

Public Access Workgroup

May 2026



Harpers Ferry in Jefferson County,
West Virginia,
Chesapeake Bay Program

Agenda

1. 2025 Data Call
2. Management Strategies / Workplan Updates
3. Greenspace Definition
4. 10 Minute Walk Analysis: Trust for Public Land
5. Target Discussion: Site Upgrades / Maintenance
6. Target Discussion: ADA / ABA Accessibility



Chesapeake Bay Program Updates

Management Strategies

- Templates approved at April Management Board Meeting
- September 2026: First Draft done for Workgroup review
- November 2026: Present Draft to Policy Steering Committee
- January 2027: Public Feedback Period

[Management Strategy Template](#)

[Workplan Template](#)

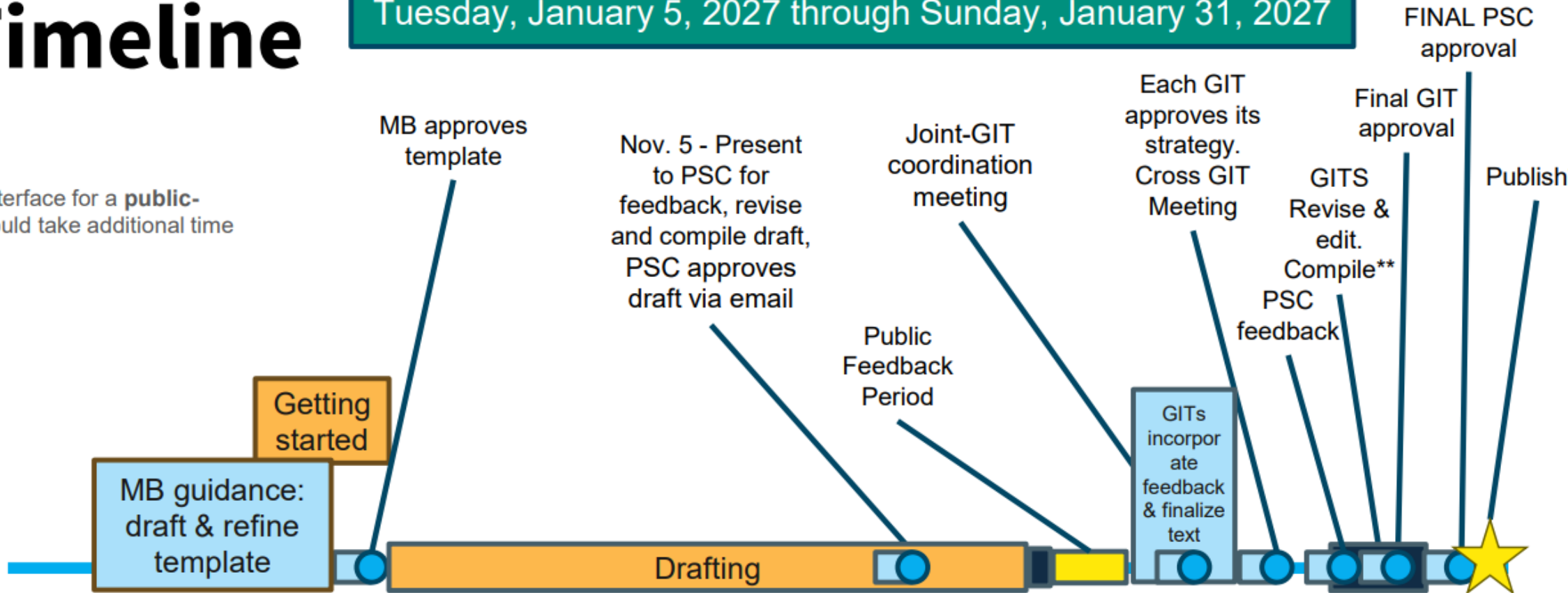
Workplans

- Templates approved
- No public feedback period (internal documents)
- Anticipated deadline of spring 2027
- Shorter focus (1-3 years)

MS Timeline

Public Feedback Period for Management Strategies:
Tuesday, January 5, 2027 through Sunday, January 31, 2027

**Dynamic web interface for a public-facing content would take additional time



18-month countdown	Dec 00	Jan 01	Feb 02	Mar 03	Apr 04	May 05	Jun 06	Jul 07	Aug 08	Sep 09	Oct 10	Nov 11	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 14	Mar 15	Apr 16	May 17	Jun 18
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Year	25	2026												2027					

