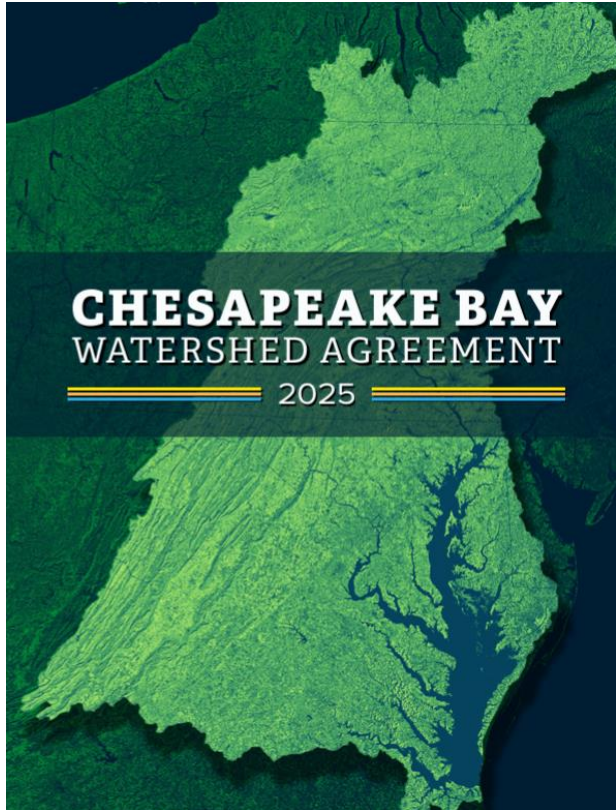




Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

Protected Lands Outcome Management Strategy Development

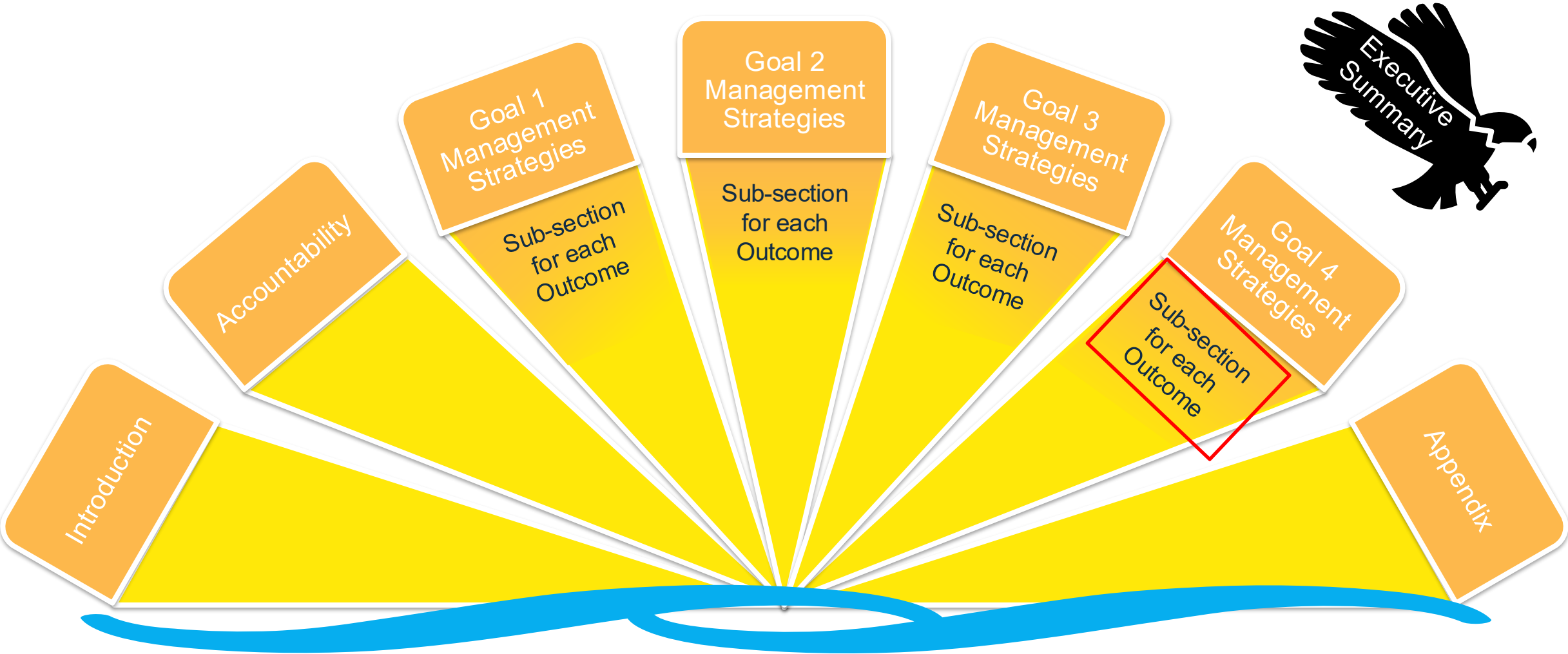
The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (CBWA)



- “The Goals and Outcomes contained in [the CBWA] are collective commitments made by the signatories to advance the restoration, conservation and protection of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and its watershed.”
- “[Management] strategies (MS) shall outline the means for accomplishing each Outcome and its Targets...”

[Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#)

Strategic Plan Chapters & Sub-sections



Management Strategies shall outline the **means for accomplishing** each Outcome and its Targets...

Monitoring

Assessing and reporting progress

Coordinating actions among partners and stakeholders as necessary

Addressing and accounting for changing environmental conditions

How the partnership will be engaged

Where actions, tools, financial support, and technical assistance are needed to empower local governments

What steps are necessary to facilitate greater participation in achieving the Outcome

Timeline



MAY – DECEMBER 2026
Drafting

FEBRUARY - APRIL 2027
Incorporate feedback



JANUARY 5 – 31, 2027
Strategic Plan
Public Feedback Period

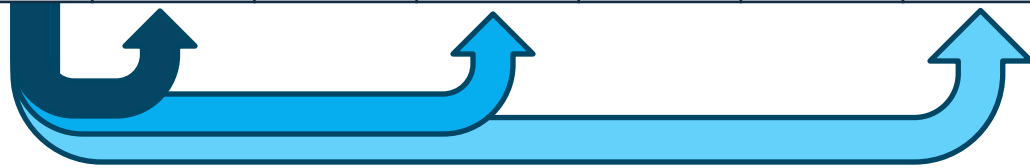
MAY – JUNE 2027
Strategic Plan and Workplan
finalization and approval

Timeline



Accountability and Adaptive Management

MS Develop. (up to 18 months)	Management Strategy (6 yrs) July 2027 – June 2033							Management Strategy (6 yrs) July 2033 – June 2039							Agreement Revision
	Workplans (3 yrs) July 2027 – June 2030			Workplans (3 yrs) July 2030 – June 2033				Workplans (3 yrs) July 2033 – June 2036			Workplans (3 yrs) July 2036 – June 2039				
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	

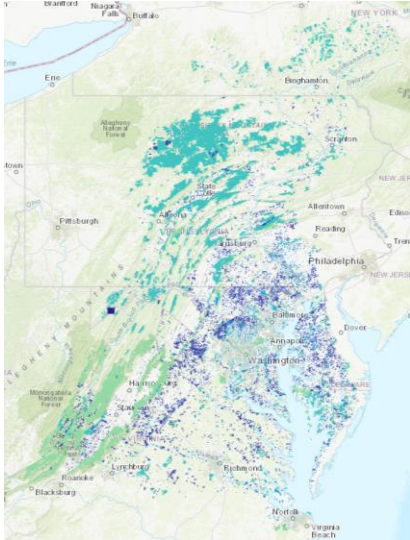


- Annual Check-Ins** – extended PSC meetings that communicate progress, and address and prioritize implementation needs
- Triennial Reviews** – cross-program review & symposium to document successes and challenges and initiate new Workplans
- Strategy and Program Evaluation** – assess the current progress 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

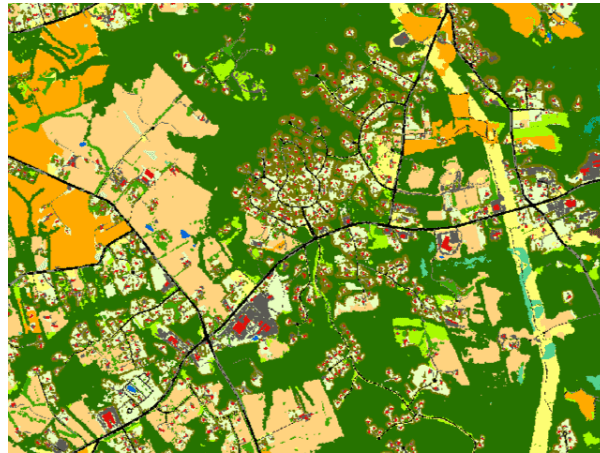
Components of the Management Strategy

- **Baseline and current conditions of the Outcome and Targets**
 - General protected lands overview
 - Specific baseline information for each target
- **Monitoring Progress and Indicators**
 - How are we going to track our progress?
- **Situation Analysis**
 - Challenges
 - Snapshot of Programs
- **Management of Approaches**
- **Participating Partners**

