

REACHING 2025 & BEYOND 2025

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM UPDATE

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Chesapeake Bay Program Shifting Focus to Post-2025

- Reaching 2025 Report
- Beyond 2025 Steering Committee taking a serious look at how the Bay Program Partnership and science is working and areas for change in the future.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARGE

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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.**

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Reaching 2025 Report Recommendations

- Develop public messaging to acknowledge that we won't meet 2025 goal
- Revisit non-point source reductions
 - Agriculture
 - Regulating stormwater, and unregulated stormwater
- Discuss new science and monitoring (e.g., CESR Report*)
- Focus on new challenges (e.g., climate change)
- Identify innovative approaches
- Explore focusing on land conservation, land use

*Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response Report

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Groups

Steering Committee formed small groups:

- Clean Water*
- Climate
- Healthy Watersheds
- People
- Shallow Waters

* Heidi Bonnaffon in this Steering Committee subgroup

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Schedule

- **November - January 2024:** Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **February 2024:** 2-day symposium to discuss and potentially refine topical group recommendations.
- **March 2024:** Adoption of topical group recommendations by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and review of the first draft of recommendations from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **April 2024:** Adoption of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **May - June 2024:** Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **July 2024:** Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations based on public input.
- **August - September 2024:** Seek approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.
- **October 2024:** Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Executive Council.

From Martha Shimkin and Anna Killius, CBP Steering Committee Co-chairs

Clean Water Subgroup

Clean Water Subgroup Recommendations thus far are in these areas:

- Intermediate targets (spacially, temporally)
- Accountability Framework (a.k.a., reliance on CAST)
- Monitoring: More cross-program coordination and look at localized trends.
- Non-point sources: Targeted; taking into account the needs of the local community; promote outcome-based efforts
- [Local government liaisons program]

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