

## Clean Water Goal Team

### Draft Calendar of Decisions and Milestones

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This draft schedule is intended to outline the anticipated key decision points, related deliverables, milestones, and sequencing for major Clean Water Goal Team focus areas, including development and approval of the Phase 7 modeling suite, establishment of new planning targets, and development of new or revised WIPs. It represents our best current estimate of the timing, order, and content of the actions ahead; however, the timing of many items—particularly those in later years—is likely to shift as model development, assessments, and partnership input evolve. As such, this schedule should be viewed as a living roadmap. Its purpose is to define the roles of the CWGT and its workgroups, help coordinate partnership planning, articulate the scope and progression of work, and facilitate discussion and input from Goal Team members as we refine and update this shared path forward. Additional visuals related to the RENPs targets, Phase 7 model construction, and Phase 7 model review are included at the end of the document.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Decision/Deliverable</b>	<b>Dependency</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Decision-making lead(s)</b>
<i>June 2026</i>				
RENPS planning	Clarify CWGT planning calendar for decisions and deliverables for RENPs targets		June CWGT	CWGT
Management Strategies	Draft outcome and goal-level challenges and develop initial draft outcome and goal-level Management Approaches (starting w/ outcome discussions).	Workgroups submit draft short- mid- and long-term tasks or priorities, and suggested outcome-level challenges and outcome and goal-level Management Approaches by June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026.	June CWGT meeting	CWGT; RENPs Source Sector Workgroups; WQSAM workgroups; TCW
<i>July 2026</i>				
Management Strategies	Draft outcome-level baseline and current conditions; confirm monitoring progress and indicator details for each outcome	CWGT leadership, toxics workgroups leadership, and WQSAM outcome leads to compiled baseline and current conditions and indicators.	July CWGT	CWGT, CWGT leadership
Criteria Assessment	Charge CAP workgroup with developing a schedule to complete criteria assessment decisions	<a href="https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/documents/Day-2.9_CAP-Workgroup-Workplan-Overview_Robertson_CWGT_06.23.2026.pdf">https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/documents/Day-2.9_CAP-Workgroup-Workplan-Overview_Robertson_CWGT_06.23.2026.pdf</a>	July CWGT	CWGT, CAP
Criteria Assessment	First iteration of 4-d Interpolator tool completed	<a href="https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/documents/Draft-4D-and-Phase-7-Timeline-5.18.26.pdf">https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/documents/Draft-4D-and-Phase-7-Timeline-5.18.26.pdf</a>	End of July	CBPO, BORG

August 2026				
Phase 7 Model/Planning Targets	Proposed E3 and No Action Scenario definitions and justifications for all sectors; Scenario base year for planning targets considerations	Source Sector Workgroup meetings and deliberations (May-August)	August CWGT Meeting	Source Sectors Workgroups (Ag, Urban, Forestry, Wastewater)
Management Strategies	Draft Final Outcome-level management approaches		August CWGT Meeting	CWGT
Management Strategies	Draft goal- and outcome-level baseline and current conditions; confirm monitoring progress and indicator details for each outcome		August CWGT	CWGT
Management Strategies	Compile signatory statutory authorities and snapshot of signatory resources	Applicable for other Goals too, but Goal Teams may have slightly variable development timelines	August CWGT Meeting	Signatory Partners
Management Strategies	Initiate development of Clean Water outcome workplans	Initiate development of <i>workgroup</i> workplans		CWGT, CWGT workgroups
Phase 7 Model	Draft Phase 7 Model review and approval process and schedule; clarify roles and expectations for CAST input and output reviews	Modeling Workgroup review of process?	August	CBPO, Modeling Workgroup
BMPs	BMP Review Protocol—discuss and		August CWGT Meeting	CBPO

	charge WTWG/source sector workgroups with assessment and update of protocol; explore preferences for update in context of model update frequency			
<i>September 2026</i>				
Phase 7 Model/Planning Targets	Approval of Critical Period for Phase 7 model and determining assimilative capacity.		September CWGT Meeting	CWGT
Phase 7 Model/Planning Targets	Approval of Hydrologic Period		September CWGT Meeting	CWGT
Planning Targets	Approval of E3 and No-Action Scenario definitions (as well as 1985, 2009, All Forest)—“ranging scenarios”		September CWGT Meeting	CWGT
Planning Targets	Approval of Scenario Base Year for planning targets (scenario year for WIPs—the scenario to be used for WIP development-- to be separate decision in 2027)		September CWGT Meeting	CWGT
Management Strategies	Document participating partners	Applicable for other Goals too, but Goal Teams may have slightly variable development timelines	September CWGT	Signatory members

	for each Clean Water outcome			
Management Strategies	Approve Management Strategy for submission to PSC (and subsequent public feedback)		September CWGT	CWGT/Workgroups
Planning Targets	Approval of land use change forecast (2040, 2050, 2075); approval of solar and development forecasts	Reviews and approvals by source sector workgroups—LUWG (8/26), USWG (9/15)	September CWGT Meeting	CWGT
<i>October 2026</i>				
Planning Targets	Preliminary draft default planning target methodology for CWGT review. Confirm Planning Target Principles. Continuing discussion on decision rules and decision sequencing for additional habitat areas (i.e., DUs) and tiered implementation.		Decisions regarding wastewater max and min controllable load, spread/slope of “all else” (previously 20% most effective vs least), plotting of effectiveness vs percent effort, and special cases (that will consider equity, Conowingo, CEC).	CWGT, CBPO
BMPs	Draft proposal for revised BMP review protocol (WTWG)		WTWG meeting	CBPO/WTWG
Phase 7 Model	Review/approval draft Dynamic Watershed Model by Modeling Workgroup	Development/calibration of P7 watershed model	October Modeling Workgroup Meeting	Modeling Workgroup, CBPO

Management Strategies	Management Strategy due to PSC		October 19th (due to PSC)	CWGT; CWGT leadership
November 2026				
Phase 7 Model	Input/output reviews (source data reviews starting earlier at AMT, watershed model inputs (cast outputs)	Input/output review and visualization tools developed (feedback on these iteratively)		CBPO, Sector workgroups
Criteria Assessment	4-D interpolator documentation sent to STAC for review		Early November	CBPO, BORG
Management Strategies	Draft Workgroup workplans due to CWGT			CWGT workgroups
December 2026				
Phase 7 Model	Draft questions and guidance for STAC review		December Modeling Workgroup meeting	Modeling Workgroup
Phase 7 Model	Approve Phase 7 Model review and approval process and schedule including roles, expectations for reviewers (i.e. CWGT workgroups), process for cataloging and resolving issues	Approval of review process by Modeling Workgroup (?) and input from source sector workgroups	December CWGT Meeting	CWGT, Modeling Workgroup, source sector workgroups
BMPs	WTWG provides CWGT w/ recommendations for revising the BMP review protocol		Dec CWGT meeting	WTWG, source sector workgroups
2027				

January 2027				
Phase 7 Model	Complete model review tools for fatal flaw review, for example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment Aggregation Tool (CAT)</li> <li>• Input/output visualization tools</li> <li>• Scenario viz tools</li> <li>• Load tables</li> <li>• Calibration results</li> <li>• Mapping tools</li> <li>• CAST</li> </ul>	Source sector workgroup and CWGT input and review	Jan 2027 W/ refining during active review (February-September 2027)	CBPO
Phase 7 Model	Approval of Phase 7 Suite of Models beta 1 for review	Completion of estuarine models--main bay model and multiple tributary models (and everything else)	January Modeling Workgroup meeting (Jan 6-7)	Modeling Workgroup
Phase 7 Model	Final Draft Model Documentation	Iterative but dependent on completion of modeling steps	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	CBPO
February 2027				
Phase 7 Model	Complete development of questions and guidance for STAC review			CBPO, Modeling Workgroup
Phase 7 Model	Training on use of model review tools; iterative revisions to tools;		Jan-March 2027	CWGT, Source Sector Workgroups  CBPO

