



Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

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The Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983

We recognize that the findings of the Chesapeake Bay Program have shown an historical decline in the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay and that a cooperative approach is needed among the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Maryland, the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and the District of Columbia (the States) to fully address the extent, complexity, and sources of pollutants entering the Bay. We further recognize that EPA and the States share the responsibility for management decisions and resources regarding the high priority issues of the Chesapeake Bay.

Accordingly, the States and EPA agree to the following actions:

1. A Chesapeake Executive Council will be established which will meet at least twice yearly to assess and oversee the implementation of coordinated plans to improve and protect the water quality and living resources of the Chesapeake Bay estuarine system. The Council will consist of the appropriate Cabinet designees of the Governors and the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Regional Administrator of EPA. The Council will be initially chaired by EPA and will report annually to the signatories of this Agreement.
2. The Chesapeake Executive Council will establish an implementation committee of agency representatives who will meet as needed to coordinate technical matters and to coordinate the development and evaluation of management plans. The Council may appoint such ex officio nonvoting members as deemed appropriate.
3. A liaison office for Chesapeake Bay activities will be established at EPA's Central Regional Laboratory in Annapolis, Maryland, to advise and support the Council and committee.

Signed this 9th Day of December, 1983

 <i>Charles L. Robb</i> Governor Commonwealth of Virginia	 <i>M. Anthony</i> Mayor District of Columbia
 <i>Harry Hughes</i> Governor State of Maryland	 <i>Joseph H. Hartman</i> Chairman Chesapeake Bay Commission
 <i>Robert P. Letcher</i> Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	 <i>William D. Ruckelshaus</i> Administrator Environmental Protection Agency



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As amended, October 5, 2022



VITAL HABITATS

Black Duck Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE <i>Updated November 2022</i>	 OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN <i>Updated November 2022</i>	
Brook Trout Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS NO CHANGE <i>Updated September 2019</i>	 OUTLOOK OFF COURSE <i>Updated November 2021</i>	
Fish Passage Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE <i>Updated August 2021</i>	 OUTLOOK ON COURSE <i>Updated November 2021</i>	
Forest Buffers Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE <i>Updated March 2023</i>	 OUTLOOK OFF COURSE <i>Updated March 2023</i>	
Stream Health Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS NO CHANGE <i>Updated March 2018</i>	 OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN <i>Updated November 2021</i>	
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE <i>Updated July 2022</i>	 OUTLOOK OFF COURSE <i>Updated July 2022</i>	
Tree Canopy Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS DECREASE <i>Updated February 2023</i>	 OUTLOOK OFF COURSE <i>Updated February 2023</i>	
Wetlands Outcome	 RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE <i>Updated November 2022</i>	 OUTLOOK OFF COURSE <i>Updated November 2022</i>	



SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Blue Crab Abundance Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
DECREASE

Updated August 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated August 2022



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Blue Crab Management Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE

Updated August 2022



OUTLOOK
COMPLETED

Updated August 2022



Fish Habitat Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated April 2018



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated November 2021



Forage Fish Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated April 2018



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated November 2021



Oysters Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated July 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated July 2022





WATER QUALITY

2017 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
COMPLETED
Updated November 2021

 OUTLOOK
COMPLETED
Updated November 2021



2025 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE
Updated June 2022

 OUTLOOK
OFF COURSE
Updated June 2022



Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
MIXED
Updated September 2022

 OUTLOOK
OFF COURSE
Updated September 2022



TOXIC CONTAMINANTS

Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE
Updated November 2022

 OUTLOOK
OFF COURSE
Updated November 2022



Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
DECREASE
Updated August 2022

 OUTLOOK
OFF COURSE
Updated August 2022



HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

Healthy Watersheds Outcome

 RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE
Updated April 2018

 OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN
Updated November 2021





ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated October 2020



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated May 2022



Student Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE

Updated October 2020



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated May 2022



Sustainable Schools Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
DECREASE

Updated June 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated June 2022



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE

Updated April 2018



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated February 2022



Diversity Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE

Updated January 2023



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated January 2023



Local Leadership Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated February 2023



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated February 2023





PUBLIC ACCESS

Public Access Site Development Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated September 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated September 2022



ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated October 2020



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated May 2022



Student Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
NO CHANGE

Updated October 2020



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated May 2022



Sustainable Schools Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
DECREASE

Updated June 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated June 2022



CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Climate Adaptation Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated November 2022



