

Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Plan

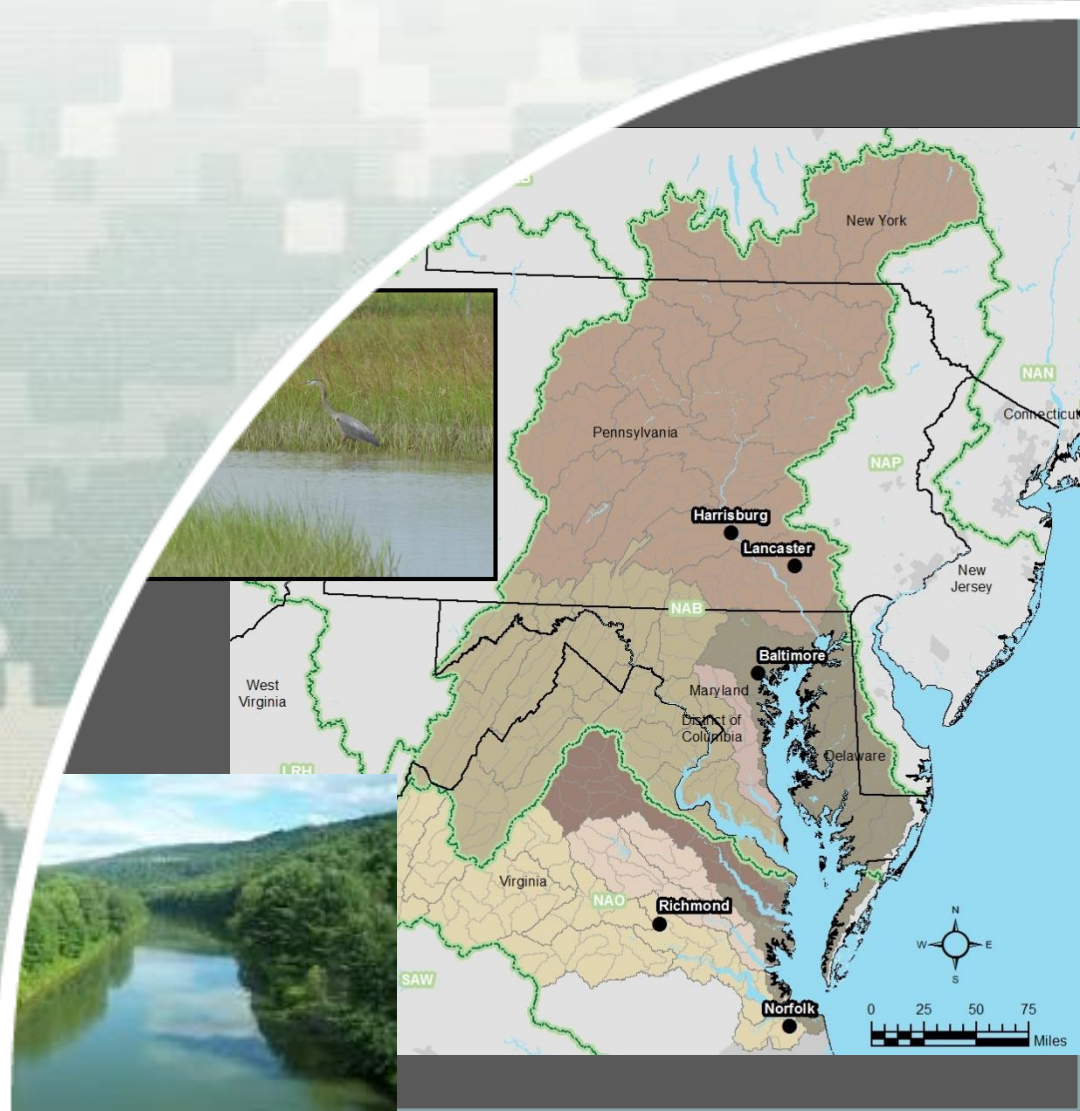
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Scope

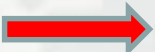
- Streamlined USACE Master Plan for the Chesapeake Bay
- **Not duplicative**, but integrated
 - ▶ **Informed by the Management Strategies and Action Plans**
 - ▶ Assessment of critical needs and gaps by location
 - ▶ Evaluation on subwatershed level to identify priority areas
 - ▶ Focus on contributing toward 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement Goals and Outcomes
 - ▶ Focus future investments where USACE has authority and mission

Outcomes

- Defined role for USACE in existing restoration effort
- Integrated with work by others
- **Optimization of funding** – existing and new
- **USACE implementation**
 - ▶ Chesapeake Bay Design-Build Program
 - ▶ Technical Services (no design/construction)
 - ▶ \$3M, 3-year Feasibility Studies
 - Ecosystem Restoration
 - Flood Risk Management
 - Navigation
 - ▶ Small Studies Program (<\$10M)



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- **2 years**
- **75% Federal/25% non-Federal**
- **25% non-Federal as Cash or In-Kind Service**
 - ▶ Management Strategies
 - ▶ Work Plans identifying specific GIT priority areas, targets, and projects for implementation
 - ▶ Watershed Implementation Plans
 - ▶ GIS data and analyses
 - ▶ CBP-EPA funds (ie, Section 117) to state  state \$ or in-kind product to NFWF
 - ▶ State participation in management strategies, work plans, document review and input, GIS development, etc.



