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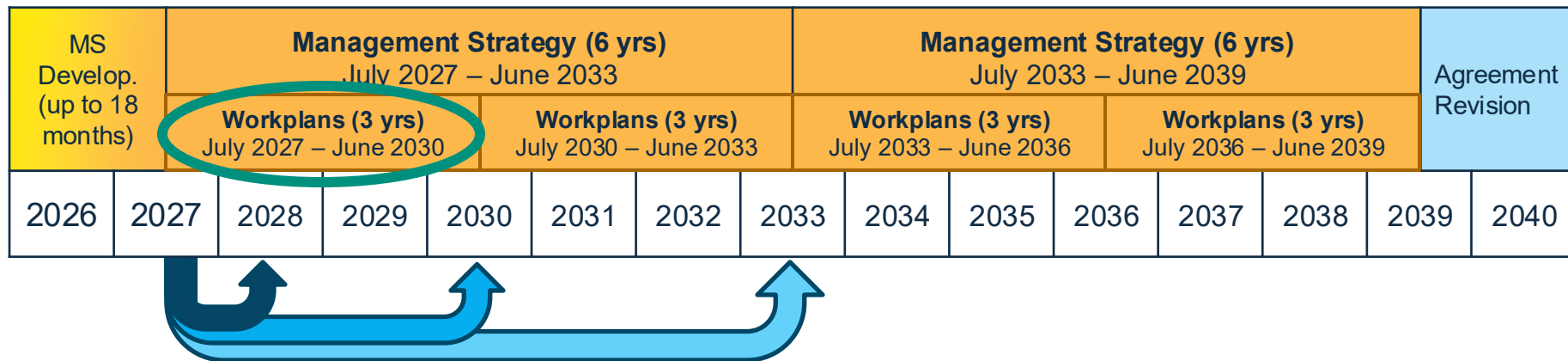
Expectations for CWGT + Workgroup Workplans

CWGT Meeting, September 29, 2026

Key points

- These workplans will cover July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2030
- 12 workgroup/action team workplans + 1 CWGT workplan → 3 outcome workplans
- CWGT is moving up our timeline to give PSC more lead time

Accountability and Adaptive Management



- Annual Check-Ins** – extended PSC meetings that communicate progress, and address and prioritize implementation needs
- Triennial Reviews** – cross-program review & symposium to document successes and challenges and initiate new Workplans
- Strategy and Program Evaluation** – assess the current progress towards achieving the Goals and Outcomes of the Agreement, evaluate the efficacy of existing Management Strategies and identifies opportunities for improvement
- In 2040, the Strategy and Program Review will prompt revision to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

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

Moving up our CWGT
timeline from June to April
to give PSC more lead time

The CWGT approach

- Workgroup workplans + Outcome workplans
 - Next slides: What we expect/think things will look like
- Still to figure out through discussions
 - Tracking/logistics
 - Cross-cutting ideas and where to keep them

What's in the workplan(s)?

TABLE for each Management Approach in a workplan (one row = one Activity, can inc. multiple Actions)

Activity Number	Lead Signatory and Participating Partners	Actions	Resource Needed, Committed, and Potential Sources to Fill Gaps	Target Date	Performance Targets and Deliverables	Status Activity Completion
[Goal #, Outcome #, Management Approach #, Activity #]	Lead: [Name and organization of lead. If multiple teams or workgroups are participating, list multiple leads] Signatories: [name signatory partners or partner agencies who will participate] Other Partners: [list non-signatory partners who will participate]	[describe the major actions]	Needed: [how much money or other support will be needed to complete this action] Committed: [how much money or other support is committed to complete this action] Filling Gaps: [how will the partnership fill gaps between resources needed and committed]	[timeline to complete]	[list performance targets and deliverables]	[not started/ ongoing / completed]

Workplan thoughts and guidance

- Workgroup workplan will only include management approaches they expect to contribute to in next 3 years
- The number of actions under a Management Approach does not signify importance; some Approaches or actions will be more time-consuming or higher effort than others
- Focus on deliverables and tangible products that will contribute to our outcomes

For future discussions...

- Tracking and accountability expectations and frequency: how often do we update and share workplans w/ updated “Status” column?
- How specific or detailed should we be?

	Strategic Plan / Clean Water MS	Outcome Level Workplans (RENPS, TEC, WQSAM)	Workgroup Level Workplans
Oct	Draft sent to PSC		CWGT + Workgroups begin brainstorm
Nov	PSC feedback		High level ideas by end of Nov.
Dec	PSC approves draft Strategic Plan		Workgroups continue to fill in workplan templates
Jan	Public feedback	Consolidate RENPS-related workgroup workplans into draft Outcome Workplans	Wrap up RENPS drafting Workgroups continue to fill in workplan templates
Feb	Incorporate feedback	Present RENPS workplan to CWGT Consolidate workgroups' workplans into TEC and WQSAM workplans	Wrap up TEC and WQSAM drafting RENPS-related workgroup workplans update as needed
Mar	Incorporate feedback	Present TEC and WQSAM workplans to CWGT	
Apr	Revised Strategic Plan presented to PSC	CWGT reviews/approves <u>all</u> workplans	
May	Goal Teams approve Strategic Plan	CWGT reviews/approves <u>all</u> workplans	
Jun	PSC approves Strategic Plan		

Discussion

- Goal Team and Workgroups: What else do you want/need to know before drafting your workplan(s)?
- How do you envision incorporating tracking/accountability when it comes to the workplans?
- What's exciting or challenging for you about these workplans?