OUTLOOK
UNCERTAIN

Updated November 2022



Climate Monitoring and Assessment Outcome



RECENT PROGRESS
INCREASE

Updated November 2022



OUTLOOK
ON COURSE

Updated November 2022



Executive Council Charge

Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership

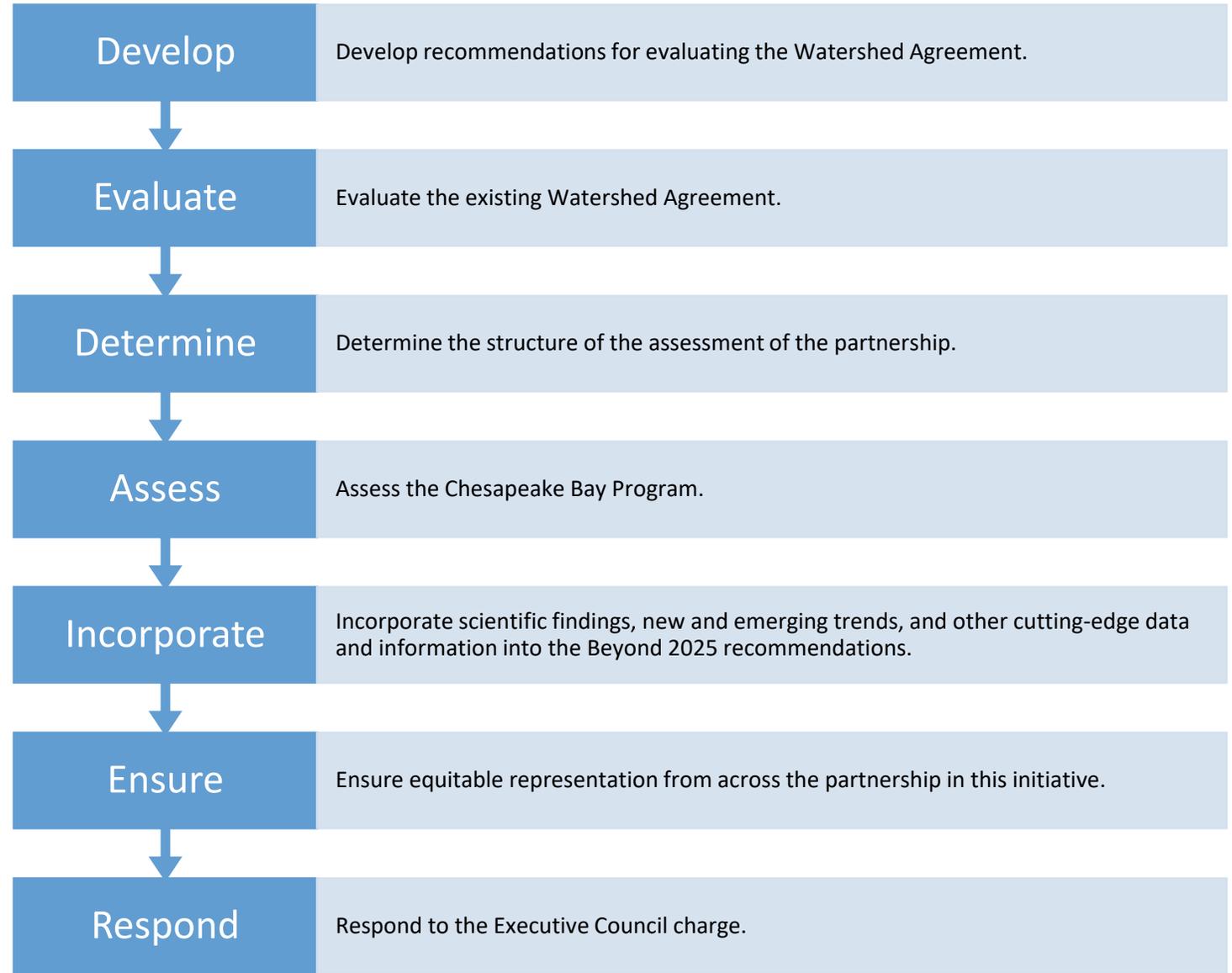
Executive Council Charge to the Principals' Staff Committee: Charting a Course to 2025 and Beyond

Adopted October 11, 2022

As the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership nears the 2025 date that the partnership set for several of the goals and outcomes under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (Watershed Agreement), there are many successes to celebrate. At the same time, emerging issues and changing conditions (e.g., climate change, growth, new scientific data) have impacted the levels of effort needed to meet our collective restoration priorities. We, as a partnership, remain committed to using the best available science in restoring the Chesapeake Bay as we accelerate toward the deadline and anticipate continued progress post-2025.

Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Objectives



Questions?

Thank you!

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