	Webinars on model critical components (Inside look on structure, what's different, application, decisions, etc.)			
Phase 7 Model	Partnership model review begins	Completion of all major model component and documentation		CWGT/jurisdictions , Modeling Workgroup, WTWG, WQGIT, LUWG, AMT, WTWG, Forestry
Management Strategies	Approve revised management strategy for submission to PSC.	Synthesized and organized comments (from Partnership Management Strategy Review Team); CWGT to update management strategy.	February	CWGT Leadership; CWGT
March 2027				
Phase 7 Model	STAC Review of Phase 7 Model begins	Completion of model suite and documentation; review questions and guidance		STAC Modeling Team
Living Resource Habitat Suitability Index (LR HSI)	Draft Habitat Suitability Model/LR Assessment completed			LR HSI Team
LR HSI	STAC Review of LR HSI model begins	Completion of LR HSI draft model		STAC, CBPO, LR Team
Criteria Assessment	STAC finalizes review of 4-D interpolator	Completion of 4d Interpolator draft tool		STAC, CBPO
BMPs	Approve BMP Review Protocol updates	WTWG and source sector workgroup input and reviews	March CWGT meeting (could be earlier)	CWGT
Management Strategies	Management Strategy due for PSC input	Feedback on revisions from workgroups and CWGT members	March CWGT Meeting	CWGT



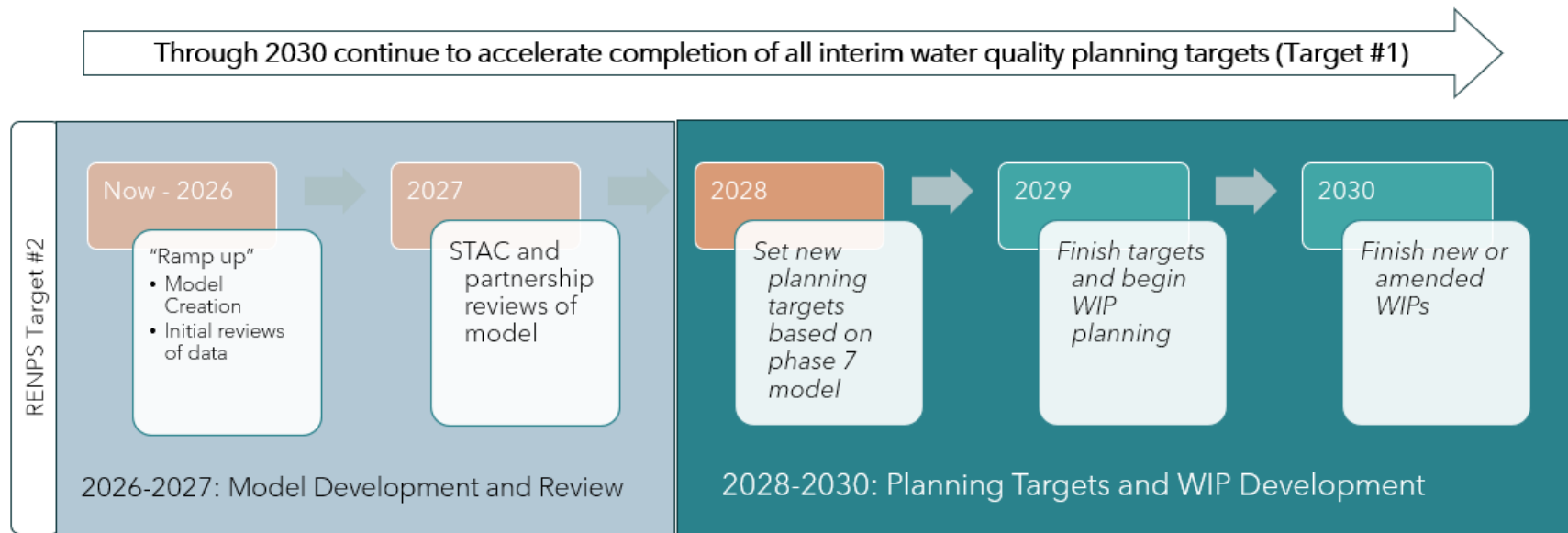
Management Strategies	Draft RENPs workplan		March CWGT Meeting	CWGT, CWGT Leadership
Management Strategies	Draft Toxics Workplan		March CWGT Meeting	Toxics WG, CWGT
Management Strategies	Draft WQSAM Workplan		March CWGT Meeting	CWGT, Monitoring workgroups
April 2027				
Phase 7 Model	Comments due for first review “sprint”	Iterative (February-September). Review will be iterative between Feb-September with comment “windows” followed by review windows, high-impact comments addressed asap.	By Modeling Workgroup meeting	CWGT, Modeling Workgroup, Source Sector Workgroups CBPO
Criteria Assessment	4D Development team considers revisions to tool based on STAC and BORT team review		Incorporating revisions/recommendations in the coming months	BORG
May 2027				
Management Strategies	Approve final Management Strategy	CWGT leadership revises based on PSC input.	April or May CWGT meeting	CWGT leadership; CWGT
June 2027				
Phase 7 Model	Resolution (review, response, action) of comments and revisions based on partnership review window 1	Iterative (February-September)	CWGT Meeting and Modeling Workgroup Meeting	CWGT, Modeling Workgroup, CBPO
July 2027				
Management Strategies	Outcome workplans due to GT for approval		July CWGT Meeting	CWGT, CWGT Workgroups
Management Strategies	Workgroup workplans due to GT for approval		July CWGT Meeting	CWGT, CWGT Workgroups
August 2027				
Criteria Assessment	Revised 4D Interpolator based on			CBPO/BORG

