

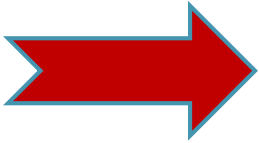
Agreement Workplans Timeline, Public Input and Comment Resolution

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- ▶ Direct stakeholder outreach
- ▶ MS & Workplan Dashboard
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- ▶ Collecting & Tracking Input received

MAJOR Workplan milestones and GIT Funding due dates

MS Workplan Development Timeline

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|-----------------|---|
| July | <i>(Phase 1: Brainstorm initial actions)</i> |
| October | <i>(Phase 2: Matrix development, no costs/funds)</i> |
| November | |
| 2 | GITs: Preliminary drafts due |
| December | <i>(Phase 3: Costs and funding)</i> |
| 18 | GITs: Draft workplans due to MB for 4 wk. review |
| January | |
| 15 | WQ: draft WQ programmatic milestones due |
| 22 | Begin 45-day public input period (Jan 22–March 8) |
| February | |
| March | |
| 8 | Close public input; GITs begin 2-wk. review/revision based on comments (Mar 8-25) |
| 25 | GITs: Revised drafts due to MB for April 14 meeting |
| April | |
| 15 | WQ: final WQ milestones due (tentative) |
| 22 | GITs: final revisions due |
| 30 | Workplans final, post on web |






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Bay Program welcomes feedback on draft work plans

Plans include specific actions for next two years

The Chesapeake Bay Program has developed a collection of two-year plans aimed toward achieving the goals and outcomes of the landmark Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Drafts are open for input through March 7.

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Chesapeake Bay News

February 08, 2016



Fourteen reasons to love the Chesapeake Bay

February is a month to think about the ones you love, and there's nothing we love more than the Chesapeake Bay

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February 03, 2016

Critter of the Month



February's Critter - The Eastern screech-owl's patterned gray or reddish-brown feathers help it camouflage with tree bark. It can be found throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

Bay Program issues draft two-year work plans



In 2014, our partners signed the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, which sets the stage for a new era of collaboration and restoration.

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Requesting input: Online



The screenshot shows the Chesapeake Bay Program website. The header includes the logo (a yellow sun with a bird) and the text "Chesapeake Bay Program" and "Science. Restoration. Partnership." There is a search bar and a "Contact Us" link. The navigation menu includes: Home, Discover THE CHESAPEAKE, Learn THE ISSUES, Track THE PROGRESS, Take ACTION, In The NEWS, Bay Resource LIBRARY, and About The BAY PROGRAM. Below the navigation menu, there is a map of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, a line graph showing progress over time, and two pie charts. The first pie chart shows "Agriculture 42%" and "Urban/Suburban 32%". The second pie chart shows "Agriculture 46%" and "Wastewater 32%". A "Track the Progress" button is visible. Below the navigation menu, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Track the Progress > What Guides Us > Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement > Management Strategies and Workplan Dashboard. The main heading is "Management Strategies and Work Plans Dashboard". The text below the heading states: "Since the signing of the Watershed Agreement in June 2014, our Goal Implementation Teams have been crafting 'management strategies' that describe the steps necessary to achieve the Agreement's Vision." It then explains that these strategies offer insight into the Bay Program partners' proposals for reaching each outcome by 2025, as well as how they will monitor, assess and report progress toward abundant life, clean waters, engaged communities, conserved lands and climate change resilience. The strategies provide broad, overarching direction and will be further supported by two-year work plans summarizing the specific commitments, short-term actions and resources required for success. It then states: "Draft two-year work plans are open for public input now through March 7, 2016. Provide your feedback by:" followed by a list of three bullet points: "Visiting a specific work plan below and providing comment on it", "Sending a letter to agreement@chesapeakebay.net", and "We are interested in providing funding information on Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration in a format that is most useful to our partners, the public and stakeholders. Please help us by answering a few questions." Finally, it says "To stay informed as management strategies and work plans progress:".

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Map of Chesapeake Bay watershed

Line graph showing progress over time

Pie charts showing land use: Agriculture 42%, Urban/Suburban 32%, Wastewater 32%, Agriculture 46%

Track the Progress

Home > Track the Progress > What Guides Us > Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement > Management Strategies and Workplan Dashboard

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Management Strategies and Work Plans Dashboard

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To stay informed as management strategies and work plans progress:


<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/managementstrategies>

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To stay informed as management strategies and work plans progress:

- Sign up for our weekly [Bay Brief](#) newsletter
- Visit our [subscription page](#) to sign up for the appropriate mailing list, emails from the mailing list will include information about relevant meetings and public input periods
- View a listing of Management Strategy related events or the Chesapeake Bay Program calendar



Feedback: Workplan Funding Information

We are very interested in providing ***funding information*** on Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration in a format that is most useful to our partners, the public and stakeholders. We are currently considering several factors in how we will report this information. Please help us by answering the following questions:

How would your organization potentially use CBP workplan funding information?

