

# Preparing for the Chesapeake Bay Program Biennial Strategy Review System Meeting



Opportunities for Plastic Pollution Action Team to embed our work going forward

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**2023 Strategy Review System (SRS)**  
**Biennial Meeting...a stop along the journey**  
Graduate Charlottesville, 1309 W. Main St., Charlottesville, VA  
 May 11-12, 2023

**Purpose:** Convene the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership to fully **integrate learnings** into the charting of a course to 2025 and beyond 2025 for all outcomes so that the response to the Executive Council charge is **representative of the full spectrum partnership**.

**Objectives:**

1. **Science:** Determine opportunities to leverage action for existing science challenges and identify emerging issues.
2. **Restoration:** Address outcome attainability (and non-attainment) by identifying priorities and formulating strategies to address critical knowledge gaps, and develop a communication strategy for communicating progress and challenges
3. **Partnership:** Assess our partnership for where we have gaps and how we can ensure a diverse and robust partnership moving forward.

**AGENDA\***

DRAFT Agenda – Day 1 Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:00-5:00 pm	
9:00-9:40 am 40 min	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming Remarks, <i>Dr. Kandis Boyd, CBPO Director, Management Board Chair</i></li> <li>• Inspirational speaker or artist, <i>TBD</i></li> <li>• Purpose, Objectives, Agenda Overview &amp; Housekeeping Notes, <i>Sherry Witt</i></li> <li>• Our Journey: a timeline presentation of the Biennial to 2025, <i>Dave Goshorn</i></li> </ul>
9:40-10:00 am 20 min	<b>Opening Presentations from the Reaching 2025 Ad Hoc Group and Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, Workgroup Leads</b>

<b><i>Session 1: Where We Are Now</i></b>	
<b>10:00-10:35 am</b> <i>35 min</i>	<b>Setting the Stage to Develop and Implement a Communication Strategy (Step one: How we approach and talk about our work) EC #5</b>
<b>10:35-11:00 am</b> <i>25 min</i>	<b>Snapshot of Outcome Attainability under the Agreement, Katheryn Barnhart, Indicators Coordinator EC #6</b>
<b>11:00-11:30 am</b> <i>30 min</i>	<b>Gallery Walk &amp; Break: Outcome Successes across the Partnership</b>
<b>11:30-12:10 pm</b> <i>40 min</i>	<b>Key Partnership Successes Associated with Ecosystem Improvements and Addressing Gaps in our Outcome Attainability EC #6,8b</b>
<b>12:10-1:15 pm</b> <i>65 min</i>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<b><i>Session 2: Building Capacity to 2025 and Beyond with Science, Restoration &amp; Partnership</i></b>	
<b>1:15-1:45 pm</b> <i>30 min</i>	<b>Defining the Existing and Emerging Challenges to Accomplishing our Goals EC #3</b>
<b>1:45-2:45m</b> <i>60 min</i>	<b>Gallery Walk: Financial Resources, Targeting Tools, and Other Informative Projects Underway</b>
<b>2:45-3:00 pm</b> <i>15 min</i>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00-4:15 pm</b> <i>75 min</i>	<b>World Cafe: What are the opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement through the application of available tools? EC #4</b>
<b>4:15-4:35 pm</b> <i>20 min</i>	<b>Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025 Reflections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observations from the Getting to 2025 Small Group</li> <li>• Observations from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee</li> </ul>



<b>DRAFT Agenda – Day 2</b> <b>Friday, May 12, 2023, 8:30-3:00 pm</b>	
<b>8:30-8:45 am</b> <i>15 min</i>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admin Comments</li><li>• Getting to 2025 Opening Comments</li><li>• Beyond 2025 Opening Comments</li></ul>
<b><i>Session 3: 2025 &amp; Beyond</i></b>	
<b>8:45–9:45 am</b> <i>60 min</i>	<b>Making Restoration Relevant to All Communities by Effectively Listening to All Stakeholders EC #7,8b</b>
<b>9:45 -10:15 am</b> <i>30 min</i>	<b>Gallery Walk &amp; Break</b>
<b>10:15 –11:00 am</b> <i>45 min</i>	<b>Adapting our Agreement Outcomes to Reflect New and Emerging Science and Make them Relevant to all Communities Beyond 2025 EC #1, 8</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b> <i>60 min</i>	<b>World Café: Adapting our Agreement Outcomes to Reflect New and Emerging Science and Make them Relevant to all Communities Beyond 2025</b>
<b>12:00-12:45 pm</b> <i>45 min</i>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b><i>Session 4: Communicating Our Progress</i></b>	
<b>12:45-2:00 pm</b> <i>75 min</i>	<b>Implementing A Communication Strategy (common script) EC #5</b>
<b><i>The Way Forward &amp; Wrap Up</i></b>	
<b>2:00-2:15 pm</b> <i>15 min</i>	<b>Key Take-aways &amp; Next Steps</b>
<b>2:15-2:30 pm</b> <i>15 min</i>	<b>The Journey Ahead</b>
<b>2:30-2:50 pm</b> <i>20 min</i>	<b>Reflections on the Past to Bring Us into the Future, <i>Carin Bisland</i></b>
<b>2:50-3:00 pm</b> <i>10 min</i>	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Closing Comments</b>

## **Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership**

### **Executive Council Charge to the Principals' Staff Committee: Charting a Course to 2025 and Beyond**

As the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership nears the 2025 date that the partnership set for several of the goals and outcomes under the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* (Watershed Agreement), there are many successes to celebrate. At the same time, emerging issues and changing conditions (e.g., climate change, growth, new scientific data) have impacted the levels of effort needed to meet our collective restoration priorities. We, as a partnership, remain committed to using the best available science in restoring the Chesapeake Bay as we accelerate toward the deadline and anticipate continued progress post-2025.

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.

In undertaking such a process, the PSC should address the following considerations:


#### ***Science***

1. Identify new and emerging scientific data and studies which could modify our progress reporting and adaptive management approach, as well as the goals and outcomes under the *Watershed Agreement*.
2. Enhance our monitoring and reporting capabilities to improve our understanding of existing conditions and trends.
3. Define the existing and emerging challenges (e.g., climate change conditions, increasing growth, diversity, equity, inclusion and justice considerations) to accomplishing the partnership's work under the *Watershed Agreement*, and how addressing those challenges might alter our collective restoration priorities, including the possibility of extending the target date for completing restoration of water quality beyond 2025.
4. Identify opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes of the *Watershed Agreement*.

#### ***Restoration***

5. Develop and begin to implement a communication strategy that identifies key partnership successes, associated ecosystem improvements and areas where more effort is needed.
6. Provide snapshots of outcome attainability under the Agreement (e.g., which outcomes are likely to be met by the date(s) set by the partnership, which won't, and why) and options for communicating these snapshots to demonstrate progress in achieving our outcomes and the remaining work to be done, including gaps to be addressed.





### ***Partnership***

7. Focus on moving beyond 2025 by seeking ways in which restoration can be relevant to all communities within the watershed.
8. Assess the overall partnership to determine whether we
  - a. Are effectively hearing from and listening to all stakeholders, and
  - b. Have systems of evaluation and decision-making to enable meaningful action and allocation of partnership resources.
9. Based on this assessment, develop recommendations for potential improvement.



# Steering Committee Membership

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These are the key people to be in touch with for Beyond 2025 planning