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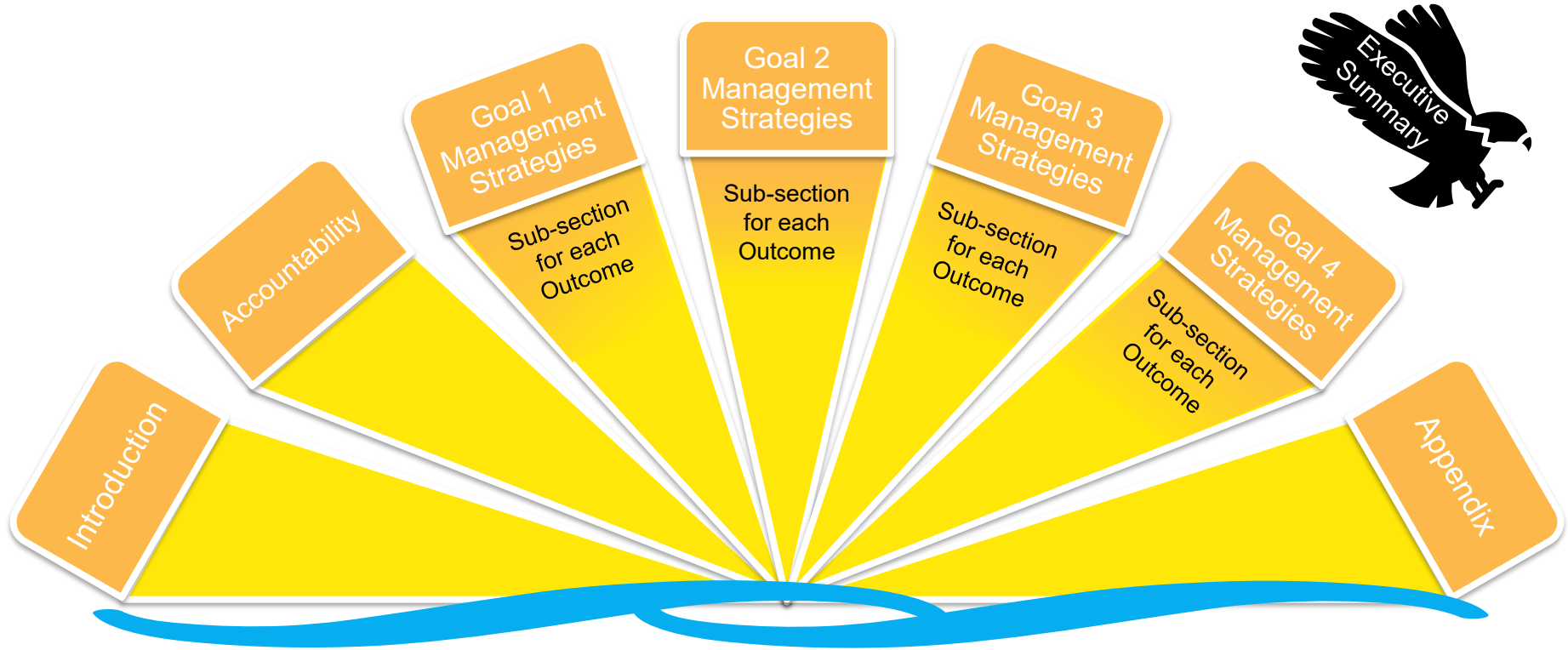
Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Strategic Plan

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Key Planning Documents

- “The Goals and Outcomes contained in [the **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement**] are collective commitments made by the signatories to advance the restoration, conservation and protection...”
- Management strategies for each Goal will be contained within a single **6-Year Strategic Plan** and “shall outline the means for accomplishing each Outcome and its Targets...”
- A separate **Workplan** for each Outcome will state the specific activities that partners will collaboratively undertake to implement management strategies over a **one- to three-year** period.

Strategic Plan Chapters & Sub-sections



Introduction and Accountability Chapters

- **Introduction** – state the Strategic Plan’s purpose, describe how it was developed, and provide any context needed to understand the document.
- **Accountability** – describe program-wide structures processes, and tools for accountability and adaptive management, as well as monitoring, assessing, and reporting progress.

Goal Management Strategies Chapters

- **Goal Language**
- **Goal Situation Analysis** – Shared challenges for partnership to address, including Changing Environmental Conditions
- **Optional: Management Approaches for the Goal** – Strategies that partners should collaboratively undertake to address challenges that impact multiple Outcomes within the Goal

Outcome Sub-Sections

- Outcome language (including targets)
- Baseline and Current Condition
- Monitoring Progress and Indicators
- Outcome Situation Analysis
- Snapshot of Signatory Programs
- Management Approaches for the Outcome
- Participating Partners

NOTE: Signatory Statutory Authorities, organized by goal and outcome, will be included, likely as an Appendix

Workplans

- Separate 3-year Workplans will include:
 - Narrative summary
 - Descriptions of the major actions to be undertaken
 - Project lead and participating partners
 - Human and financial resources needed and committed, as well as potential sources to fill gaps
 - Timeline for completion
 - Performance targets and deliverables

Authorship and Approval

- Strategic Plan
 - Goal Team leadership will draft their Goal chapter and may delegate the drafting of Outcome sub-sections.
 - Goal Team co-chairs, with support from EPA staff, will develop the Introduction and Accountability chapters, as well as the Executive Summary and any appendices.
 - **The PSC will approve the Strategic Plan**
- Workplan
 - Outcome Authors, designated by Goal Team chairs, will draft Workplans.
 - Goal Teams will approve the Workplans for their respective Outcomes.

