

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Small Group Recommendations Symposium

February 28-29, 2024

AGENDA with Virtual Participation Notes

In-person location for Beyond 2025 Steering Committee members: Susquehanna River Basin
Commission, 4423 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

[Materials and Meeting Page](#) – Provides Remote Participation (MS Teams) Information

Purpose: To convene the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee to present and discuss Small Group recommendations and consider the support and steps needed to inform the Executive Committee of a recommended path forward.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Receipt of topical Small Group recommendations and discussion of how to refine or integrate the recommendations.
2. A defined set of standardized details to be gathered for each recommendation that will enable the Steering Committee to adequately assess their proposed impact.
3. Discussion of and increased confidence in the Steering Committee's plan for proceeding from Small Group recommendations to a recommended path forward for the Chesapeake Bay Program, including the Steering Committee's immediate, intermediate, and long-term needs.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Virtual participation notes are in blue italic font in this agenda:

- *The meeting link for Day 1 is [here](#).*
- *The virtual meeting space will start at 8:45 AM with a communications check.*
- *Video will be transmitted via a single Owl to provide video from SRBC through Teams. Not all in-person audience members will be casted back given the room size.*

Session 1: Welcome & CBP Organizational History

9:00 AM	Welcome & Symposium Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome from Susquehanna River Basin Commission, <i>Drew Dehoff, Executive Director</i>▪ Co-Chairs Welcoming Remarks, <i>Martha Shimkin and Anna Killius</i>▪ Guest Opening Comments (recorded), <i>Governor Wes Moore</i>▪ Ground Rules, Housekeeping & Agenda Overview, <i>Sherry Witt (facilitator)</i>▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Orientation will be provided to virtual participants. All chat will be recorded and included as an Appendix in the meeting notes.</i>
9:20 AM	CPB Organizational History, Ann Swanson (CBC, retired) and Diana Esher (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation includes the history of the Chesapeake Watershed Vision and the 2014 Watershed Agreement, and the factors that have shaped our organization. Themes include: Vision, Leadership, Culture, Structure, Policy Framework, and Timelines.▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Commenting will occur in the order of “Raised Hands” (in person and virtual), as time allows. Chat will also be monitored to rotate between verbal and text questions.</i>

10:20 AM	Break
Session 2: Small Group Recommendations Presentation & Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Virtual participation note for Session 2: Commenting will occur in the order of “Raised Hands” (in person and virtual.) Chat will be monitored to rotate between verbal and text questions.</u> <u>Specific periods for public comment will occur after the Climate Small Group, the Healthy Watershed Small Group, and as a report out during the Small Group deliberations</u> 	
10:40 AM	People Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minutes presentation; 20 minutes questions and discussion Presenters: <i>Julia Wakeling (DC DOEE) and Julie Lawson (SAC)</i>
11:30 AM	Climate Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minutes presentation; 20 minutes questions and discussion Presenters: <i>Breck Sullivan (USGS) and Bo Williams (EPA)</i>
12:20 PM	Lunch
12:50 PM	Shallow Water Habitats Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minutes presentation; 20 minutes questions and discussion Presenter: <i>Gina Hunt (MD DNR) and Brooke Landry (MD DNR)</i>
1:40 PM	Healthy Watersheds Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minutes presentation; 20 minutes questions and discussion Presenter: <i>Jeff Lerner (EPA)</i>
2:30 PM	Break
2:45 PM	Clean Water Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minutes presentation; 20 minutes questions and discussion Presenter: <i>Jill Whitcomb (PA DEP), Joe Wood (CBF), and Lee McDonnell (EPA)</i>
3:35 PM	Small Group Deliberations & Breakout Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Group Deliberations: Each individual Small Group will host a hybrid meeting space to discuss what will be necessary for revising and/or combining their recommendations. <u>For discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is necessary for revising Small Group recommendations? What should the Steering Committee consider when combining recommendations, and how should this be done? Breakout Group Deliberations: Breakouts randomly assigned, for non-Small Group participants. <u>For discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the general degree of necessity (high, med, low) of a recommendation explaining any conflicting opinions? What are the critical factors that should be assessed when implementation of a recommendation? <u>Suggested breakout timing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15 PM: Breakout Transition: Designate someone to download the template and take notes; designate someone to report out. 3:20 PM: Recommendation Discussion: Five randomly assigned breakout groups will discuss a single Small Group’s set of recommendations. Dedicate 8 minutes per recommendation. Use the template to document: (1) a general degree of necessity (high, medium,

