

Management Board  
September 5, 2023

# REACHING 2025: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

# RECAP

- The EC charge calls for the Reaching 2025 Report to include recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025, as well as provide a snapshot of outcome attainability.
- The PSC is to provide these approved recommendations to the EC when they meet on October 19.
- Released for public comment on July 21.
- Comment period closed on August 21.

## Charting a Course to 2025

*A Report and Recommendations for the Chesapeake Executive Council on How to Best Address and Integrate New Science and Restoration Strategies Leading up to 2025*

Posted on July 21, 2023



*Photo by Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program*



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# WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY...



High-level overall of comments received.



Present updated recommendations.



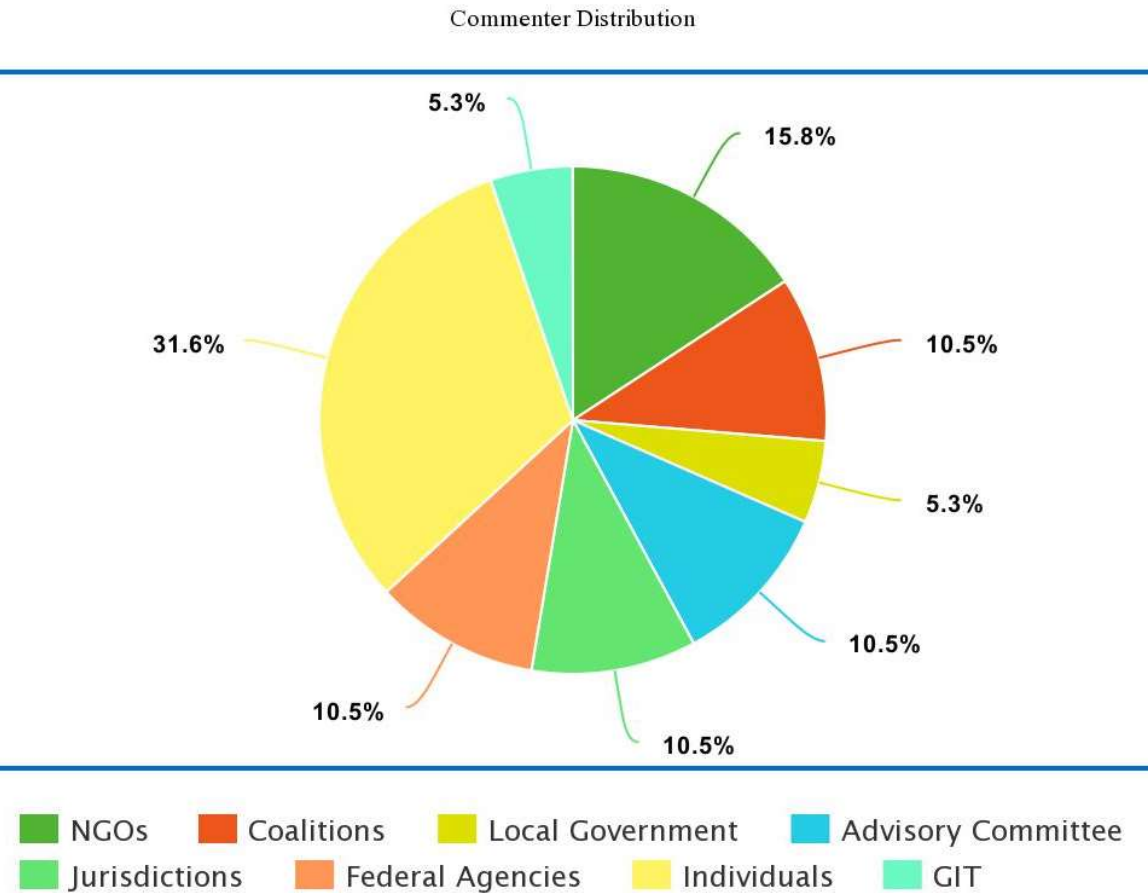
Next steps and timeline for finalizing report.



What else is needed to move these recommendations to the PSC?

# BREAKDOWN OF COMMENTERS

We received 384 comments from 19 different organizations/individuals.



# EDITING PROCESS

Comments were divided into the following categories:

- Grammatical edits to be made in next version of the report.
- Refer comments to subject matter experts for their response.
- No response required.
- Refer comments to Beyond 2025 steering committee.
- General comments that applied to the entire report.

