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Stream Health Workgroup

Meeting - October 2026

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Agenda



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Introductions

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**Presentation:
Greg Noe (USGS)**

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**Presentation:
Sadie Drescher
(CBT)**

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**Workplan
Development
Brainstorm**



Management Strategy Review → Workplan Development

Relationship Between Key Documents

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (through 2040)

Describes what we want to do

- Establishes and defines partners' commitment to shared goals, outcomes and targets
- States CBP's vision and principles

CBWA Strategic Plan (6 years)

Describes how we will do it

- Outlines the means for accomplishing each outcome and its targets
- Identifies challenges
- Defines management approaches and participating partners

Workplans (3 years)

Describes shorter term work to make progress

- States specific actions partners will undertake to implement management strategies
- Identifies implementation partners, resources and deliverables

**Attainment
of goals,
outcomes
and targets**

Management strategies for each Goal chapter will be contained within a single Strategic Plan

Accountability and Adaptive Management



- Annual Check-Ins** – extended PSC meetings that communicate progress, and address and prioritize implementation needs
- Triennial Reviews** – cross-program review & symposium to document successes and challenges and initiate new Workplans
- Strategy and Program Evaluation** – assess the current progress towards achieving the Goals and Outcomes of the Agreement, evaluate the efficacy of existing Management Strategies and identifies opportunities for improvement
- In 2040, the Strategy and Program Review will prompt revision to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

MS & WP Timeline



Key points on Workplans

- Each outcome within THFW GT will develop its own 3-year workplan to be approved by the THFW GT
- PSC will not review workplans, but the entire CBP is responsible for implementing workplan actions
- These workplans will cover July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2030

Workplan Drafting Guidance

- The Stream Health Outcome workplan will only address the MS management approaches your organization/ signatory expects to contribute to in the next 3 years
- Member-driven drafting and commitments
- Brainstorming and committing to workplan actions:
 - a. Taken together, meaningful progress on outcome implementation?
 - b. Can I/my goal team member commit to implement?
 - c. What actions would my organization like to commit to?
- The # of actions per Management Approach doesn't signify importance

What's in the workplan(s)?

TABLE for each Management Approach in a workplan (one row = one Activity, can inc. multiple Actions)

Activity Number	Lead Signatory and Participating Partners	Actions	Resource Needed, Committed, and Potential Sources to Fill Gaps	Target Date	Performance Targets and Deliverables	Status Activity Completion
[Goal #, Outcome #, Management Approach #, Activity #]	Lead: [Name and organization of lead. If multiple teams or workgroups are participating, list multiple leads] Signatories: [name signatory partners or partner agencies who will participate] Other Partners: [list non-signatory partners who will participate]	[describe the major actions]	Needed: [how much money or other support will be needed to complete this action] Committed: [how much money or other support is committed to complete this action] Filling Gaps: [how will the partnership fill gaps between resources needed and committed]	[timeline to complete]	[list performance targets and deliverables]	[not started/ ongoing / completed]

Stream Health Outcome*

*As updated 12/2/2025

- Improve and protect local stream health and function, including their living resources and ecosystem services throughout the watershed, using the best available science to inform land management, planning and conservation.
 - Improve the health and the ecological integrity of at least an additional 4,340 (approximately 3%) nontidal stream miles every six years.

Stream Health Outcome Management Approaches ('27-33)*

*Draft as of 10/9/26

Management Approach 1.6.1: The definition of stream health and ecological integrity for this outcome uses a watershed-wide metric, the Chessie BIBI, to measure the changes in stream health and function over time. This Management Strategy proposes a **definition of stream health that provides a common framework** for additional reporting and tracking incremental improvements in stream health using multi-metric indicators

Management Approach 1.6.2: The provision of **adequate funding and technical resources** for watershed management practice implementation is necessary to support comprehensive ecosystem and biological improvements, in addition to nutrient and sediment reductions.

Management Approach 1.6.3: **Active and engaged participation by local communities with federal and state partners** is central to Bay watershed restoration. Improvements to stream health and function will rely upon significant investments by local communities, municipal, county governments and watershed groups, to implement restoration and conservation actions. Ongoing coordination with stream health stakeholders (e.g., state and federal stream and wetland regulatory authorities, natural resource agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, watershed BMP practitioners, researchers and local communities) needs to be improved to identify and remove barriers to improving stream health.

Management Approach 1.6.4: **Develop and promote holistic Stream Restoration Best Management Practice design guidelines** that identify the level of degradation and improvement of stream biology and key stressors/factors limiting potential biological improvement.

Workplan brainstorming

- Miro Board:

https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVEcRGp0c=/?share_link_id=600353387142



Thank you!



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