

Advisory Committee Recommendations to the CBP Executive Council

December 15, 2021

Responses due by March 15

	Recommendations	Lead for draft response
STAC		
	Support CBP Management to advance science-based decision-making to address risks from priority issues including: 1) achieving wetland and riparian buffer restoration targets, and 2) increasing focused effort on the terrestrial-estuarine transition zone.	This recommendation will be addressed through the Riparian Forest Buffer Workshop planned for April 27, 2022 and the Wetlands Workgroup Workshop planned for July 2022. The planning teams for both workshops will coordinate with STAC to ensure that STAC is represented at both meetings.
	Identify opportunities to fully embrace the CBP's commitment to DEIJ.	The Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) is following the DEIJ Implementation Strategy approved by the PSC in December. The CBPO is working to identify a cross partnership DEIJ coordinator as part of that effort and will provide an update on their progress at the February Management Board Meeting.
	Align CBP Priorities with national priorities to enhance climate resiliency and other climate co-benefits.	The CBP is currently pursuing this recommended action through various avenues and at all levels of the partnership. This effort will be ongoing into the future. NOTE: The Climate Resiliency workgroup is emersed in this work, SRS Cohorts have been asked to address climate resiliency concerns through their updated logic and action plans, the Federal Office Directors (FOD) is working towards a final draft of their climate commitments to be shared with the Management Board in advance of the March 2 PSC Meeting. The CBPO and MB volunteers are working towards developing a cross jurisdictional workplan.
LGAC		
	Convene a one-day summit of flood, climate and disaster experts to discuss ensuring that flood mitigation efforts and Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts work in conjunction with one another. (Second request for summit)	The CBPO, Management Board Volunteers and LGAC will collaborate to organize this summit in the near future.

	Invest in workforce development programs to support green infrastructure design and construction efforts.	The Management Board stands ready to work with LGAC to support these programs as infrastructure funding becomes available.
	Address jurisdiction regulatory bottlenecks related to localized flooding – specifically, streamline permitting requirements, adopt a more balanced formula for stormwater runoff from jurisdiction-maintained highways and act on long-term infrastructure efforts.	The Management Board as a body must defer to jurisdictions but will relay this feedback to State and Local jurisdictions, the EPA Water Division and Federal Land Managers including DoD.
CAC		
	<p>Make Bay related funds from recently passed infrastructure and funding acts available as quickly as possible. Recommend a transparent process in spending the funds that delivers co-benefits for water quality, healthy habitats and living resources in a changing climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a framework that outlines how the partners plan to use their remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and new infrastructure funds to maximize impact. 	The Management Board will hold a meeting where infrastructure funding opportunities will be identified and discussed.
	Direct jurisdictions to ensure their policies are aligned with CBP Climate Resiliency Goal.	CBPO will draft a response and share with the management Board
	Request that federal agencies review publicly funded Bay-related grant opportunities with stringent matching fund stipulation for modification to a more equitable process (DEIJ consideration)	CBPO will draft a response and share with the management Board