How useful would it be to include a summary table of each partner's *combined total funding* for *all* Chesapeake Bay watershed efforts? *

- ☒ Very Useful
- ☐ Somewhat Useful
- ☐ Of Little or No Use

How useful would it be to include in each workplan a summary table showing each partner's total funding *for that workplan*? *

- ☒ Very Useful
- ☐ Somewhat Useful
- ☐ Of Little or No Use

How useful would it be to show each partner's funding contributions *toward each key action*? *

- ☒ Very Useful
- ☐ Somewhat Useful

Please select one of the following options for reporting funding information, *taking into consideration how useful the information would be to your organization.* *

- ☒ Include total funding by partner in a comprehensive summary that spans all workplans (i.e. a table that shows total partner funding by outcome)
- ☐ Include total funding by partner in an executive summary for each workplan
- ☐ Include a funding column in each workplan that shows funding by partner for each "Key Action"

The Chesapeake Bay Program has identified several needs for funding information related to Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration and protection efforts: to support prioritization of work and resource allocation by CBP partners; to find efficiencies in how we use and coordinate multiple funding sources; and to report federal and state funding to Congress as required by the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014 (CBARA). To effectively meet all of these needs and to meet the deadline of CBARA, we propose a deadline of reporting this funding for September 2016 (instead of capturing it in the April workplans).

Please indicate your preference for delaying reporting funding information until September 2016 (check one): *

- ☒ Yes, my organization can wait until September for more complete and accurate funding information.
- ☐ No, we would like to see the best available funding information in the workplans by April 30.
- ☐ We are fine with either option.

If you have other comments or questions about funding information, please provide it here:

To review the workplans, visit the [Management Strategies Dashboard](#).

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Conserved Lands



Changes in land use and development can impair water quality, degrade habitats and alter culturally significant landscapes. Conserving lands with ecological, historical, and community value is integral to maintaining a healthy ecosystem and vibrant culture.

Land Use Methods and Metrics Development

This management strategy includes developing a plan for monitoring land use change, measuring current rates of land conversion and understanding how those changes are affecting the natural environment. ([Read More](#))

Lead Goal Team: Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team (GIT 4)

Contact: Renee Thompson (410) 267-5749

[Read the draft Work Plan activities and offer feedback](#)

[Download the full draft Work Plan \(PDF\)](#)

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Land Use Options Evaluation

This strategy includes determining the tools and policies that are used across the watershed, surveying the effectiveness of those options and understanding what local leaders need to slow the loss of natural and agricultural lands. ([Read More](#))

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Feedback: Land Use Methods & Metrics Development

The Land Use Methods and Metrics Outcome reads: "Continually improve the knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By 2016, develop a watershed-wide methodology and local-level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with local governments, elected officials and stakeholders."

The intent of the Metrics Outcome is to develop a method and metrics to monitor the conversion of valued natural and working landscapes, such as forests, wetlands and farms and to better understand the impacts of land conversion. Natural and working landscapes provide ecosystem services of value to the Chesapeake Bay and its population including water quality and quantity, habitat, recreation and food production.

To review the workplan, visit the [Management Strategies Dashboard](#).

What do you think about the key actions proposed for the next two-year period?

Management Approach 1: Monitor the (rate of) conversion of forests, wetlands, farmlands, and impervious surfaces

Key Action 1: Design a manual, stratified sampling approach at the county level and assess land cover change from high resolution imagery circa 2005–2013.

How important is this key action for the next two years? ▼

- ☒ High priority
- ☐ Medium priority
- ☐ Low priority

Key Action 2: Assess land use change throughout the entire Bay Watershed, at a 30 meter minimum mapping unit, from 1984–2011 using the Chesapeake Watershed Model Phase 6 land use database and the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium (MRLC) National Land Cover database (NLCD).

How important is this key action for the next two years? ▼

- ☒ High priority
- ☐ Medium priority
- ☐ Low priority

General questions

Are there any additional critical actions needed in the next two years? (optional)

If your organization's work addresses a critical action not reflected here, please let us know about your work and your organization. (optional)

Name, Organization or Affiliation (optional)

Zip Code (optional)

How did you hear about your opportunity to comment on the workplans? (optional)

- ☐ Recommendation from another person
- ☐ Link from email our site sent you
- ☐ Link from another Web site
- ☐ Link from newspaper/magazine/newsletter article
- ☐ Search engine results
- ☐ Other, please specify

To review the workplans, or to comment on other workplans, visit the [Management Strategies Dashboard](#).

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OUTREACH

Direct outreach to interested stakeholders

- ▶ MB, Advisory Committees, etc.
- ▶ Choose Clean Water Coalition, Bay Foundation, Alliance
- ▶ GITs sent to teams, workgroups, stakeholder lists
- ▶ GITs doing direct outreach to stakeholder groups
- ▶ Chesapeake Network posting
- ▶ Diversity Webinar
- ▶ State Webinar

Comment Resolution

Comments received on website or letters received - thru March 8

- Comm Office scans for appropriateness
 - Posts letters on webpage
 - Forwards comments to GITs, workgroups

March 8 - March 25 - GIT Review

March 25 - GITs send to MB for review and edits

April 14 - MB meeting

April 22 - MB comments to GITs; GITs incorporate edits

April 30 - Workplans final; post to CBP website