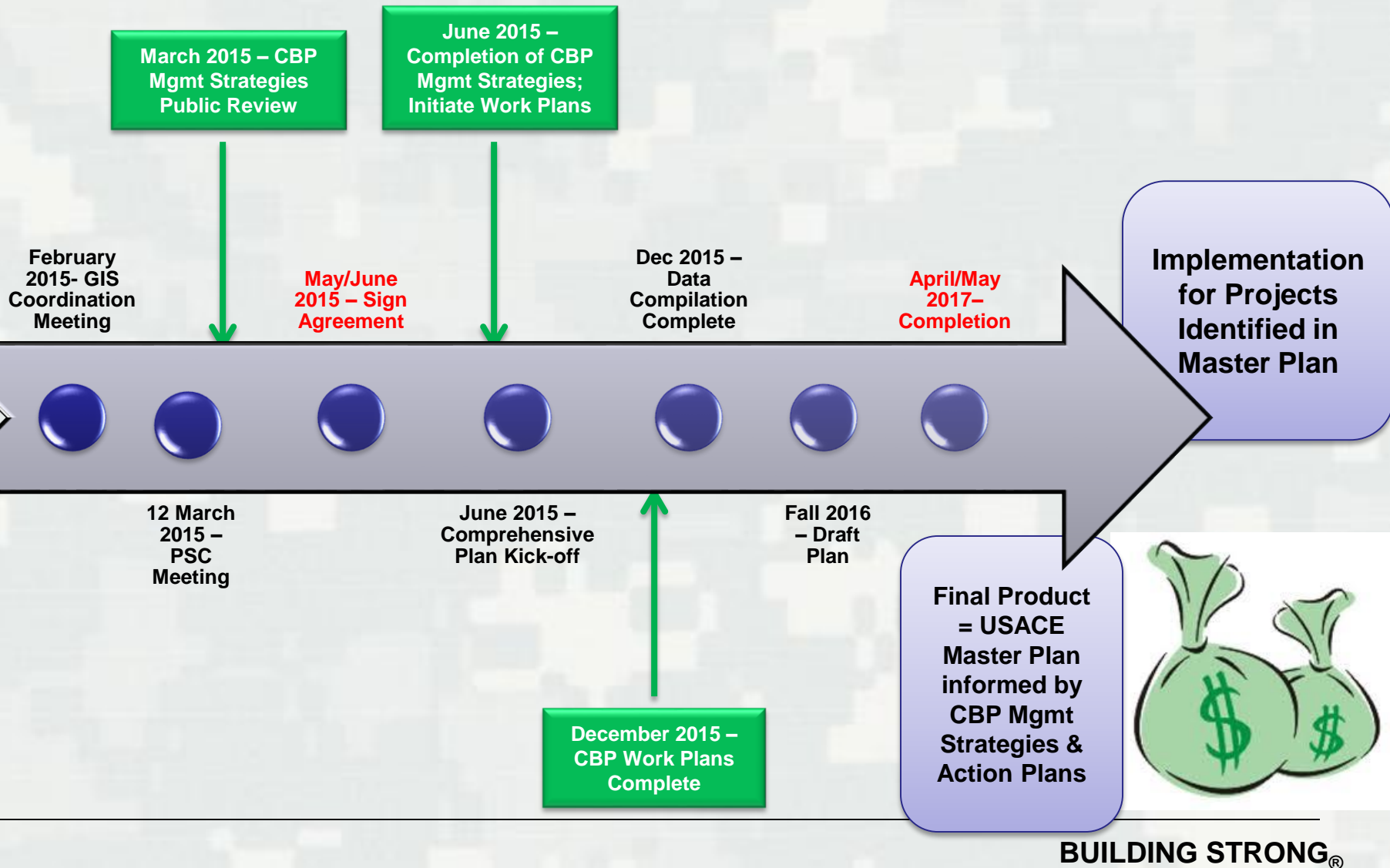
Estimated Study Cost

- Total study – \$2M-\$3M
 - ▶ USACE: \$1.5M-\$2.25M
 - ▶ IKS: \$500K-\$750K contribution from non-Federal entities via NFWF
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- Task 1 – Watershed-Wide Data Gathering (geospatial primarily)
 - ▶ USACE -
 - ▶ IKS -
 - Task 2 – Integration of Restoration Efforts (ongoing/planned restoration actions)
 - ▶ USACE -
 - ▶ IKS -
 - Task 3 – Alignment with USACE Mission Areas and Bay Agreement Goals
 - ▶ USACE -
 - ▶ IKS -
 - Task 4 – Focus Area Relationship Analysis
 - ▶ USACE -
 - ▶ IKS -
 - Task 5 – Opportunity Identification
 - ▶ USACE -
 - ▶ IKS -



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Timeline



Path Forward

- March 2015 - Finalize scoping and cost allocations with NFWF, CBP-EPA and states
 - ▶ *Ensure PSC support and collaboration*
- April 2015 – Final reviews
- May/June 2015 (T) - Execution of cost-sharing agreement with NFWF
- May/June 2017 – Final Comprehensive Plan (data available to inform 2018-2019 budgets)



Summary

- Opportunity to strategically align USACE implementation with CBP partners
- Integrated with ongoing efforts and initiatives - NOT duplicative
- Opportunity to guide future Federal investments in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

