

2026 Chesapeake Bay Program Strategic Plan Deadlines

The following table outlines 2026 Chesapeake Bay Program deadlines associated with the development of the draft Strategic Plan. Please submit information for each of the deadlines described below email to [Sarah Brzezinski](#) and [Erin Sonnenburg](#).

Please note that Goal Teams and Workgroups may have established their own deadlines in advance of the dates provided below to support internal coordination. Please confer with your Goal Team and Workgroup leadership to determine if any earlier deadlines exist.

Workgroup membership should vote to approve their outcome's Strategic Plan subsection and workplan prior to submission to their respective Goal Team. A voting roster identifying any source(s) of dissent or documenting full concurrence should be provided to the Goal Team as supporting documentation.

Deadlines	Actions and Deliverables
August 31, 2026 <i>(Early responses appreciated)</i>	Signatories and federal agencies provide information for the “Snapshot of Signatory Programs” and “Signatory Statutory Authorities” for each outcome’s management strategies, as appropriate.
October 19, 2026	Goal Team co-chairs provide their respective draft Strategic Plan chapters, which will be compiled into a single document.
Draft distribution to PSC: October 22, 2026	EPA staff will post a compiled draft of the Strategic Plan on the PSC’s meeting webpage two weeks in advance of its November 5 th meeting.
November 5, 2026	PSC members , during their November 5, 2026 meeting, provide specific feedback on revisions that need to be made to the Strategic Plan prior to its release for public feedback.
November 20, 2026	Signatories and federal agencies state which outcomes they will be listed as “Participating Partner” for in the draft Strategic Plan (to be released for public feedback). Goal Team co-chairs finalize revisions to the draft Strategic Plan based on PSC feedback.
Draft distribution to PSC: December 3, 2026	EPA staff will email a revised draft Strategic Plan on December 3 rd to PSC members, seeking their approval to release the plan for public feedback.
December 3-18, 2026 <i>(Early responses appreciated)</i>	PSC members vote via email to release the revised draft Strategic Plan for the public feedback period. Votes should be submitted between December 3 rd and December 18 th .
Draft distribution for Public Feedback: January 5-31, 2027	The PUBLIC FEEDBACK PERIOD will be launched on Tuesday, January 5, 2027 and will run through Sunday, January 31, 2027.

Projected 2027 Timeline

The following dates provide a tentative schedule for work and deadlines associated with revision and finalization of the Strategic Plan. Specific 2027 deadlines will be provided after the 2027 PSC meeting schedule is established.

For the following deadlines, information should be submitted via email to [Sarah Brzezinski](#).

Deadlines	Actions and Deliverables
Winter 2027	Goal Team co-chairs present a summary of preliminary or final public feedback received, highlighting areas of the Strategic Plan where revisions could be made, to PSC members during its winter 2027 meeting.
Draft distribution to PSC: Mid- to late March 2027	Goal Team co-chairs complete a revised Strategic Plan draft that incorporates and responds to public feedback, as appropriate. EPA staff will post the revised Strategic Plan to the PSC meeting webpage two weeks in advance of its spring 2027 meeting.
April 2027	PSC members provide feedback on the revised Strategic Plan, noting any specific changes that need to be made prior to plan approval. Goal Team co-chairs update PSC members on workplan development.
Early May 2027	Signatories and federal agencies designate which outcomes they will be listed as a “Participating Partner” for in the <i>final Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement’s</i> Strategic Plan. Goal Team co-chairs complete final revisions to the Strategic Plan chapters to address PSC feedback and circulate a compiled draft for Goal Team co-chair review.
Early to mid-May 2027	Goal Team co-chairs approve the Strategic Plan and outcome workplans.
Final distribution to PSC: Mid- to late May 2027	EPA staff will post the Strategic Plan and links to workplans on the PSC’s meeting webpage two weeks in advance of its summer 2027 meeting.
June 2027	PSC members vote on the approval of the Strategic Plan and receive briefings on the workplans at their summer meeting.