Overview of ERG's Component in Beyond 2025

- **Charge**: High-level programmatic evaluation. Approved by SC in September.
- **Aim**: Review effectiveness of CBP structure / processes; Impact assessment.
- **Method**: Content analysis, interviews, small groups, listening sessions.

Products	2023			2024						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
EQ1 - Looking inward										
Content analysis		■	■							
Process maps			■	■						
Interviews					■	■				
EQ2 - Looking outward										
Content analysis		■	■							
Interviews with CBP					■	■				
Interviews with external				■	■					
EQ3 - Logical flow										
Content analysis	■	■	■							
Input from GITs		■	■	■						
Summary Items										
Draft report							■	■		
SC Review									■	
Final report										■

Content Analysis

1. Not technical analysis, rather a synthesis and documentation process.

2. Analysts produce a summary for each document. Not entirely exhaustive, but purposeful...particular focus on statements that align with the evaluation questions.

3. Summary statements cross-reviewed to determine throughlines or potential conflicts.

4. Integrate "statement of findings" into final report.

Material Title (Author(s), Affiliation, Publication Date)

- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, 2014)
- Chesapeake 2000 (Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, 2000)
- Governance and Management Framework for the Chesapeake Bay Program – Version 5.0 (Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, 2022)
- Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: A Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Publication 23-006, 2023)
- Charting a Course to 2025: A Report and Recommendations for the Chesapeake Executive Council on How to Best Address and Integrate New Science and Restoration Strategies Leading up to 2025 (Draft) (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2023)
- Rising Watershed and Bay Water Temperatures: Ecological Implications and Management Responses (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Publication 23-001, 2023)
- Enhancing the Chesapeake Bay Program Monitoring Networks: A Report to the Principals' Staff Committee (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2022)
- Chesapeake Governance Study: Report of 2021 Decision-Maker Interview Results (D.G. Webster, Dartmouth College, 2023)
- Recognizing political influences in participatory social-ecological systems modeling (Lim, T. C., Glynn, P. D., Shenk, G. W., Bitterman, P., Guillaume, J. H. A., Little, J. C., & Webster, D. G., *Socio-Environmental Systems Modelling*, 2023)
- Enhancing Chesapeake Bay Partnership Activities by Integrating Social Science (Wainger, L. et al., University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, 2023)
- Retrospective on Lessons Learned from the Chesapeake Bay Program Strategy Review System's 3rd Cycle with Suggested Adaptations to Address the Issues (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2023)
- Café Summaries and Report Products from Chesapeake Bay Program Strategy Review System's 3rd Cycle Biennial Meeting (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2023)
- Using Ecosystem Services to Increase Progress Toward, and Quantify the Benefits of, Multiple CBP Outcomes: Day 1 Workshop and Day 2 Workshop (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, 2023)
- Linking Soil and Watershed Health to In-Field and Edge-of-Field Water Management (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, 2020)
- Using Local Monitoring Results to Inform the Chesapeake Bay Program's Watershed Model (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, 2023)
- Advancing Monitoring Approaches to Enhance Tidal Chesapeake Bay Habitat Assessment (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee): Session 1: SAV (2021), Session 2: Chlorophyll a (2022), and Session 3: Dissolved Oxygen (2022)

CBP+ Engagement

1. Interviews, small group discussions, listening sessions.

2. Initial discussions organized by Program Structure.

3. Follow-up engagements will be identified:
   1. Functional (e.g., monitoring, GIS, financial, staffing/web support)
   2. External Stakeholders (e.g., local officials, SWCD, NGO, Ag industry)

