



Chesapeake Bay Program Update

December 5, 2025



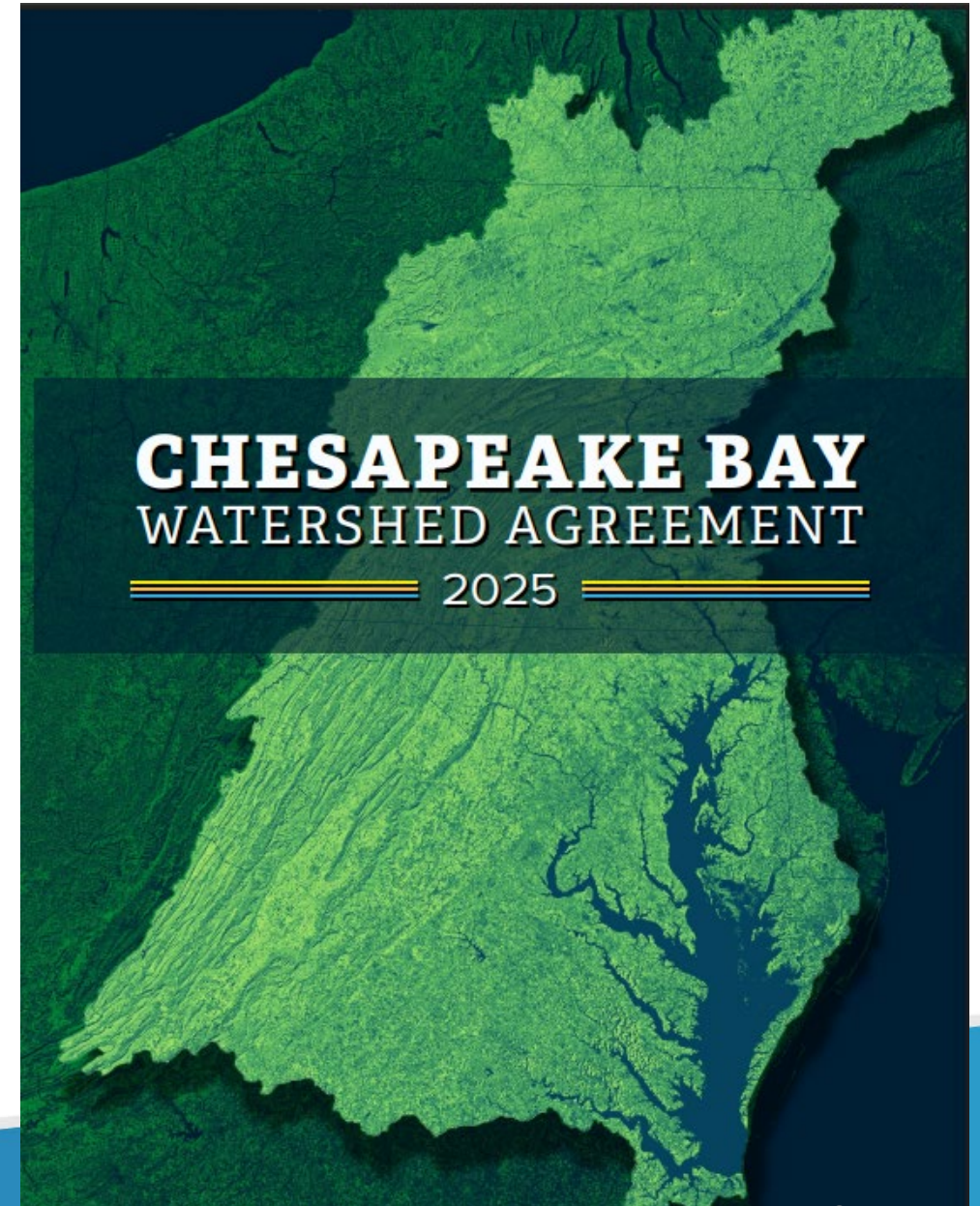
Chesapeake Bay Program

- Preparing for the EC Meeting
- Results of the EC Meeting
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Preparing for the EC Meeting

- Management Board Retreat:
September 30th – October 2nd
- Management Board Meeting:
October 9th
- Principals' Staff Committee
Meetings: October 28th and
November 6th
- All EC documents finalized by
November 12th



