



**Stakeholders' Advisory Committee**  
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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## **Stakeholders' Committee Coordinator's Report**

### **May 22, 2025**

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# Coordinator's Report

- **Confirm Subcommittee Selection**
- **Reimagining How the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee Meets**
  - Examples from other Advisory Committees
  - Feedback and Ideas
  - small group to make recommendation
- **Snapshot of Summer and Fall Activities**

# New Budget Reality / Uncertainty

- Unlikely to have 4 in-person meetings in the future
- Hoping to avoid all virtual-only meetings
  - What we learned from pandemic-time:
    - Hybrid meetings allows for more member participation
    - All-virtual meetings are possible, but...
      - miss the human elements: networking, connection
      - miss the local learning from places & people
      - meetings need to be shorter
      - temptation to multi-task is strong

# Opportunity: Intentional Restructure

## Traditional Way

4 in-person  
meetings

quarterly

across  
watershed

## Pandemic Way

4 virtual  
meetings

quarterly

anywhere



Yet Unexplored

# Right Activity : Right Format

Information / Briefings

Panel Discussions

Creative Thinking / Strategy

Formulating Recommendations

Building Consensus

Tour: Learning from Local Stakeholders

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

## Meet 5x/yr (mix of formats)

- Summer: Annual 3-Day Retreat (in-person only)
- Fall: STAC Workshop Related (hybrid) 10am-3pm
- Fall: Topical Meeting (virtual) 3 hours
- Winter: Topical Meeting (virtual) 3 hours
- Spring: Topical Meeting (virtual) 3 hours

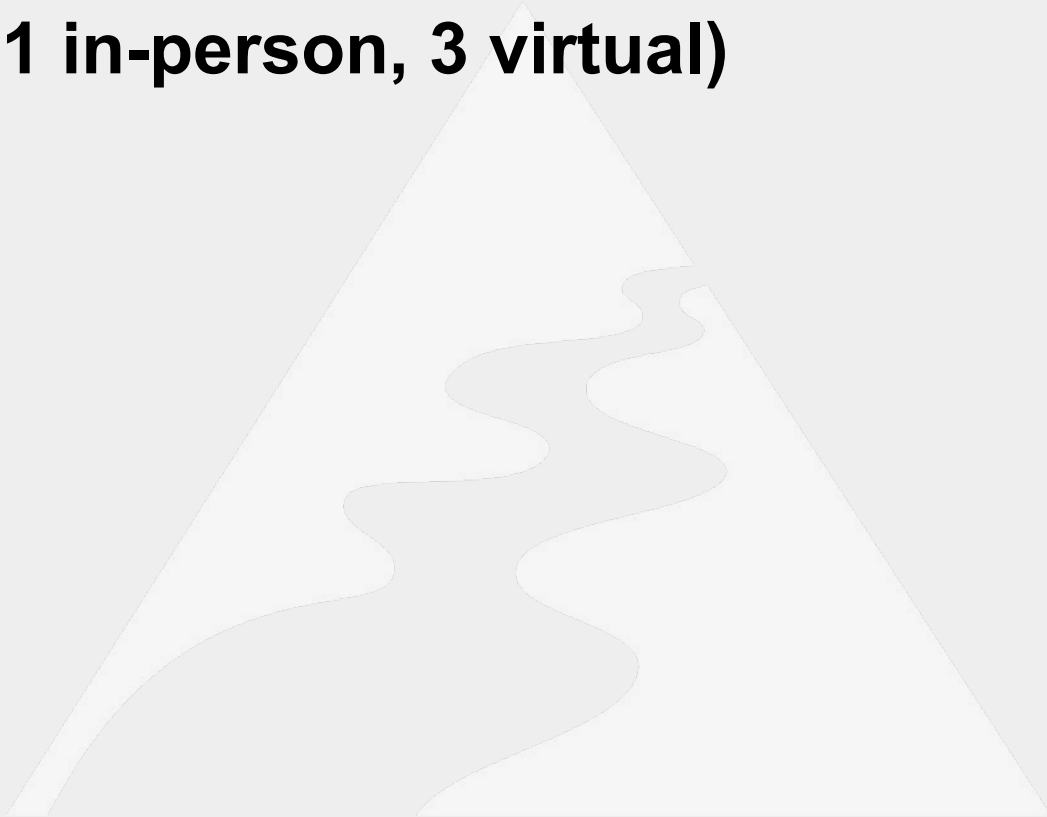
# Local Government Advisory Committee

## Meet 4x/yr (3 in-person, 1 virtual + State Delegations)

- Spring: 2-Day (in-person, hybrid)
- Summer: 2-Day (in-person, hybrid)
- Fall: 2- Day (in-person, hybrid)
  - followed by state delegation meetings with state leaders/PSC member
- Winter: Virtual (3 hours)

# Agriculture Advisory Committee

**Meet 4x/yr (1 in-person, 3 virtual)**





# Stakeholders' Advisory Committee

**Meet 4x/year (2 in-person, 2 virtual + State Delegations)**

- Feb: 1-Day or Two ½ Days (virtual)
  - Feb-April: Delegations meet with PSC members
- May: 2-Day (in-person, hybrid)
  - Tour, Creative Thinking, Strategy
- Sept: 2-Day (in-person, hybrid)
  - Tour, Form Recommendations, Build Consensus
- Dec: Two ½ Days (virtual)

# Intentional Restructuring

**Thoughts/ Reactions?**

**Small group to explore ideas and make a recommendation to the full Committee?**

# Upcoming Activities (Summer)

- Tomorrow, Friday, May 23- PSC meeting
- July 1- Sept 1  
Revised *Watershed Agreement* Public Feedback
- August 20- PSC Meeting: Check-in on Governance & Structure
- Sept 17-18 Quarterly Meeting (mtg format TBD)  
Draft Outline for EC Recommendations

# Upcoming Activities (Fall)

- Oct 28- PSC: final approval for revised *Watershed Agreement*, plan for Structure & Governance changes
- October-November  
Finalize Letter of Recommendations
- Nov 18- PSC- *Agreement* approved for annual EC meeting
- **Dec 1, 2, 8, or 10: Annual Executive Council Meeting**
- Dec 11-12 Quarterly Meeting  
Officer and Subcommittee Chair Elections