4. In total, approximately 30 engagements between January and March.

5. Integrate "statement of findings" into final report.

#	Focus Group	Participants	Perspectives
1	Jurisdiction (NY/PA) + CBC Rep	7 representatives (3 per jurisdiction + CBC)	•Focus on (1) how the jurisdictions work within or interact with the CBP organizational structure and (2) how the jurisdictions align/reconcile their own goals/objectives with CBP goals/objectives, focusing on the topics of EQ1. •Focus on how the jurisdictions provide CBP-based or -derived information to its own stakeholders, focusing on the topics of EQ2.
2	Jurisdiction (MD/DE/DC) + CBC Rep	10 representatives (3 per jurisdiction + CBC)	
3	Jurisdiction (VA/WV) + CBC Rep	7 representatives (3 per jurisdiction + CBC)	
4	Federal (NRCS; USFS; DHS; EPA; DOT)	10 representatives (2 per Agency)	•Focus on how the agencies work within and interact with the CBP organizational structure, focusing on the topics of EQ1. •Focus on how the agencies provide CBP-based information to its stakeholders, focusing on the topics toe EQ2.
5	Federal (USGS; FWS; NPS; NOAA, USACE, Navy)	12 representatives (2 per Agency)	
6	STAC	6 members	· Focus on how STAC functions within the CBP structure focusing on the topics of EQ1. · Focus on how STAC facilitates/works on providing information to stakeholder; focus on topics related to EQ2.
7	SAC	6 members	· Focus on how the CBP interacts with stakeholders (as defined under the SAC scope) using EQ2 as a guide. · Identify areas where the CBP has been effective and areas where improvement is needed. · Some discussion on how SAC interacts within the CBP structure to address EQ1 topics.
8	LGAC	6 members	· Focus on how the CBP interacts with local governments as a specific stakeholder group using the topics of EQ2 as a guide. · Some discussion on how LGAC interacts within the CBP structure to address EQ1 topics.
9	Cross GIT	12 members (2 per GIT)	· Focus on how the CBP works from the cross-GIT perspective, focusing on aspects identified in EQ1.
10	GIT1	6 members	· For each group separately, a detailed discussion on the goals covered by each group focusing on the aspects identified in EQ3.
11	GIT2	6 members	
12	GIT3	6 members	
13	GIT4	6 members	
14	GIT5	6 members	
15	GIT6	6 members	
16	STAR	6 members	· Discuss the aspects of EQ1 related to the functioning of STAR.
17	Strategic Engagement Team	6 members	· Discussion that focuses on relevant aspects of EQ2, mostly on reaching stakeholders.
18	Management Board	TBD	· A higher-level discussion of how the CBP functions based on the topics in EQ1. Focus on how MB interacts within the CBP structure. · A higher-level discussion of the topics in EQ3

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- **November – January 2024**: Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.

- **February 2024**: 2-day symposium to discuss and potentially refine topical group recommendations.

- **March 2024**: Adoption of topical group recommendations by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and review of the first draft of recommendations from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.

- **April 2024**: Adoption of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.

- **May – June 2024**: Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.

- **July 2024**: Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations based on public input.

- **August – September 2024**: Seek approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.

- **October 2024**: Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Executive Council.

PROCESS

Where we are

Reaching 2025 Report

- Outcome Attainment
- Assessment and Recommendations

Science and Policy Reports

- CESR, Rising Temps, Dartmouth, Biennial Mtg Report, Adv. Committees Recommendations

Where do we want to be?

Vision Exercise [SC]

- Future watershed will be different
- Reaffirm or refine vision?

High Profile Topics

- Steering Committee discussions about priority issues like climate change, shallow waters, DEIJ, NPS, etc. that are coordinated by SC and GIT+ small groups

[G+] [SC]

How we work

[ERG] **Organizational/ Governance Assessment**

- CBP Structures
- CBP Processes
- Adaptive Management
- Stakeholder/NGO engagement

[G+]

What we do

[ERG] **Impact Assessment of Goals & Outcomes**

- Do we have the right goals / outcomes and can the partnership have an impact on them?
- What to do with met goals? Unmet goals?

[G+]

Path Forward

[SC] **Recommendations on Org. Structure, Gov. & Adapt Mgmt**

- Findings, strengths, weaknesses
- Identify and/or assess options

informs

Recommendations on Agreement

- Amend and extend?
- Reform and rewrite?
- **Any proposed changes cannot be fully scripted in 1yr.**

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Draft SC Recommendations [SC]

- Agreement, Structure, Governance, Adapt Mgmt
- Next Steps Post EC2024
- GIT Involvement in Review process

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Final Recommendations to EC in 2024

Post EC2024

PHASE II: Execute Recommended Path Forward

[G+] = GIT Involvement + WG chairs and/or SMEs)

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