BONUS SLIDES

- Included primarily for reference, particularly workgroup and action team leadership

Clean Water Goal level MAs

No.	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.X.X	Example	Initial general or specific thoughts and ideas related to this MA with respect to the 2027-2030 workplan. For instance, “this MA will be a significant priority and effort for this workplan. It will be ~90% addressed by July 2030, with only follow-up activities in the subsequent workplan”
2.0.1	Continue to improve the effectiveness of the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT) and its workgroups by enhancing coordination, communication, information sharing, adaptive management, and innovation as it strives to achieve Clean Water goals and outcomes.	This is an ongoing item that will factor into this and the next workplan. Its significance may vary depending on groups’ capacity and priorities, but it should not be a dominant effort compared to outcome-specific activities.
2.0.2	Expand local capacity and technical assistance through strategic cross-partnership collaboration, particularly the Workforce, Land Use Planning & Decision Support, and Local Government Leadership outcomes.	This recognizes the overlapping nature of Clean Water Goal/Outcomes with other Outcomes of the CBWA; this will factor into different groups’ workplans according to their capacity to collaborate with other CBP groups; it is an important but not dominant effort compared to outcome-specific activities
2.0.3	Assess and integrate jurisdictional data sources to improve the accuracy of model predictions.	This is historically a very active set of activities; dependent on frequency of updates to key datasets, needs and model update calendar, this may factor significantly into the current and subsequent workplans

RENPS

Number	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.1.1	Complete the Phase 7 suite of modeling tools	This MA will be a significant priority and effort for this workplan. It will be fully addressed by July 2030, with only follow-up or maintenance activities in the subsequent workplan
2.1.2	Revise planning targets for 2040 based on the final Phase 7 suite of modeling tools	This MA will be a significant priority and effort for this workplan. It will be fully addressed by July 2030, with only follow-up activities in the subsequent workplan
2.1.3	Develop new or amended Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs)	This MA will be a significant priority and effort for this workplan. It will be mostly (~90%) addressed by July 2030, with only finalization or follow-up activities in the subsequent workplan

RENPS

Number	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.1.4	Continue to increase implementation of Phase 3 WIPs through 2030 to achieve interim planning targets and share successful or emerging innovative strategies or opportunities to achieve greater nutrient and sediment reductions	This MA will be fully addressed within this workplan and only follow-up or learning activities will be included in the subsequent workplan. The release and evaluation of 2030 progress will occur following completion of this workplan period since the workplan period ends on the same date as the 2030 progress year (June 2030).
2.1.5	Explore a tiered implementation structure for achieving nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reductions	This MA will be fully addressed within this workplan in alignment with MA 2.1.2
2.1.6	Assess nutrient mass imbalances and advance innovations that strengthen the adoption or performance of nonpoint source best management practices (BMPs)	This MA will be stretched across the next six years and may be more limited to first steps or shorter term priorities within this workplan, depending on capacity expectations.
2.1.7	Incorporate additional lines of evidence into assessments of progress	This may spill into the subsequent workplan but will still include significant discussion and activity within this workplan.

Toxic & Emerging Contaminants

Number	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.2.1	Share information on the occurrence, sources and effectiveness of toxic contaminants, including emerging contaminants.	[Forthcoming]
2.2.2	Synthesize and share research on the efficacy of mitigation practices and communicate the toxic contaminant reduction co-benefits of nutrient and sediment-focused best management practices.	[Forthcoming]
2.2.3	Strengthen collaborative connections across the Chesapeake Bay Program and engage new partners and practitioners beyond CBWA signatories.	[Forthcoming]
2.2.4	Support development of a plastics monitoring program for the Chesapeake Bay watershed	[Forthcoming]
2.2.5	Continue to research and disseminate microplastic pollution findings to understand the threats of plastic pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its resources	[Forthcoming]
2.2.6	Identify and implement management solutions to reduce the occurrence of plastic pollution in the Chesapeake Bay watershed	[Forthcoming]

WQ,SAM

Number	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.3.1	Sustain and Strengthen Core Partnership Monitoring Networks	[Forthcoming]
2.3.2	Develop and Implement Decision Rules for Assessing Water Quality Criteria for All Designated Uses	[Forthcoming]
2.3.3	Maintain or Exceed the Rate of Improvement in the Water Quality Standards Attainment Indicator	[Forthcoming]

WQ,SAM

Number	Management Approach	Guiding thoughts
2.3.4	Maintain and Advance Water Quality Data Analysis to Address Information Gaps and Inform Science-Based Management Decisions	[Forthcoming]
2.3.5	Improve Monitoring to Model Integration and Transparency	[Forthcoming]
2.3.6	Develop Unified Progress Narratives and Communication Products Across Audiences and Scales	[Forthcoming]