

Outcome Participation for Chesapeake Bay Program Signatory Partners

Purpose of Identifying Outcome Participation:

The purpose of this document is to describe the types and methods of involvement that signatory partners and federal agencies may choose over the course of their participation with particular *Watershed Agreement* Outcomes.

As a partnership, the Chesapeake Bay Program recognizes that participation may shift over time as leadership changes, the focus of the Outcome workgroup adapts, and partner priorities and capacities fluctuate. Nevertheless, the benefits of signatory partners and federal agencies clarifying whether and how they are able to participate in each outcome at any given time include:

- Transparency and awareness for the partnership and the public to understand the partners involved in advancing each outcome.
- Clarity regarding capacity and resources available to advance progress toward our outcome targets in the immediate and intermediate term.
- Accountability by identifying the key signatory partners playing a role in decision making and implementation for each outcome.

Non-Participating Partner

This partner does not plan to directly engage in achievement of the outcome through Chesapeake Bay Program groups and activities related to this outcome. They are always welcome to listen and join partnership discussions.

Participating Partner

Participating partners plan to stay aware of Chesapeake Bay Program discussions and activities advancing achievement of the outcome, and ensure updates are shared with their Management Board representatives. They should share data and knowledge to help make and track progress toward Outcome targets. Within Outcome-focused partnership groups, participating partners are encouraged to discuss their interest in and capacity for:

Staying informed of Chesapeake Bay Program discussions, actions and decisions, typically by attending meetings of and receiving communications from partnership groups (e.g., GIT or Workgroup) contributing to the achievement of this outcome.

Regularly attending as a formal member and represent the position of their Management Board organization within partnership group discussions and decisions. They engage in discussions to identify resourcing needs as well as the federal, state and private funds that may be available for research and implementation. They participate in priority setting for the outcome, the development and implementation of mutually agreed-to actions and activities, and regular data submission to track progress towards outcome attainment.

Provide leadership for partnership groups working on this outcome, facilitating group decision making and priority setting to advance the outcome. Outcome champions are often well-positioned based on their mission, staffing, and priorities to make a demonstrable difference by engaging the technical and resource capacity necessary to guide the partnership to success.