



Chesapeake Bay Program  
*A Watershed Partnership*

# CLEAN WATER GOAL TEAM PLANNING CALENDAR

*CLEAN WATER GOAL TEAM IN-PERSON  
MEETING*

*JUNE 22, 2026*

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**THIS PLANNING  
CALENDAR  
INCLUDES**

**Phase 7 Model**

**Planning Targets and Tiered Implementation**

**WIP Development**

**Living Resource Habitat Suitability Index (LR HSI)**

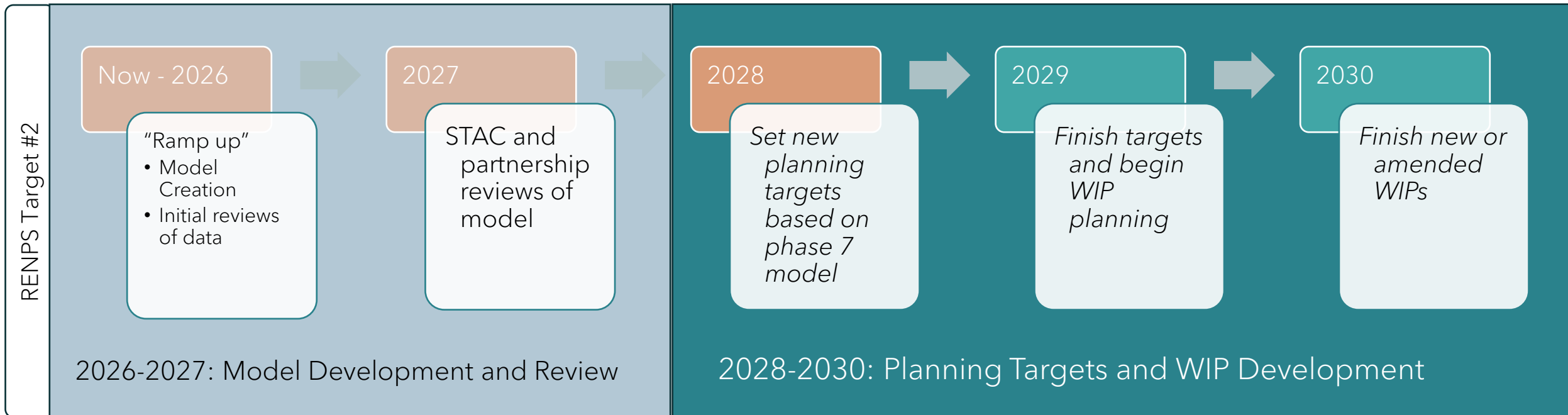
**Criteria Assessment (4d-interpolator)**

**BMPs**

**Management Strategies**

# CBP RENPS PLANNING TIMELINE

Through 2030 continue to accelerate completion of all interim water quality planning targets (Target #1)



# PHASE 7 MODEL

## **Phase 7 Model**

- October 2026: Modeling workgroup approval of draft Watershed Model
- December 2026: CWGT approves review process
- January 2027: Modeling Workgroup approval of draft model suite
- February—September 2027: Partnership model review (Review segments through April, September)
- March—August 2027: STAC review
- November 2027: CWGT approval of modeling suite
- December 2027: PSC approval of modeling suite

## **Planning Targets and Tiered Implementation**

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### **BMPs**

# PLANNING TARGETS

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### Planning Targets and Tiered Implementation

- September 2026:
  - Approval of Hydrologic Averaging Period
  - Approval of Critical Period
  - Approval of E3 and No Action scenario definitions
  - Approval of Scenario Base Year for planning targets
  - Approval of Land use change forecast (to account for growth)
- Q1 2028: Approve Chesapeake Bay Assimilative Capacity (CWGT and PSC)
- Q1 2028: Preliminary draft default planning target methodology (aka hockey stick method) (CWGT and PSC)
- Q1 2028: Approve planning target review process
- Q2 2028: Preliminary draft planning targets
- Q2 2028: Partnership decisions on Conowingo and CEC
- Q4 2028: Final planning targets

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# WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (WIPS)

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## **WIP Development**

- 2026-2027: Review successes and lessons learned from Phase III WIPs; discuss priorities for the future
- Q1 2028: EPA draft WIP expectations
- Q4 2028: EPA final WIP expectations
- Q1-Q2 2029: WIP Development
- Q4 2029: EPA feedback on draft WIPs
- Q2 2030: Final WIPs submitted to EPA
- Q3 2030: EPA evaluations of final WIPs

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# LR HABITAT SUITABILITY INDEX

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## **Living Resource Habitat Suitability Index (LR HSI)**

- March 2027: Draft Habitat Suitability Model/LR Assessment completed
- March-August 2027: STAC review of LR HSI
- October 2027: Report and scoring index finalized; tools development

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# CRITERIA ASSESSMENT (4D- INTERPOLATOR)

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## **Criteria Assessment (4d-interpolator)**

- July 2026: Charge CAP workgroup with developing schedule for criteria assessment decisions.
- July 2026: First iteration of 4-d interpolator tool completed
- September 2026: Presentation of CAPWG decision rules to CWGT
- November 2026-March 2027: STAC review of 4-d Interpolator
- April-August 2027: Revisions based in STAC and BORG

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# BMPS

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## **BMPs**

- August 2026: Initiate review/revisions to BMP Review Protocol
- October 2026: Draft proposal for revised BMP protocol
- December 2026: WTWG provides CWGT with recommended revisions
- March 2027: Approve protocol revisions
- Additional actions/decisions related to BMP remote sensing to be included...