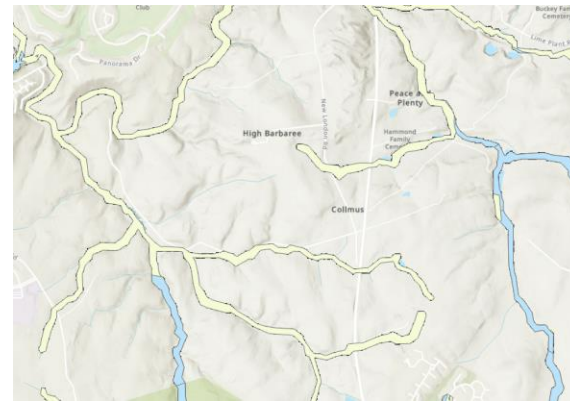
Monitoring Progress and Indicators



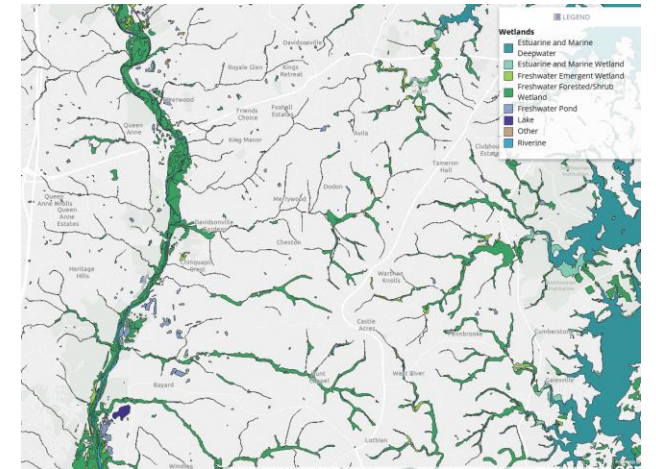
Chesapeake Bay
Program Protected
Lands Indicator



Chesapeake Bay High
Resolution Land Use/Land
Cover



Chesapeake Bay
Watershed 1:24k 30
Riparian Buffer Zones



National Wetlands Inventory
USFWS

Cross-Cutting Actions & Priorities from Wildlife Action Plans, Outdoor Recreation Plans, and Forest Action Plans

Key Action	Description
Protect, Restore & Connect Key Habitats	Safeguard forests, wetlands, riparian areas, and headwaters; restore degraded ecosystems; and improve landscape connectivity through corridors and riparian buffers.
Expand Research, Monitoring & Data Systems	Conduct ongoing surveys, habitat assessments, and disease monitoring; maintain strong ecological databases; and support adaptive, science-based decision-making.
Build Partnerships, Capacity & Public Engagement	Strengthen interagency coordination, support landowners, invest in training and workforce capacity, and increase outreach and community engagement in conservation.
Strengthen Policies, Regulations & Funding Mechanisms	Adopt/enforce land-use and environmental regulations, support easements, expand conservation funding, and integrate climate resilience into planning.
Manage Major Threats Across Landscapes	Control invasive species, address habitat fragmentation, reduce pollution and development pressures, and promote sustainable land-management practices.

Situational Analysis

- Identifies challenges that will **impact progress** towards attaining the Protected Lands outcome and its targets
 - Analysis considers **scientific, environmental, fiscal or policy-related developments** that have already or may influence work during the upcoming six-year Management Strategy cycle
 - Consideration is given to which challenges are **within and outside of CBP's ability to influence**
-

Situational Analysis Questions

Which top three challenges do you see as most likely to slow progress toward the outcome and targets in the next six years?

What is going to influence your work over the next 6 years?
(scientific, environmental, fiscal, or policy-related developments that have already influenced or may influence)

Snapshot of Signatory Programs

Seeks to recognize the significant contribution that individual signatory partners and federal agencies make towards outcome attainment

Existing programs and funding spotlighted are not intended to represent the full range of resources available or required to support progress towards outcome attainment

Only the “biggest ticket” programs are included for each outcome and signatory partner

Any programs that help move the Protected Lands outcome forward

Federal Programs and Funds

- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) (USDA)
 - Forest Legacy Areas (USFS)
 - Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund (USFWS)
 - Sentinel Landscapes(DOD)
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (DOI)
 - Chesapeake Gateways (NPS)
 - NRCS Source Water Funds
-



Snapshot of Signatory Programs

What programs (big or small) is your agency/organization currently using that help move the Protected Lands outcome forward?

Whiteboard link

- <https://canva.link/m9uju7x2n2jkk0d>

Draft MS Timeline

- One-on-one meetings with members throughout June / July
 - August Meeting will include updates on what has been drafted with time for feedback & discussion
 - Outcome draft to the goal team in September
-