

# *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)

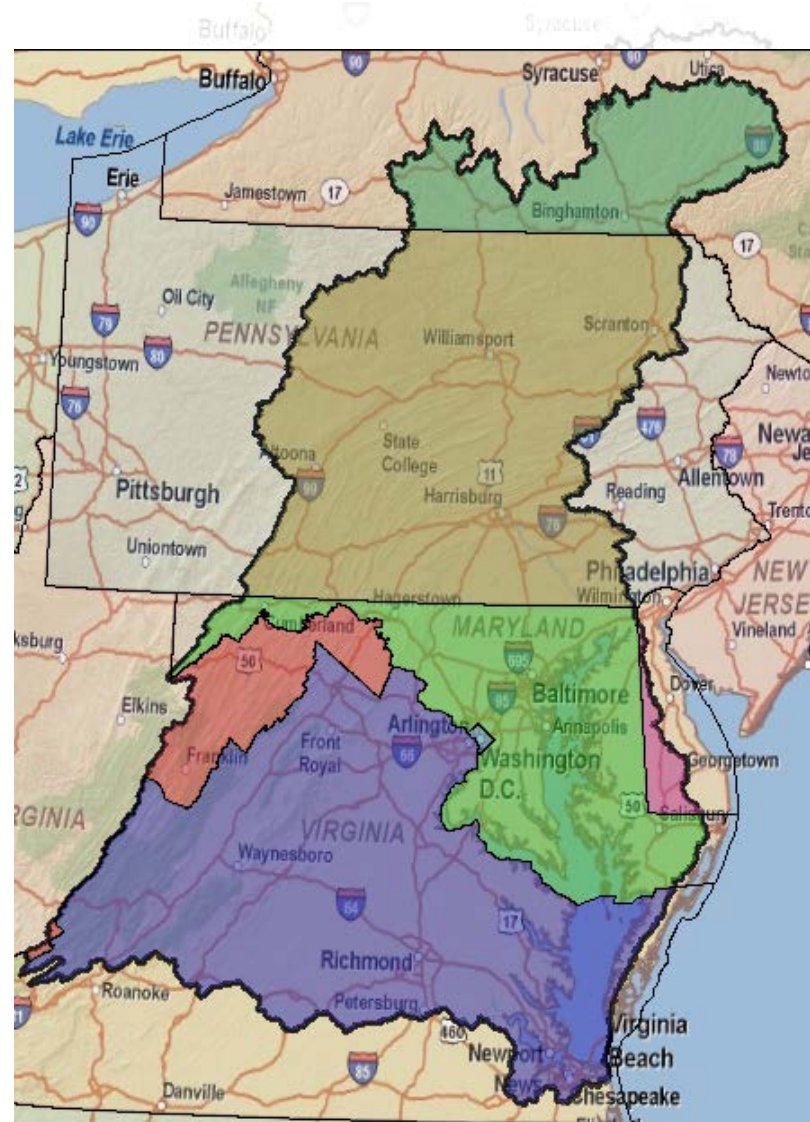
Stage 4: Implement New Agreement (2013-2025)



