



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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# **Management Strategy Placeholders**

## **Discussion**



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# DECISIONS

What timeframe does the MB want to set for initial MS development?

What timeframe does the MB want to set for MS implementation, commitment updates, and evaluation and strategy updates?

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# Management Strategy (MS) Placeholders

- MS development period
  - Within **X timeframe** (*previously “one year”*) of the revision of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Goal Implementation Teams will update or develop Management Strategies for the Outcomes that support the Goals of this *Watershed Agreement*.

# MS Placeholders

- MS implementation and evaluation period
  - Management Strategies, which are aimed at implementing Outcomes, identify participating signatories and other stakeholders, including local governments and nonprofit organizations, and will be implemented in **X-year (previously “2-year”) periods**.
  - The signatories and other partners shall thereafter update and/or modify such commitments every **X (previously “2”) years**.
  - Goal Implementation Teams will re-evaluate **with X frequency (previously “biennially”)** and update strategies as necessary, with attention to changing environmental and economic conditions.

# 2040 Time horizon

During Evaluation period, work continues, at reduced capacity

4 Year Cycle	Up to 18 Month MS Development		3 Year Implementation Period			Evaluate & Update Strategy	3 Year Implementation Period			Evaluate & Update Strategy	3 Year Implementation Period			Program Evaluation	Agreement Revision
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040

3 Year Cycle	Up to 18 Month MS Development		2 Year Implementation Period		Evaluation & Strategy Updates	2 Year Implementation Period		Evaluate & Update Strategy	2 Year Implementation Period		Evaluation & Strategy Updates	2 Year Implementation Period		Program Evaluation	Agreement Revision
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During Evaluation periods, Celebration of Progress, and Agreement Revisions, work on Implementation continues at reduced capacity

Indicator reporting  
Work Plan vs MS update cycle

# 2040 Time horizon

6 Year Cycle	Up to 18 Month MS Development		5 Year Implementation Period					Evaluate & Update Strategy	5 Year Implementation Period					Program Evaluation	Agreement Revision
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# DECISIONS

What timeframe does the MB want to set for initial MS development?

Options Discussed: 1 year, 18 months or 2 years

What timeframe does the MB want to set for MS implementation, commitment updates, and evaluation and strategy updates?

Options Discussed: 2 years, 3 years, 4 years or 5 years





# Thank you!

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