# Milestones Slides

# Two-Year Milestones in the Partnership

- [2008](#) EC commitment to speed up the pace of Bay restoration and be more accountable to reduce pollution to the Bay and its rivers

- Short term goals that will intensify restoration efforts

- Provide short term actions that support meeting the WIPs

- Part of the CBP partnership Water Quality Accountability Framework

- Opportunity to showcase incremental progress in meeting water quality goals

- Milestones will lead up to meeting water quality standards for Bay restoration

# Potential Recommendations for Milestones

1. Consider a 3-year milestone to span 2026-2028

2. Consider options for adaptive management/sand boxing in milestones for 2026-2028
   a) Balance between innovation and accountability
   b) More meaningful milestones

3. Engage the Milestones Workgroup to consider improvements/sand boxing opportunities in the milestones

# Additional Opportunities for Discussion

- Upcoming Office Hours
  - Tuesday August 6 @ 1PM
  - Monday August 12 @ 2PM
  - Thursday August 22 @ 3PM

- Objective: At August 26 WQGIT Meeting, approve path forward for development of recommendations for Management Board approval of 2026-202? milestone process

# Office Hours/Additional Suggestions

- This topic is very important and should have dedicated discussion time.

- Suggestion that Milestone workgroup be resurrected to convene those discussions

- The discussions should focus on:
  - timeframes/duration/expectations for next milestone submission period
    - Continue 2 year, change to a 3 or 4 year time horizon
  - Opportunities to try out some different things (piloting/sandboxing) to inform the future (future defined as post Phase7 model release)
  - What boundaries should be place on piloting/sandboxing?

- Need to have clear path accepted by Partnership by Feb 2025

# WQGIT Decision

- Decide where the appropriate group (WQGIT or Milestone WG) to have focused discussion on Milestones for the 2026-202? timeframe:

- Recommendations/options will be developed by this group to:
  - Develop timeline options (2, 3, 4 year) milestone period and rationale to support the option
  - Develop recommendations/options to consider piloting/sandboxing new ideas to include in the milestone period(s)
    - Recommendations should include any boundaries or constraints believed to be necessary for piloting/sandboxing