# Why A New Partnership Agreement ?

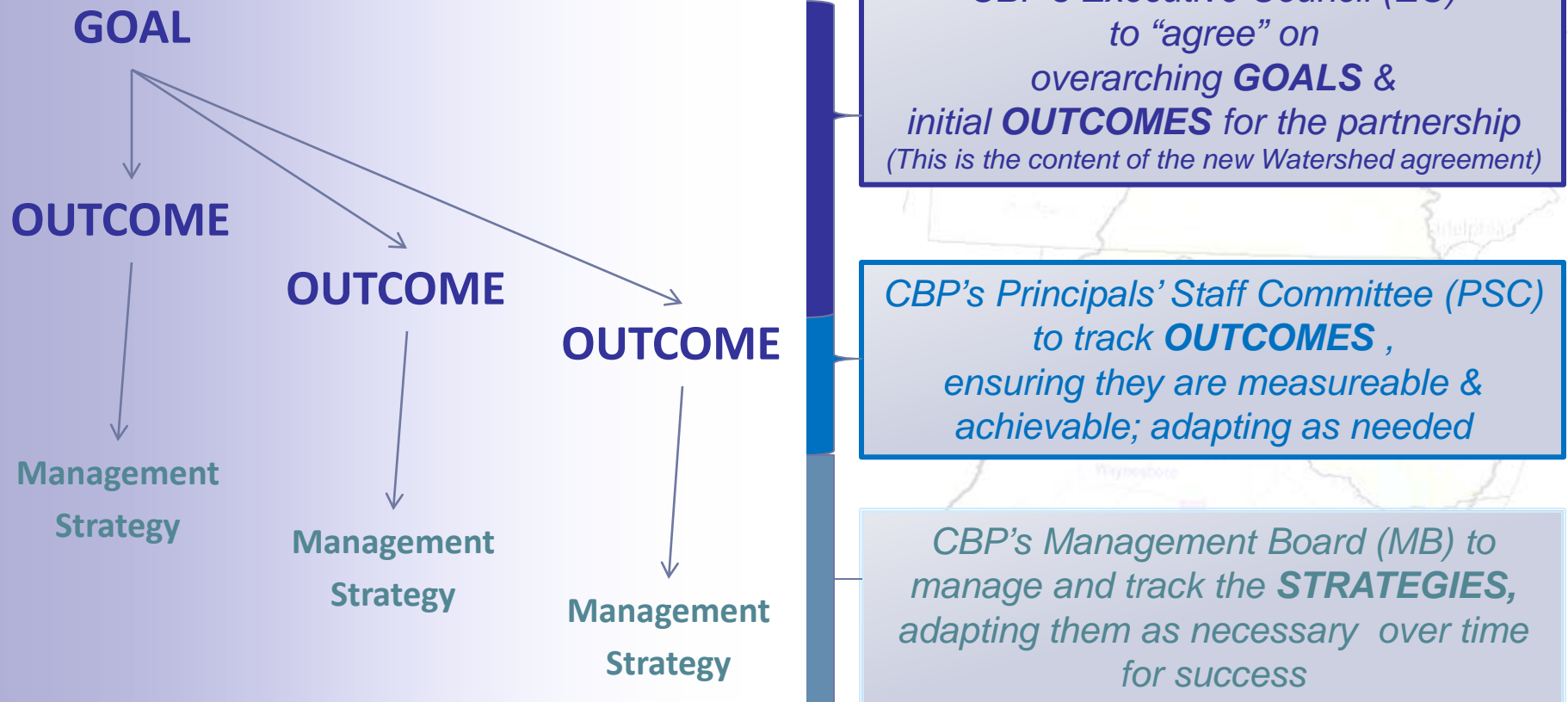
## *The Next Generation Agreement:*

- **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

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

The screenshot shows the Chesapeake Bay Program website. The header includes the logo, the text "Chesapeake Bay Program", and the tagline "Science. Restoration. Partnership.". A navigation bar contains links: Home, Discover THE CHESAPEAKE, Learn THE ISSUES, Track THE PROGRESS, Take ACTION, In The NEWS, Bay Resource LIBRARY, and About The BAY PROGRAM (circled in red). A search bar and a "Contact Us" link are also present. The main content area features a sidebar with links: Who We Are, How We Work, How We're Organized, Programs & Projects, Meetings Calendar (circled in red), Grants & RFPs, and Job Openings. The main content area displays "Upcoming Meetings:" with a list of events: Watershed Technical Workgroup conference call, June 2013 - 06/03/2013; Wastewater Treatment Workgroup conference call, June 2013 - 06/04/2013; GIT 6 Meeting - 06/04/2013; and Forestry Workgroup Conference Call - 06/05/2013. A red dashed arrow points from the "Meetings Calendar" link in the sidebar to the "Upcoming Meetings:" section. Below this, a calendar for June 2013 is shown, with a "Select a year" dropdown and a table of dates. The table has columns for Sunday through Saturday. The dates are: Sunday (26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31), Monday (27, 28, 29, 30, 31), Tuesday (28, 29, 30, 31), Wednesday (29, 30, 31), Thursday (30, 31), Friday (31), and Saturday (1). The time slots for the meetings are: 3-4pm, 10-12pm, and 8-12:30pm.

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# ***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

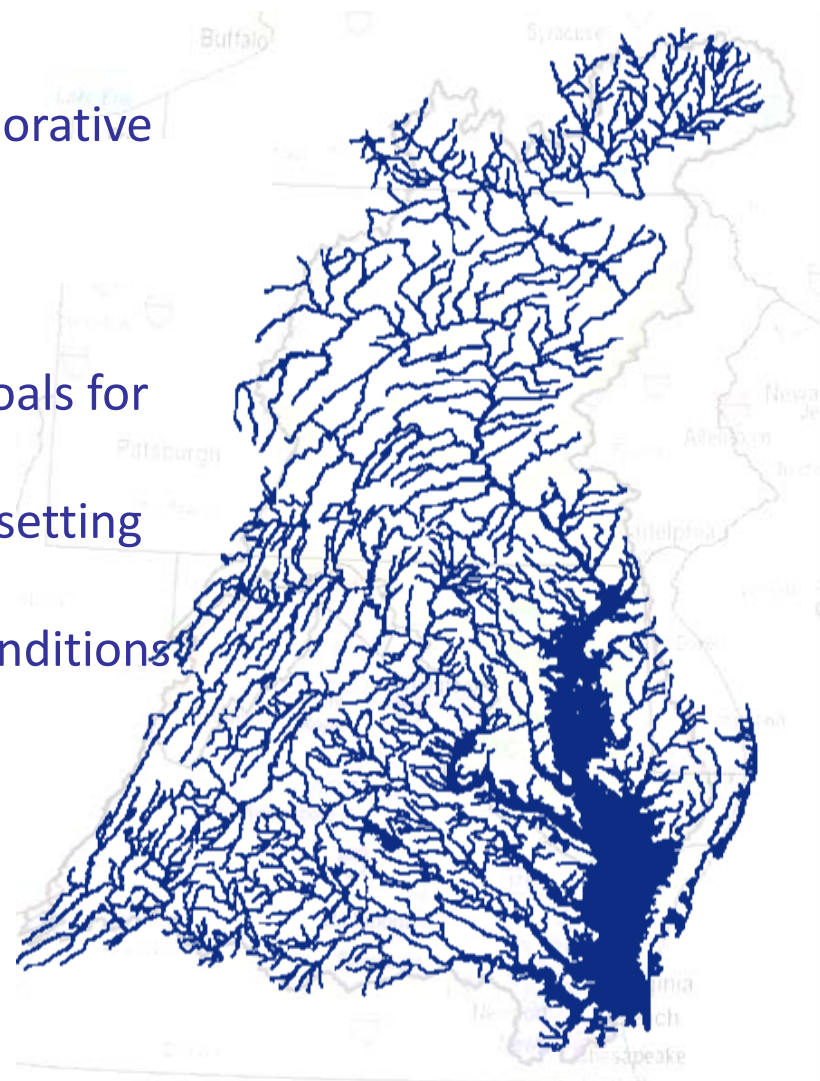


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