Timeline

MAY – DECEMBER 2026
Drafting

FEBRUARY - APRIL 2027
Incorporate feedback

MAY 2026 **JUN 2026** **JUL 2026** **AUG 2026** **SEP 2026** **OCT 2026** **NOV 2026** **DEC 2026** **JAN 2027** **FEB 2027** **MAR 2027** **APR 2027** **MAY 2027** **JUN 2027**

JANUARY 5 – 31, 2027
Strategic Plan
Public Feedback Period

MAY – JUNE 2027
Strategic Plan and Workplan
finalization and approval

Timeline



Estimated Total = 162–198 Pages

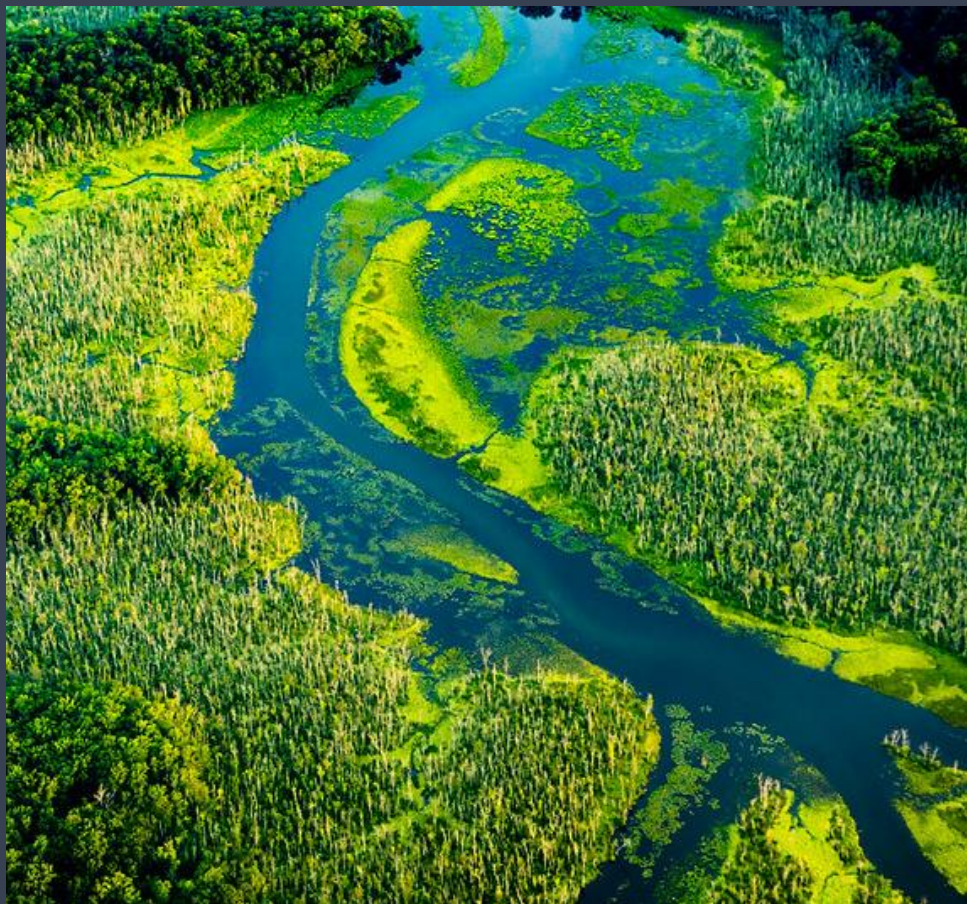
Section/ Sub-Section	# of Sections	Recommended Pages per Section	Recommended Page Total
Introduction	1	2-3 pages	2-3 pages
Accountability	1	2-4 pages	2-4 pages
Goal	4	2-4 pages	8-16 pages
Outcome	21	7-8 pages	147-168 pages
Appendix	1	3-7 pages	3-7 pages

Other Program Plans	Years	Total Pgs	Links
PSP Action Agenda	2026-2030	154	https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/cpor6rbxl1fgmily9h9rwp81am2fqxcq
LIS CCMP	2025-2035	140	https://lispartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/CCMP_Final_Accessible_10-07-2025.pdf
GLRI Action Plan	2025-2029	43	https://www.glri.us/sites/default/files/2025-12/glri-action-plan-4-202511-43_0.pdf

Note: Page counts listed above are recommendations only. The number of Targets included under each Outcome will likely impact the length of each subsection.

Opportunities for Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder groups are welcome and encouraged, as they are able, to **contribute to the development and implementation** of the Management Strategies through workgroup discussions and time allotted by Goal Teams.
 - Entities that engage in this way should be listed as “Participating Partners” in the Outcome subsection(s).
 - Contact Goal Team coordinators to learn more.
- Public Feedback Period: **January 5 – 31, 2027**



Thank you!

Questions?

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