



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*

December 11, 2025  
MB Meeting

# Partnership Progress: October - November 2025

# TIMELINE: RECENT PROGRESS

Dates	Lead	Deliverable(s)
July 1 – Sept 1	Public	60-day public feedback period on amended Agreement
September 11	MB	Begin to review, organize, and address public feedback; update on interim structure and governance recommendations
Sept 30 – Oct 2	MB	Retreat to discuss Agreement amendments and interim structure and governance recommendations
October 9	MB	Finalize Agreement amendments and interim structure and governance recommendations for PSC review
October 28	PSC	Finalize Agreement amendments; discuss governance and structure recommendations
November 6	PSC/MB	Finalize materials for December 2 EC meeting (e.g., finalize interim structure and governance recommendations)
December 2	EC	Approve recommended amendments to the Agreement and interim structure and governance revisions



# MB Retreat Review

## Day 1

- Vision, Principles, Preamble
- Time Horizon
- Thriving Habitat, Fisheries, and Wildlife Outcomes

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## Day 2

- Clean Water Outcomes
- Healthy Landscapes Outcomes
- Engaged Communities Outcomes
- Return to unresolved issues

## Day 3

- Time Horizon
- Management Strategies
- Governance recommendations
- Structure straw man discussion



# **Recap of Policy Decisions from the October 9 Management Board Meeting**



# CBWA Time Horizon

**The MB supermajority votes resulted in adoption of a 2040-time horizon for the Watershed Agreement with a 2033 checkpoint.**

Do you support a ___ time horizon?	2035	2040
<b>Chesapeake Bay Commission</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>Commonwealth of Virginia</b>	Yea	Nay
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>State of Delaware</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>State of Maryland</b>	Yea	Nay
<b>State of New York</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>State of West Virginia</b>	Nay	Yea
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Stand Aside	Stand Aside



# CBWA Time Horizon

**The MB agreed via consensus to adopt a six-year cycle for Management Strategy implementation.**



**The Program will report progress to the public and update work plans on a shorter-term basis for each Outcome in accordance with adaptive management.**



# **Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment (RENPS) Target #1**

**Virginia Proposal Accepted by Management Board Through Supermajority Vote:**

“Through 2030, signatories will continue to accelerate completion of all interim water quality planning targets through implementation of Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plans, two-year milestone commitments and other innovative strategies to achieve and maintain reduced levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment.”

# Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment (RENPS) Target #1

Do you support the inclusion of _____ in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement?	Maryland's proposed RENPS Target 1 language	Virginia's proposed RENPS Target 1 language
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Nay	Yea
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Nay	Yea
Commonwealth of Virginia	Nay	Yea
District of Columbia	Nay	Yea
State of Delaware	Nay	Yea
State of Maryland	Yea	Nay
State of New York	Nay	Yea
State of West Virginia	Nay	Yea
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Nay	Yea

- Maryland's proposed language on Target #1:*** "By 2035, achieve all interim planning targets by implementing the existing Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plans, two-year milestone commitments and other innovative strategies."



# Waterbirds

Should waterbirds be included in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement?	Waterbirds
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Yea
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Yea
Commonwealth of Virginia	Nay
District of Columbia	Yea
State of Delaware	Nay*
State of Maryland	Yea
State of New York	Yea
State of West Virginia	Nay
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Nay



# Waterbirds

The MB is recommending to the PSC that waterbirds remain in the Agreement under the Tidal Wetlands Target and the Nontidal Wetlands Target, per Maryland's **proposal**.

- “**Tidal**: Restore or create at least 3,000 acres and enhance 15,000 acres of tidal wetlands by 2040, **focusing on habitats that support populations of waterbirds and represent healthy wetlands across the watershed.**”
- “**Nontidal**: Restore or create at least 3,000 acres and enhance 15,000 acres of nontidal wetlands by 2040, **focusing on habitats that support populations of waterbirds and represent healthy wetlands across the watershed.**”





# Near-Term Milestone schedule

- The MB agreed via consensus to the Near-Term Milestone schedule of two-years and forwarded to the PSC for their consideration and approval.



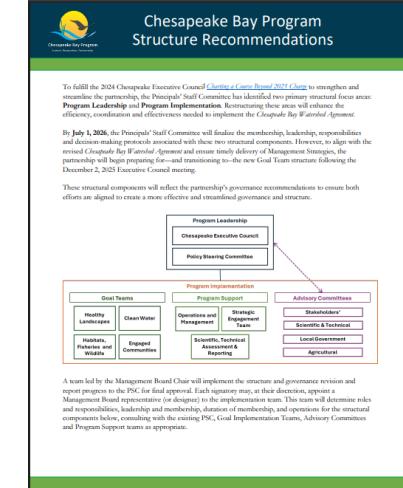
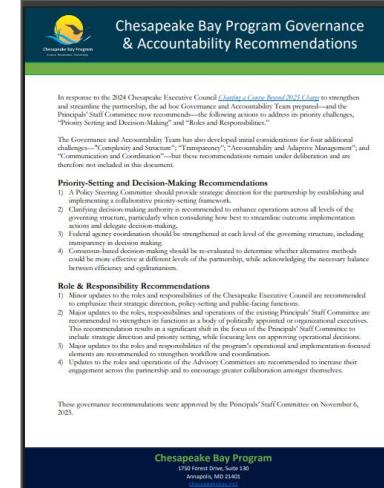
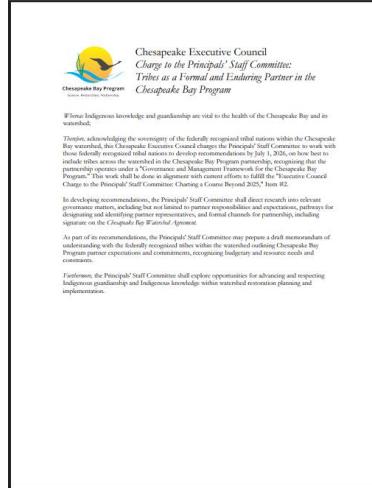
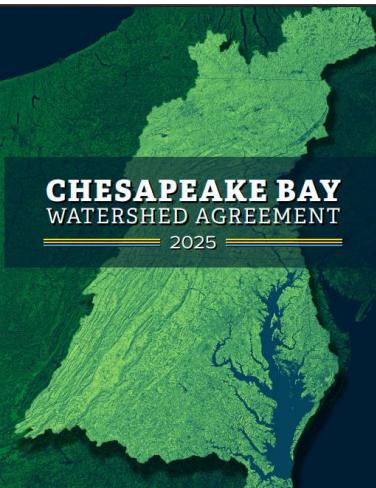
# **Recap of Actions and Decisions from the October 28th PSC Meeting**

- **Agreement:** approved revisions for EC :)
- **S&G Recommendations:** discussed
- **EC Meeting Agenda:** approved
- **Tribal Charge:** discussed
- **Milestones:** approved near-term schedule



# **Recap of Actions and Decisions from the November 6 PSC Meeting**

- **Agreement:** technical edits approved
- **Tribal Charge:** revised charge approved
- **S&G Recommendations:** 1-pagers approved



oversight of key functions  
and the fiduciary role.  
The implementation process  
and Program discussion  
will begin on November 6.

Chesapeake Bay Program Update  
and the Strategic  
and Principals' Staff  
Meeting on November 6.

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July 1 – Sept 1		
September 11		update on interim
Sept 30 – Oct 2		structure and governance
October 9		governance
October 28		structure
November 6		Finalize interim structure
December 2	EC	Approve recommended amendments to the Agreement and interim structure and governance revisions