	<p>low) of a recommendation explaining any conflicting opinions; and (2) high-level statements on the critical factors that should be assessed when implementation a recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4:00 PM: Determine Talking Points: Highlight 1-2 talking points to share in plenary. The template will have instructions for submitting. ○ 4:13 PM: Transition Back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Non-Small Group Virtual participation note: For those not involved on a specific Small Group (you would have specific meeting invitation from a Small Group chair), breakout groups (5) will review one set of recommendations, and document feedback for the Steering Committee and Small Groups' consideration. Breakouts will be automated through Teams.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The set of recommendations is here [LINK]</i> ○ <i>The shared document for breakouts to work in is here [LINK]</i>
4:35 PM	Small Group Report Outs & Discussion
5:15 PM	Recap & Day 2 Preview
5:30 PM	Adjourn

DAY 2: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024	
<p><i>Virtual participation notes are in blue italic font in this agenda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The meeting link for Day 2 is here.</i> ▪ <i>The virtual meeting space will start at 8:15 AM with a communications check.</i> ▪ <i>Video will be transmitted via a single Owl to provide video from SRBC through Teams. Not all in-person audience members will be casted back given the room size.</i> ▪ <i>Specific period for public comment will be held after the Breakout Exercise.</i> 	
8:30 AM	Opening Comments
Session 3: Visioning Exercise	
8:40 AM	Visioning Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Breakout exercises will be similar in hybrid and in-person spaces. Virtual participants will use a PowerPoint presentation: [LINK]. A volunteer to edit and use a shared screen. Each breakout group will have the same amount of time for report outs.</i>
Session 4: Revising & Prioritizing Recommendations	
9:40 AM	Addressing the EC Charge: How Will We Refine the Recommendations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Review of phased approach, the agreed upon Scope & Process, and refinement of individual recommendations ▪ Open discussion of outline with Steering Committee ▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Commenting will occur in the order of "Raised Hands" (in person and virtual). Comments from Steering Committee will be prioritized. Chat will also be monitored to rotate between verbal and text questions.</i>
10:00 AM	Steering Committee Breakout Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The focus breakout session: The Steering Committee will work in nimble groups to work through Small Group recommendations, such as bucketing

	<p>recommendations (e.g., Agreement, Partnership), and sub-bucketing (e.g., specific Agreement outcomes, governance document)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breakout discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where can we combine and amplify recommendations? ○ What are considerations for revising the set of recommendations? ▪ Groups will take a 10-minute break at their discretion ▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Steering Committee members will convene in breakouts to work through the Small Group recommendations. Virtual Steering Committee members will be grouped together. Non-steering committee members are welcome to take a break and return for report outs at 11:00am.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The set of recommendations is here [LINK]</i>
11:00 AM	<p>Breakout Group Report Outs & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Commenting will occur in the order of “Raised Hands” (in person and virtual). Comments from Steering Committee will be prioritized. Chat will also be monitored to rotate between verbal and text questions.</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	<p>Addressing the EC Charge: What Will We Deliver to the Executive Council?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Where are we now? What is our end goal? What does our remaining workload and timing look like? ▪ Discussion Questions: Outline, Recommendation Refinement; Timeline and Scope of Work
1:45 PM	Break
Session 5: The Path Forward	
1:55 PM	<p>How Do We Prepare for the March Meeting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are our immediate, intermediate, and long-term needs? ▪ <i>Virtual participation note: Commenting will occur in the order of “Raised Hands” (in person and virtual). Comments from Steering Committee will be prioritized. Chat will also be monitored to rotate between verbal and text questions.</i>
2:30 PM	Wrap Up & Closing Remarks
2:45 PM	Adjourn