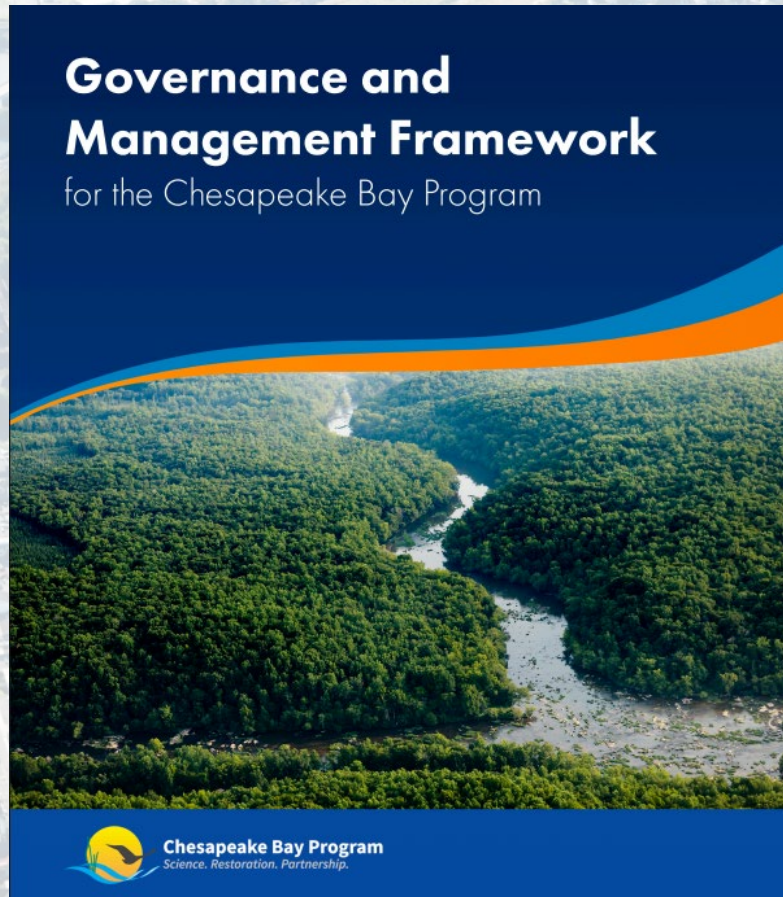


An aerial photograph of a river valley. A town is visible on the left bank, with a baseball field and some industrial or commercial buildings. A dam spans the river in the center. The right bank is heavily forested. The background shows more of the town and surrounding hills.

Land Use Workgroup (LUWG) Coordinator Updates

Jackie Pickford, USGS-CBPO
July 22, 2026

Chesapeake Bay Program's Updated Governance and Management Framework (GMF) Document



1. DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

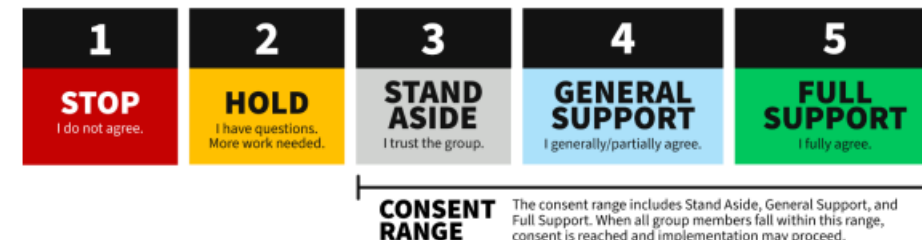
1. Pre-Decision:

- The group leadership ((co-)chair(s) and coordinator team), with input from all voting and non-voting members, determines when a decision is needed.
- The decision topic is formally identified on the meeting agenda and posted, along with the supporting materials, on the meeting page with the required advance notice.

2. Decision Making in Meeting:

- Quorum: Ensure the appropriate quorum of the decision-making body exists before beginning the decision-making process.
- Discussion of the item: All members of the group discuss the topic to surface relevant information, perspectives and considerations. This discussion helps identify the general direction of the group and potential proposals for action, with input from both members and non-members.
- Formation of a proposal: Based on the discussion a formal decision proposal is developed and presented to the group by the presenter in coordination with the (co-) chair(s) or vice-chair. If a member sees immediate fundamental issues with a proposal, the chair should document a stop.
- Call for consent-position: The co-chairs (or their designees) poll voting and non-voting members for their positions. For PSC consent-positions, only voting members will be polled, representing their delegation. For visual representation of positions during the decision-making process, see Figure 2.
- Identification and addressing of concerns: If consent is not reached unanimously, dissenting members articulate their concerns. This may prompt additional discussion to clarify or address those concerns. Dissenting members are expected to propose alternatives, suggest maintaining the status quo, or outline a process for developing an alternative so that concerns can be constructively addressed. If needed, the decision may be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the PSC, goal team, or workgroup to allow time for resolution.
- Modification of the proposal: The proposal may be revised to address identified concerns. The process then returns to the call for decision.

Figure 2. Chesapeake Bay Program's Decision-Making Continuum. Based on the University of Maryland's Center for Leadership and Organizational Change Consensus Continuum.



Upcoming Requests of Signatories from CBPO at the goal team level

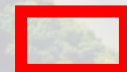
- **July 31, 2026:** Signatory partners submit official members and alternates for workgroups and action teams to goal team co-chairs and coordinators.
- **Aug 31, 2026 (earlier submission appreciated):** Signatory partners and federal agencies submit “signatory snapshots” and “statutory authority” sections of the Management Strategies to Sarah Brzezinski and Erin Sonnenburg.
- **Nov 20, 2026:** Signatory partners and federal agencies identify themselves as “participating partners” for CBWA outcomes & management strategies. Submit information to goal team co-chairs, coordinators, and Sarah Brzezinski.

Please and coordinate within your agencies to provide information by the respective due dates.

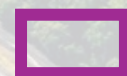
Contact Sarah Brzezinski (brzezinski.sarah@epa.gov) and Erin Sonnenburg (Sonnenburg.Erin@epa.gov) with any additional questions about these requests.

Land Use Forecasts (updated timeline)

- **Aug 3 – 7***: updated data on Web Viewer
- **Aug 12**: CBLCM Office Hours Part II
- **Sep 7 – 11***: updated data on Web Viewer
- **Sep 16**: CBLCM Office Hours Part III
- **Sep 23**: LUWG Meeting – final approval
 - Most likely will be a joint meeting with Urban Stormwater WG



= LUWG meeting



= Office Hours

July 2026

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*Exact date is TBD. Will notify LUWG/USWG/CWGT once data is posted.

Acronyms

- CBC: Chesapeake Bay Commission
- CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program (partnership)
- CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
- CBLCM: Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model
- CBWA: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement
- CWGT: [Clean Water Goal Team](#) (formerly Water Quality Goal Implementation Team)
- DNREC: Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- DOEE: [D.C.] Department of Energy and Environment
- EPA: [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency
- GMF: Governance and Management Framework
- HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- LDT: Land Data Team (internal CBPO land use team)
- LUWG: Land Use Workgroup
- MDE: Maryland Department of Environment
- MDP: Maryland Department of Planning
- NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- PA DEP: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- USWG: [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)
- USGS: United States Geological Survey
- VA DEQ: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- WVDEP: West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection