

The New Chesapeake Watershed Agreement:

Affirming Our Commitment & Charting the Next Course



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How did we get here?

- 2009 – Federal Executive Order was issued
- 2010 – CBP Agreement - *Chesapeake 2000* (C2K) – goals either expired or unfulfilled – whether or not they were met
- 2010 - CBP's Top Leadership called for coordinating/integrating goals, outcomes, actions of the CBP with those of the EO
- **2011 - CBP EC agreed to a 3-year, 4 stage discussion and process**

Stage 1: Use Goal Implementation Teams to Set Direction (2011)

Stage 2: Develop Negotiation Protocols (2012)

Stage 3: Negotiate New Agreement (2013)

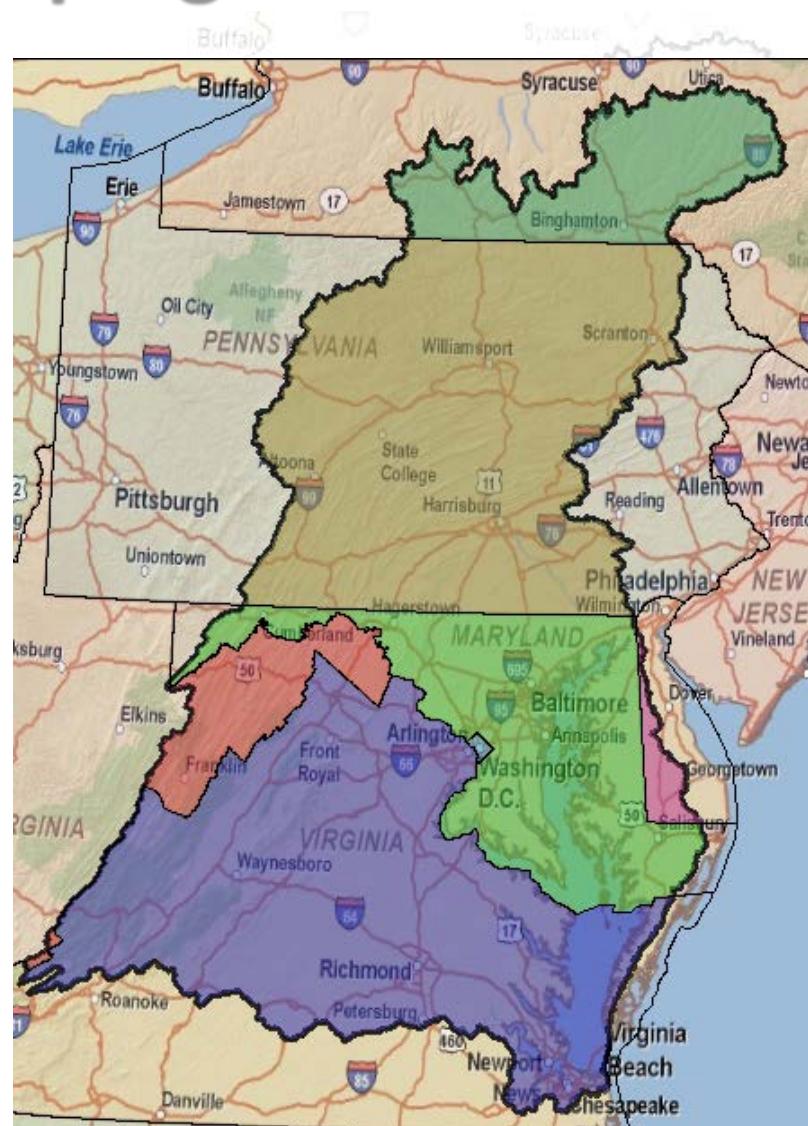
Stage 4: Implement New Agreement (2013-2025)



Why A New Partnership Agreement ?

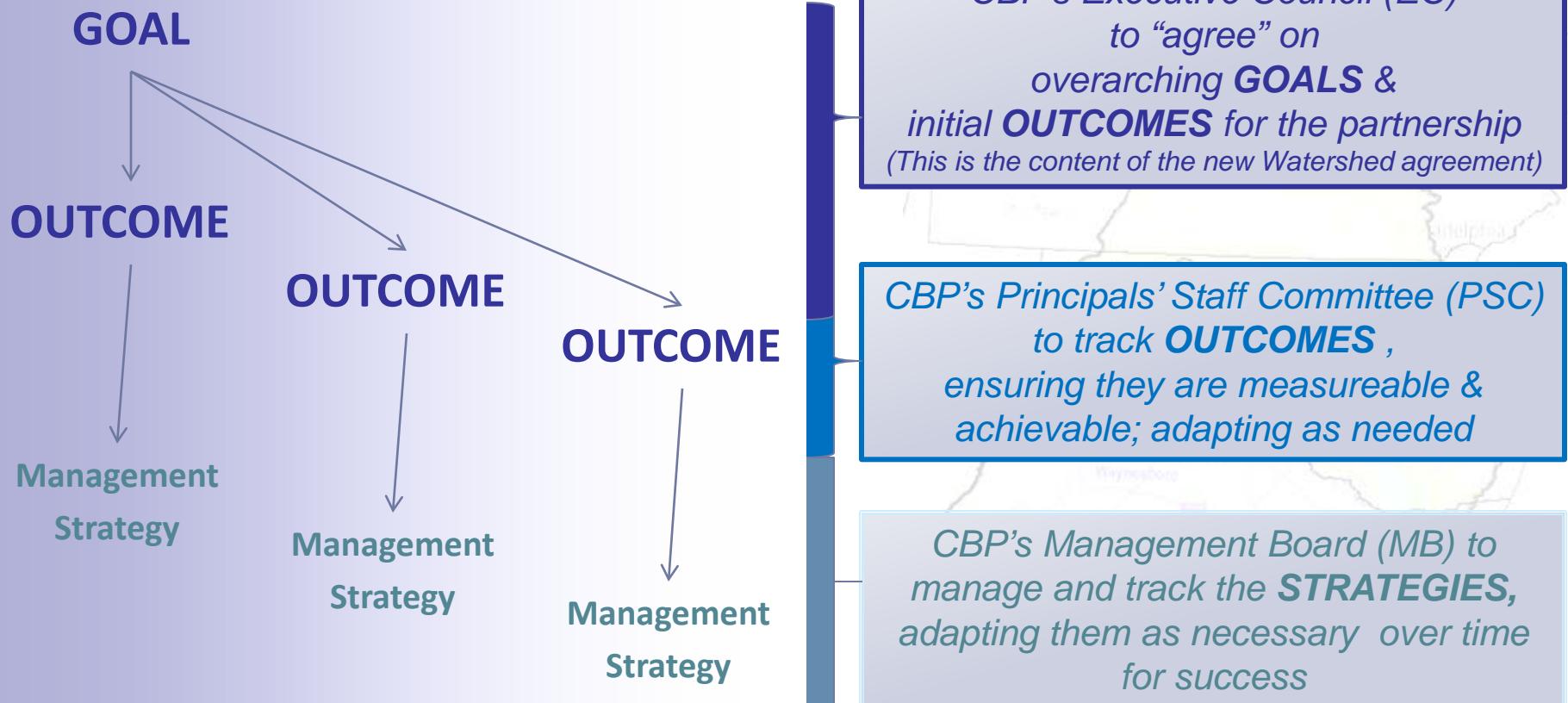
The Next Generation Agreement:

- **Renews commitments & sets new goals**
- **Provides opportunity for full participation by the headwater states**
- **Updates science, governance and management techniques – i.e., climate change, adaptive management**
- **Improves coordination, integration & collaboration among the partners**
- **Harmonizes the EO and TMDL with the Partnership agreement and governance structures**



Framework being considered

ALL goals, outcomes and strategies derived from the CBP Goal Teams –
issue experts & stakeholders from across the jurisdictions / watershed.



Resource managers and decision makers will be guided by the strategies while retaining some flexibility to implement the practices that make the most sense for their region.

What will it do?

