



# B25 Clean Water Team - ► WQGIT Update

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# Agenda

Clean Water Team Scope of Work

Review Draft Set of Recommendations

Action Plan and Timeline

# Refresher - Scope of B25 CW Team



## **TMDL**

Planning Targets  
Accountability Framework  
Modeling Updates  
Progress Reporting and  
Milestones



## **Water Quality Assessment**

Shallow Waters focus vs.  
Chesapeake Bay “deep channel” for  
Water Quality Standards Attainment



## **Nonpoint Source Management**

Current and future restoration  
programs  
Connecting local efforts with  
Chesapeake Bay goals and  
outcomes



## **Water Quality Monitoring**

Local water quality monitoring  
inclusion in Chesapeake Bay  
watershed  
Trends analysis at local and non-  
tidal/tidal scales  
Maintaining and growing water  
quality monitoring and assessment  
data collection to continuously  
inform decision-making



## **Water Quality Standards**

Evaluation of current Water  
Quality Standards  
Toxics and emerging  
contaminants

# Review Draft Set of Recommendations

## ► Recommendation 1

Review and revise the accountability framework (i.e. how the partnership tracks progress) in order to empower partners across the watershed to innovate, identify, and address critical knowledge gaps, and document assurance and performance of management efforts as well as the habitat, and living resource and human well-being responses.

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## ► Recommendation 2

Establish a tiered approach to achieving Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) targets that promote prioritization of efforts that align with state and/or local water quality priorities, anticipated habitat, living resource and human well-being responses, cost effectiveness, and climate resiliency.

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## ► Recommendation 3

Establish and promote effective cross-program coordination opportunities for water quality monitoring and watershed health and water quality restoration programs and promote use of local monitoring and assessment for learning and status and trends analyses.

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## ► Recommendation 4

Provide opportunities to incentivize effective and innovative nonpoint source management with demonstration of measurable ecosystem responses, target and empower small-scale watershed restoration that addresses the needs of the community, address mass imbalances, and promote outcome-based efforts.

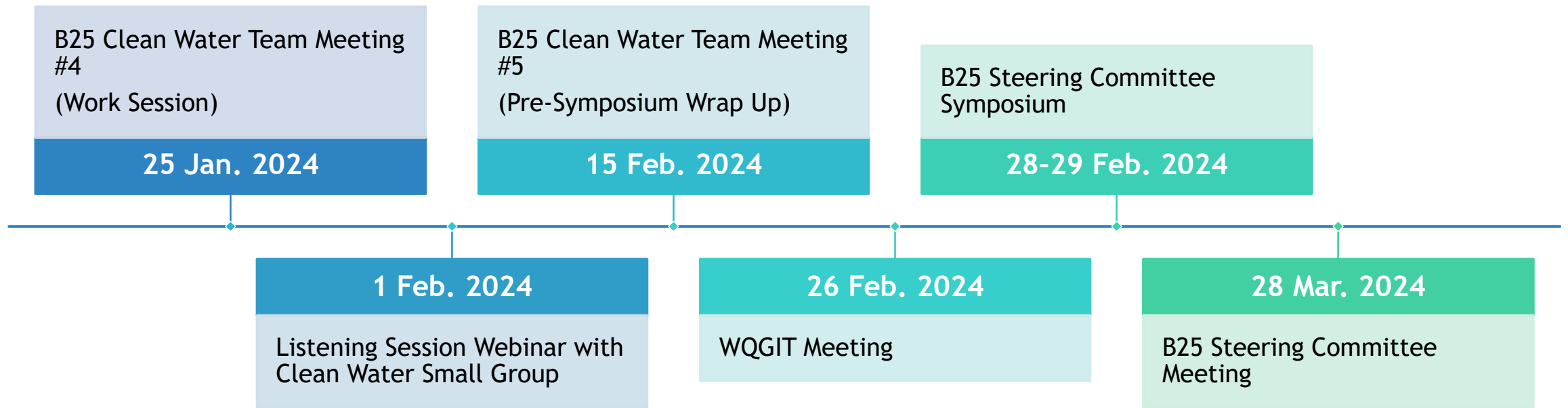
## Incorporating Ideas into the Recommendations

- ▶ Notes and ideas from the Clean Water Team and the Water Quality GIT will be incorporated to the best of the Co-leads' abilities to further support the Clean Water Team's Recommendations.



## Summary and Action Items

- ▶ Incorporate notes and ideas from Meetings 1-4 to support recommendations.
- ▶ Re-circulate the draft recommendations to the Clean Water Team and present during the Clean Water Team Listening Session.
- ▶ Hold Listening Session on February 1
- ▶ Continue to engage with the Water Quality GIT and other Beyond 2025 Small Groups.



# Clean Water Team Timeline