*These general comments were reviewed by a subsection of the Reaching 2025 steering committee, who recommended actions to be taken in addressing them.*

# KEY FINDINGS



STATUS OF  
OUTCOMES



DYNAMIC  
LANDSCAPE



PARTNERSHIPS  
WORK



SCIENCE



BAY TMDL






CONSERVATION



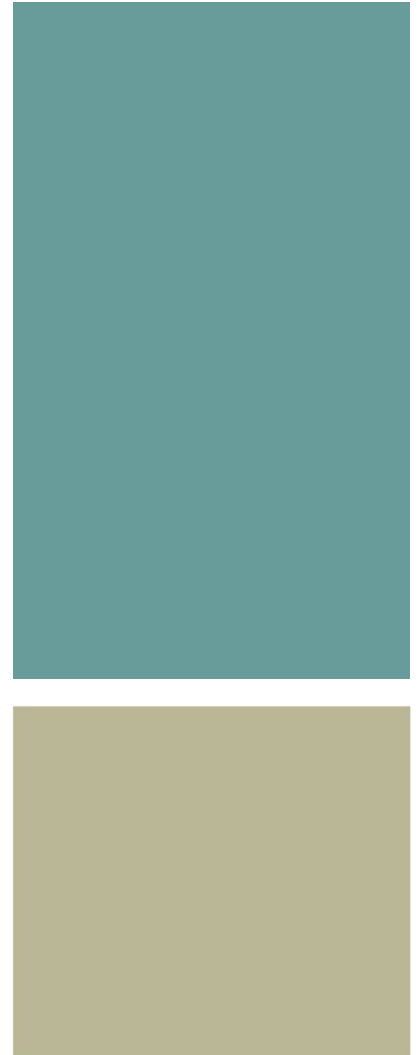
FUNDING

# KEY FINDINGS

 OUTLOOK <b>ON COURSE</b>	 OUTLOOK <b>OFF COURSE</b>
Blue Crab Abundance Outcome	Wetlands Outcome
<i>Blue Crab Management Outcome (Completed)</i>	Black Duck Outcome
Oysters Outcome	Brook Trout Outcome
Forage Fish Outcome	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Outcome
Fish Habitat Outcome	Forest Buffers Outcome
Stream Health Outcome	Tree Canopy Outcome
<i>2017 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) Outcome (Complete)</i>	2025 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPS) Outcome
Fish Passage Outcome	Diversity Outcome
Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome	Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome
Local Leadership Outcome	Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome
Protected Lands Outcome	Students Outcome
Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome	Climate Adaptation Outcome
Land Use Options and Evaluations Outcome	 OUTLOOK <b>UNCERTAIN</b>
Public Access Outcome	Healthy Watershed Outcome
Sustainable Schools Outcome	Stewardship Outcome
Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome	
Climate Monitoring and Assessment Outcome	

# KEY FINDINGS

- Status of Outcomes—Progress, some outcomes off-track
- Dynamic Landscape—Land use changes over time
- Partnerships Work—Recipe for Success
- Science—Robust monitoring network, focus on social science and shallow water
- Bay TMDL—Won't reach targets by 2025, continue but emphasizing non-point source pollution
- Conservation—Proactive protection and protecting restoration investments
- Funding—New opportunities with BIL and IRA, Climate and EJ, capacity needs





# CRITICAL PATH FORWARD

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Nonpoint source focus

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Capacity Building

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Science

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Conservation

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Bay TMDL

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Climate Change

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

# CRITICAL PATH FORWARD

Nonpoint source focus	Capacity Building	Science	Conservation	Bay TMDL	Climate Change	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stormwater and agricultural runoff</li><li>• Forest Buffers and Wetlands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local government and private landowner engagement</li><li>• Information and technical assistance</li><li>• Decision-making, land use planning, use of science, wetlands, forests, climate and EJ</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Science Strategy</li><li>• Shallow Waters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accelerate Protection</li><li>• Healthy Watersheds</li><li>• Protect restored areas</li><li>• Long term stewardship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase III WIPs + climate + Conowingo</li><li>• Water quality improvements and BMP verification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross-GIT Coordination</li><li>• Siting and design of restoration and protection projects</li><li>• Advisory Committees, Grant Opportunities, Partner funding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross-GIT coordination</li><li>• DEIJ Strategy and Implementation, EJ Strategy – BIL and IRA</li></ul>



Management Board approval to move these recommendations forward to the PSC by Monday, September 11.



Will continue to refine report based on the comments received so it may be sent to the PSC in advance of their September 26 meeting.



Approval of recommendations by the PSC at their September 26 meeting.



Recommendations and report posted for the Executive Council prior to the October 19 meeting.

## NEXT STEPS

**WHAT IS NEEDED TO  
APPROVE THESE  
RECOMMENDATIONS?**

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