

# STAR Discussion Takeaways

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STAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2026

# Summary

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## 2025 STAR MEETINGS

- There is general interest in redefining Indicators – capture environmental metrics, reflect ecosystem response, and how program actions influence progress
- There is a need for supplemental, more relatable metrics to enhance understanding and engagement
- A need for consistent vocabulary

## 2026 STAR MEETINGS

- Be flexible with what is an indicator
  - There is both quantitative and qualitative outcomes/targets
- Every target/outcome doesn't need a quantitative indicator to showcase progress
- Targets can be indicators, but not all indicators are targets

# How can STAR support?

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We started the conversation here!

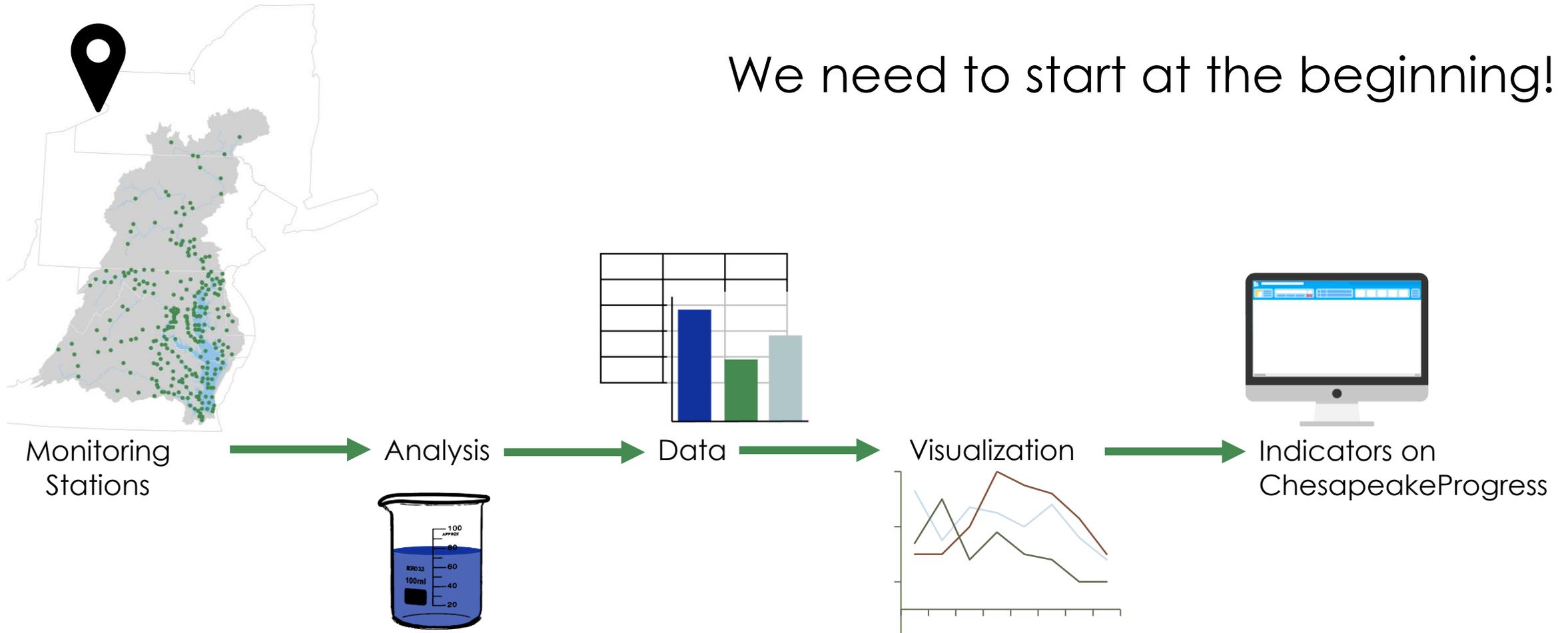


Indicators on  
ChesapeakeProgress

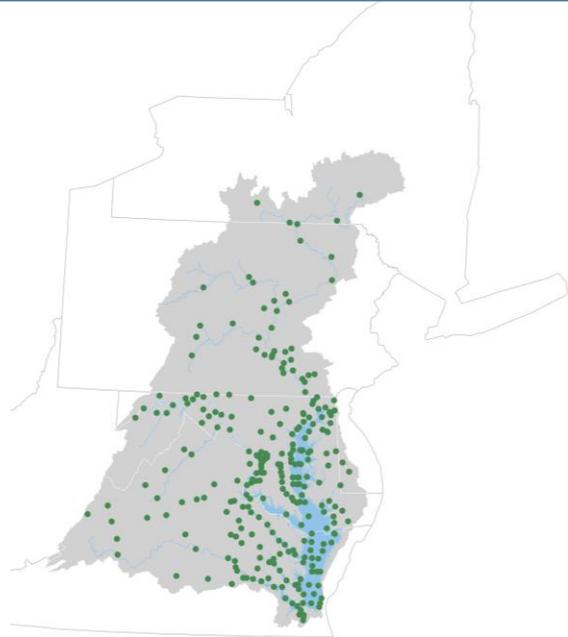
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We need to start at the beginning!