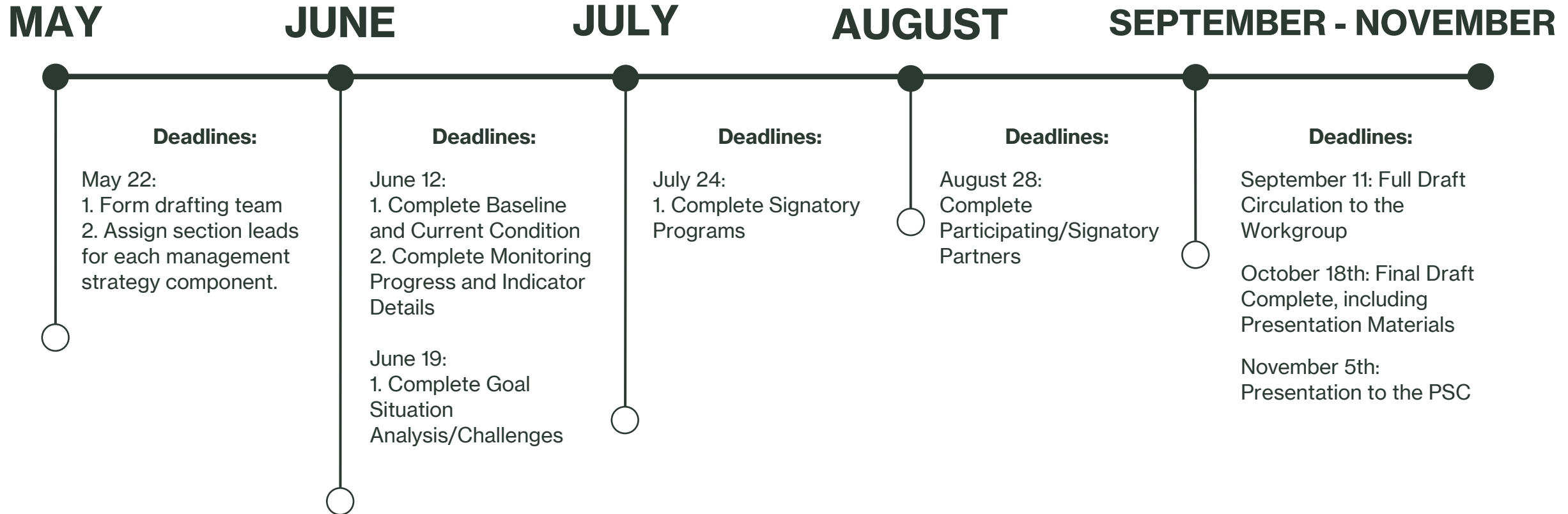
Management Strategies - Drafting

We are looking for 6 people to aid in the drafting and reviewing process!

Responsibilities include:

- Sharing ideas, data, and input
- Writing sections of the Management Strategy
- Participating in small group meetings during the drafting process (every ~2 weeks during the summer)

Public Access Workgroup Management Strategy Drafting Timeline



Approved Greenspace Definition

Urban and Community Greenspaces are publicly accessible lands in census designated places and urban areas that provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation while offering exposure to nature. These public spaces deliver human health, community, and environmental benefits and include, but are not limited to, parks, trails, gardens, sports fields, waterfronts, outdoor gathering areas, and natural landscapes like forests or grasslands.

Discussion

- How does your jurisdiction / organization use the terms passive and active recreation?

Target Language:

Increase access to existing urban and community greenspaces identified in the protected lands dataset.



Guest Speaker – Will Klein, Trust for Public Land

10 Minute Walk Analysis

→ Potential metric for tracking access of urban and community greenspaces within the protected lands dataset



Revitalization on Broad Creek in
Sussex County, Delaware;
Chesapeake Bay Program

Upgrades / Maintenance Target

Discussion Questions

- What counts as maintenance / upgrades?
- Does your jurisdiction track this? If so, how?

Potential Metrics

- Dollars spent
- Others?

Target Language

By 2040, improve at least 100 of the 1,451 existing public water access sites by upgrading or maintaining site grounds and structures and expanding the range of active and passive recreation opportunities such as paddling, boating, trails, courts, piers, wildlife viewing and picnic areas.

ADA / ABA Accessibility Target

Discussion Questions

- How many sites currently have ADA / ABA amenities?
- How does your jurisdiction track this?

Potential Metrics

- Number of sites with accessible features added

Target Language:

By 2040, improve at least 40 of the existing public water access sites by adding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessible features.





West Branch Susquehanna River in
Clinton County, Pennsylvania;
Chesapeake Bay Program

Round Robin

Do you have any ongoing programs or success stories you'd like to share?