	STAC and BORG review			
Phase 7 Model	STAC review of Phase 7 model suite complete		July 31, 2027	STAC, CBPO
LR HSI	STAC Review of LR HSI model completed	Completion of LR HSI draft model		STAC, CBPO, LR Team
September 2027				
Phase 7 Model	Final partnership comments on Phase 7 model due.	Iterative (February-September)		
October 2027				
LR HSI	LR HSI report and scoring index finalized			CBPO, LR HSI Team
Phase 7 Model	Final model refinements and calibration; approval of modeling suite by Modeling Workgroup		September--December	CBPO, Modeling Workgroup
November 2027				
Phase 7 Model	CWGT approval of the Phase 7 Modeling Suite		Modeling Workgroup approval, final revisions of modeling suite	CWGT
December 2027				
Phase 7 Model	PSC approval of the Phase 7 Modelling suite		CWGT approval	PSC
2028				
Q1 2028				

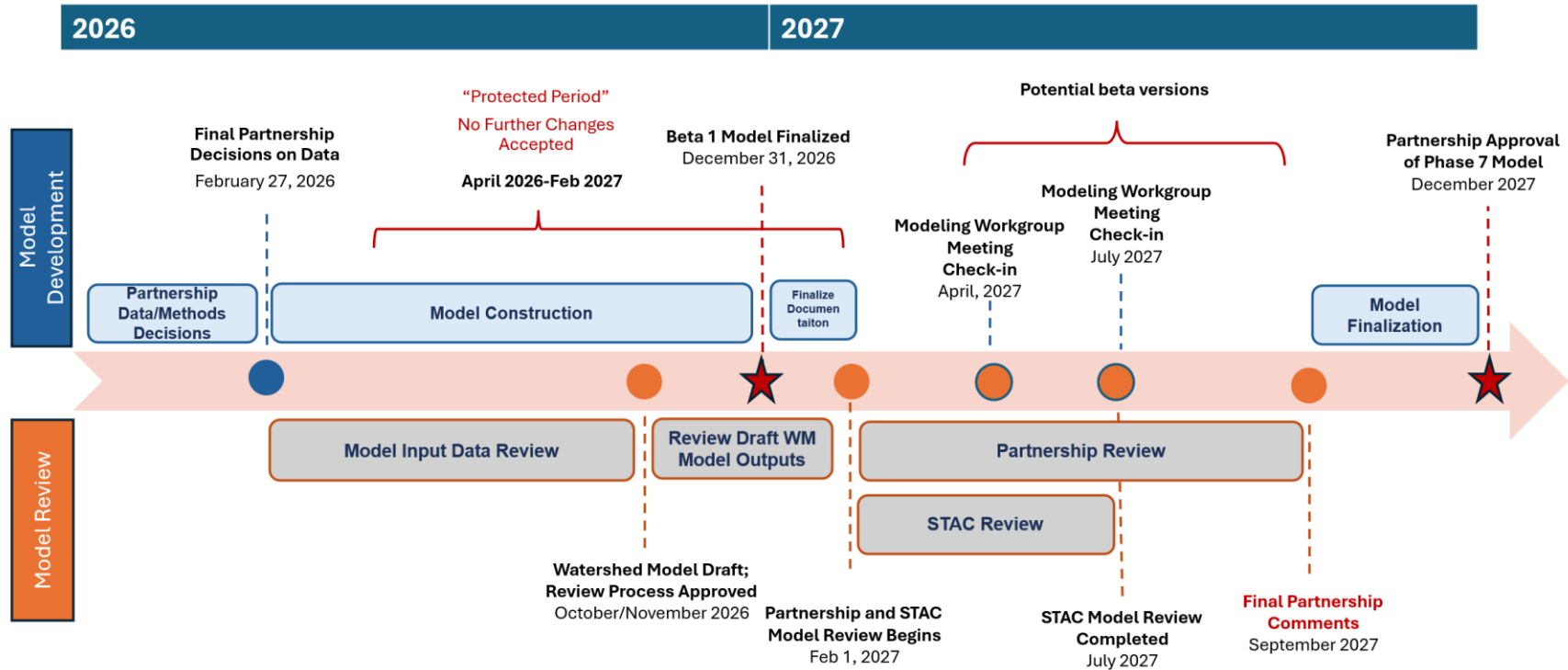
WIPs	Determine whether to develop new or revise Phase III WIPs.			CWGT, PSC
Planning Targets	Approve Bay assimilative capacity		Phase 7 calibration analyses; decisions regarding Conowingo and CEC; decisions regarding restoration variances	CWGT, PSC
Planning Targets/WIPs	Determine methods/principles for local planning goals and tiered implementation.			CWGT PSC
WIPs	EPA draft expectations for WIPs		Before planning targets are released	EPA
Q2 2028				
WIPs	Comments on EPA draft WIP expectations due			CWGT
Planning Targets	Approve process for review of planning targets, including tiered implementation.			CWGT, CBPO