Results of the Executive Council Meeting

- In attendance – 4 Governors, Mayor of DC (most principals in several years)
- Public and Private Meetings
- Advisory Committees provide recommendations to EC
- Structure and Governance Recommendations
- Tribal Partnership Charge
- New EC Chair – Governor Shapiro



Next Steps

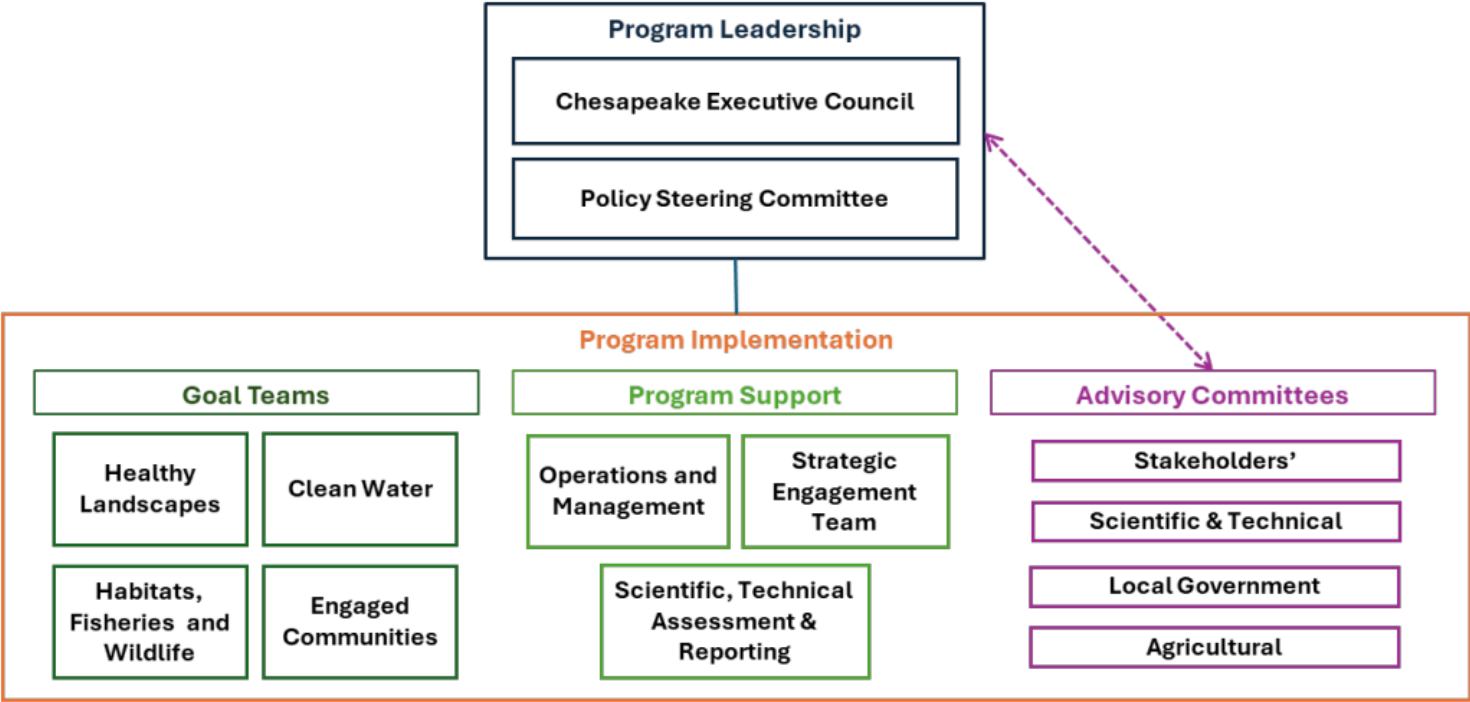
From 2024 Charge –

The Chesapeake Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee with recommending this simplified and streamlined partnership structure and processes to the Chesapeake Executive Council in as much detail as possible by December 1, 2025. Subsequent changes that incorporate this revised structure and processes into the Governance and Management Framework for the Chesapeake Bay Program do not need to occur until June 2026.