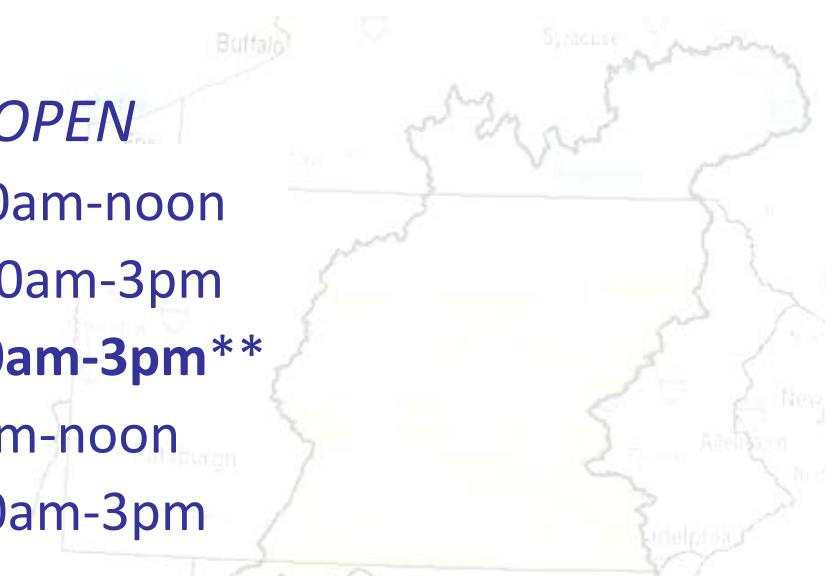


- **Simplify**
 - ✓ Clearer goals and more well defined outcomes than previous agreements
- **Be more flexible**
 - ✓ Use of adaptive management to adjust to changing conditions and circumstances
- **Improved transparency, tracking & accountability**
 - ✓ Partners set priorities & commit resources through management strategies



Stakeholder Involvement

- CBP partner meetings are *always OPEN*
 - Management Board – June 13, 10am-noon
 - Principals' Staff Com – June 27, 10am-3pm
 - **Management Board – July 11, 10am-3pm****
 - Management Board – Aug 8, 10am-noon
 - Management Board – Sept 12, 10am-3pm



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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		3-4pm		10-12pm	8-12:30pm	

** July 11 MB Mtg
Two hours set
aside for
stakeholder input

New Watershed Agreement in Summary

- A plan for moving the partnership's collaborative efforts into the future
- Simpler goals and outcomes structure
- Updated science and management
- Better integration between CBP and EO goals for the Watershed
- Improved transparency, tracking, priority setting and accountability
- Greater flexibility to adapt to changing conditions and circumstances

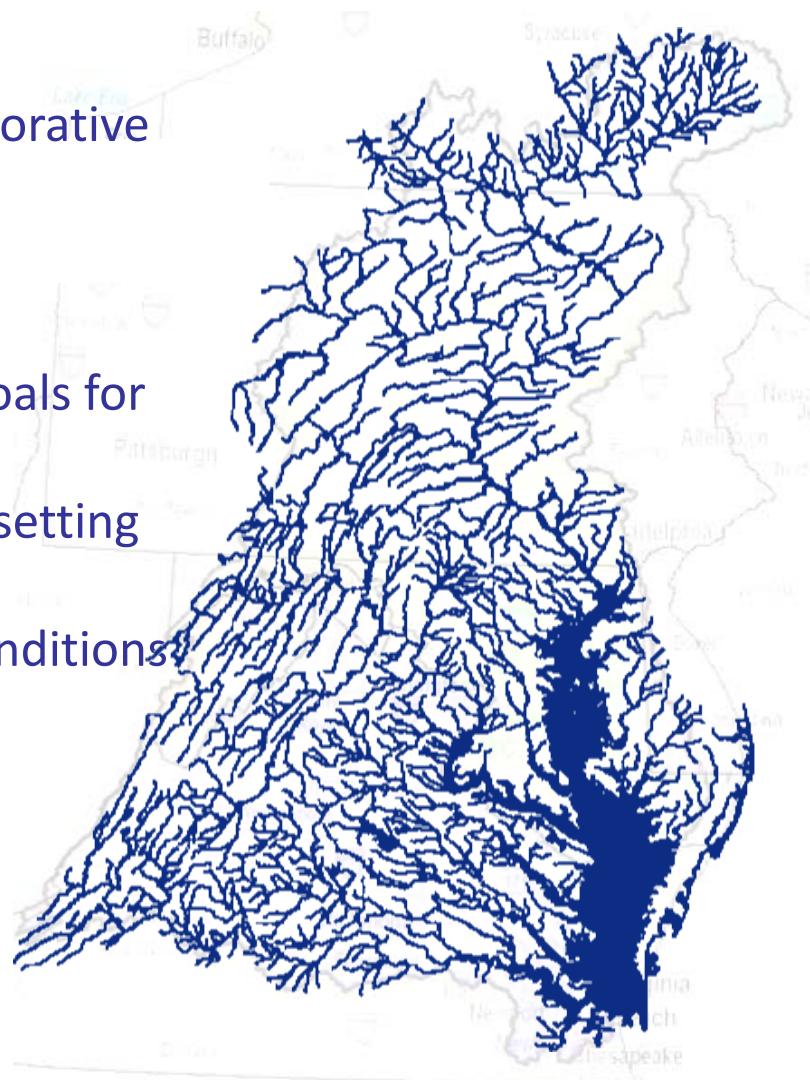


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