Planning Targets	Approve preliminary draft planning targets for overall and state-basin goals for reductions (based on default method) and methods or targets for		CWGT meeting May/June	CWGT

	tiered implementation and local planning.			
Planning Targets	Approve preliminary draft planning targets for overall and state-basin goals for reductions (based on default method) and methods or targets for tiered implementation and local planning.		July PSC	
WIPs/Planning Targets	Decisions on additional load reductions to address Conowingo infill and Changing Environmental Conditions		Before planning targets	CWGT, PSC
Q3 2028				
Planning Targets	Partnership review of draft preliminary planning targets			CWGT
Q4 2028				
Planning Targets	CWGT approval of final planning targets		September/October in prep for PSC (September or December)	CWGT
Planning Targets	PSC approval of final planning targets		October	PSC
WIPs	EPA final WIP expectations		September/October	EPA
2029				
Q1 2029				

WIPs	Development of WIPs			Jurisdictions
Q2 2029				
WIPs	Development of WIPs			Jurisdictions
Q3 2029				
WIPs	Draft Phase IV or revised Phase III WIPs due to EPA			Jurisdictions
Q4 2029				
WIPs	EPA feedback on draft Phase IV or revised Phase III WIPs			EPA
2030				
Q1 2030				
WIPs	Jurisdictions revise WIPs			Jurisdictions
Q2 2030				
WIPs	Final Phase IV or revised Phase III WIPs due to EPA			Jurisdictions
Q3 2030				
WIPs	Final evaluations of Phase IV or revised Phase III WIPs			EPA



## PHASE 7 DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW SCHEDULE



## 2026 MODEL CONSTRUCTION