Next Steps

By July 1, 2026, the Principals' Staff Committee will finalize the membership, leadership, responsibilities and decision-making protocols associated with these two structural components. However, to align with the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and ensure timely delivery of Management Strategies, the partnership will begin preparing for—and transitioning to--the new Goal Team structure following the December 2, 2025 Executive Council meeting.

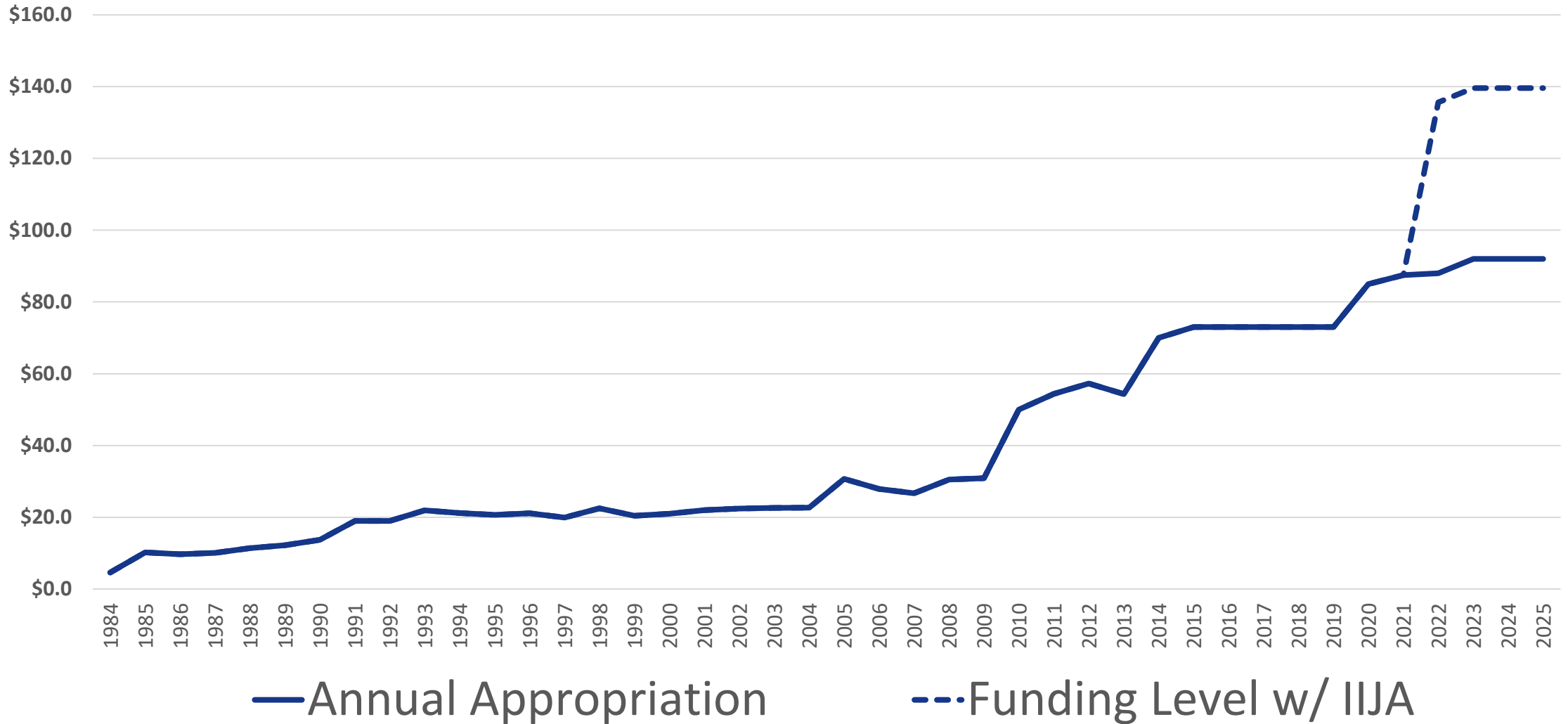


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- ...this Chesapeake Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee to work with those federally recognized tribal nations to develop recommendations by July 1, 2026, on how best to include tribes across the watershed in the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership...
- Furthermore, the Principals' Staff Committee shall explore opportunities for advancing and respecting Indigenous guardianship and Indigenous knowledge within watershed restoration planning and implementation.



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Thank you!

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