetings Calendar" link is circled in red. Below this, a calendar for June 2013 is displayed, showing dates 26 through 31. A red dashed arrow points from the "Meetings Calendar" link to the calendar itself.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 3-4pm	29	30 10-12pm	31 8-12:30pm	1

New Watershed Agreement in Summary

- A plan for moving the partnership's collaborative efforts into the future
- Simpler goals and outcomes structure
- Updated science and management
- Better integration between CBP and EO goals for the Watershed
- Improved transparency, tracking, priority setting and accountability
- Greater flexibility to adapt to changing conditions and circumstances



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