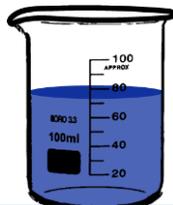
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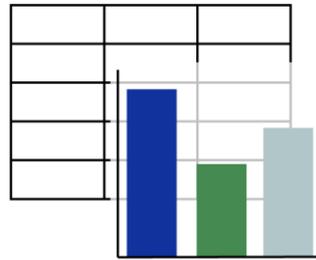
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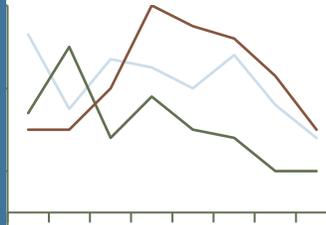
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Data



Visualization



Indicators on ChesapeakeProgress

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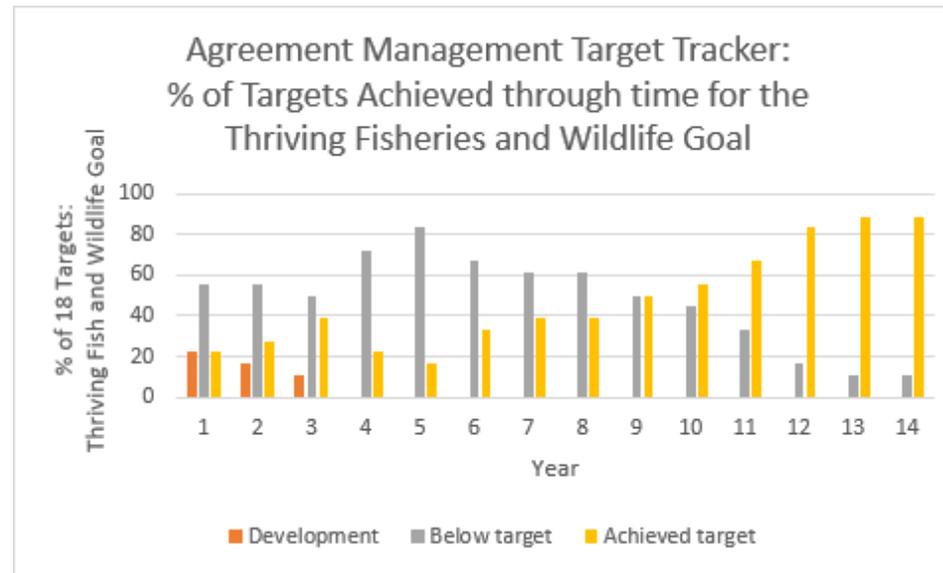
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Today's meeting will focus in on the quantitative outcomes/targets:

- Examples for building effective monitoring plans
  - CBP Monitoring Coordinator presenting what are the key components of a monitoring plan.
  - Example through the SAV monitoring plan
- Data framework requirements
  - CBPO creates, receives, and publishes metadata for several types of data resources.
  - New Document from Data Center to help: What requirements are there to help maintain and access the data
    - This content is critical for understanding data resource limitations for use by Bay Program personnel, partners, and customers.

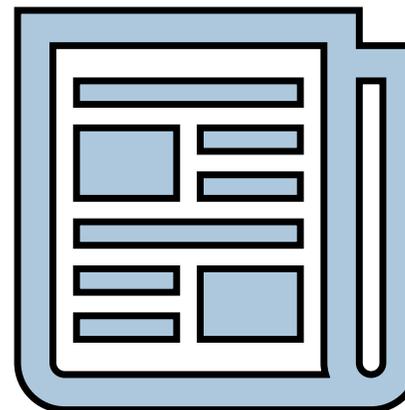
# Future STAR Meetings

- Since we have quantitative and qualitative targets, how can we be flexible to show the qualitative target progress in a different way?
- Where to we showcase/communicate this progress vs where do we communicate tracking of Watershed Agreement?

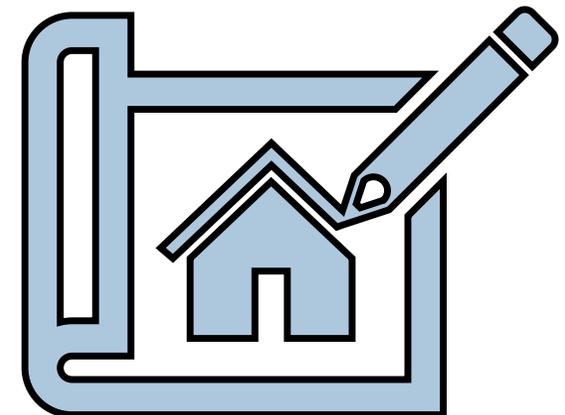


AND/OR

Narrative



- Sandboxing STAR meeting – bring your markers, pads, and vision on how to share less data-centric information



# Future STAR Meetings

- How can we tell a more comprehensive, cross-outcome story for our progress? How best to communicate the science?
- What topics do you want to cover in this comprehensive message?
- STAC/STAR collaboration?

