

2012 Executive Order Progress Report

Executive Order 13508

Progress Report

Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the
Chesapeake Bay Watershed

March 19, 2013



FY2012

Developed by the Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay



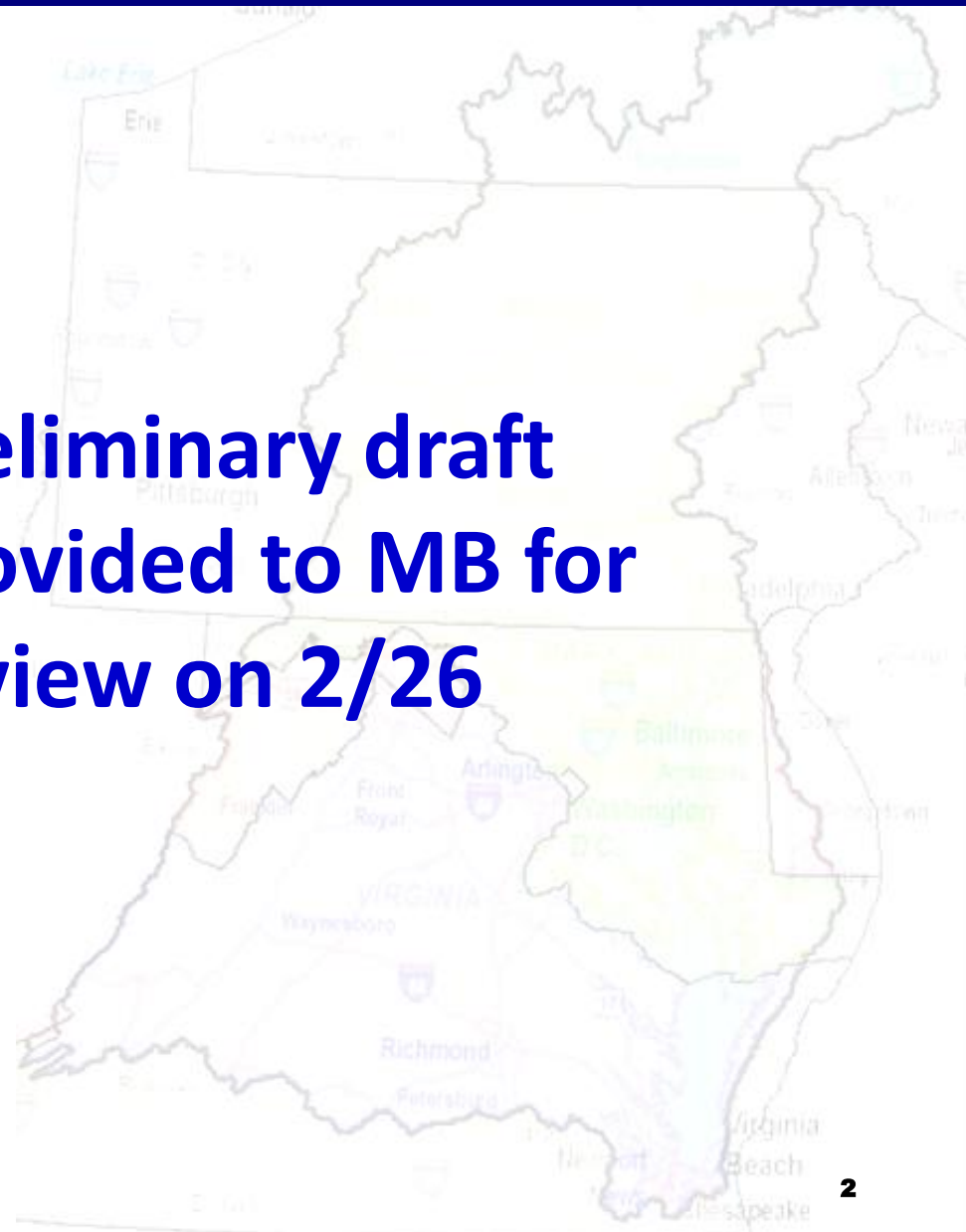
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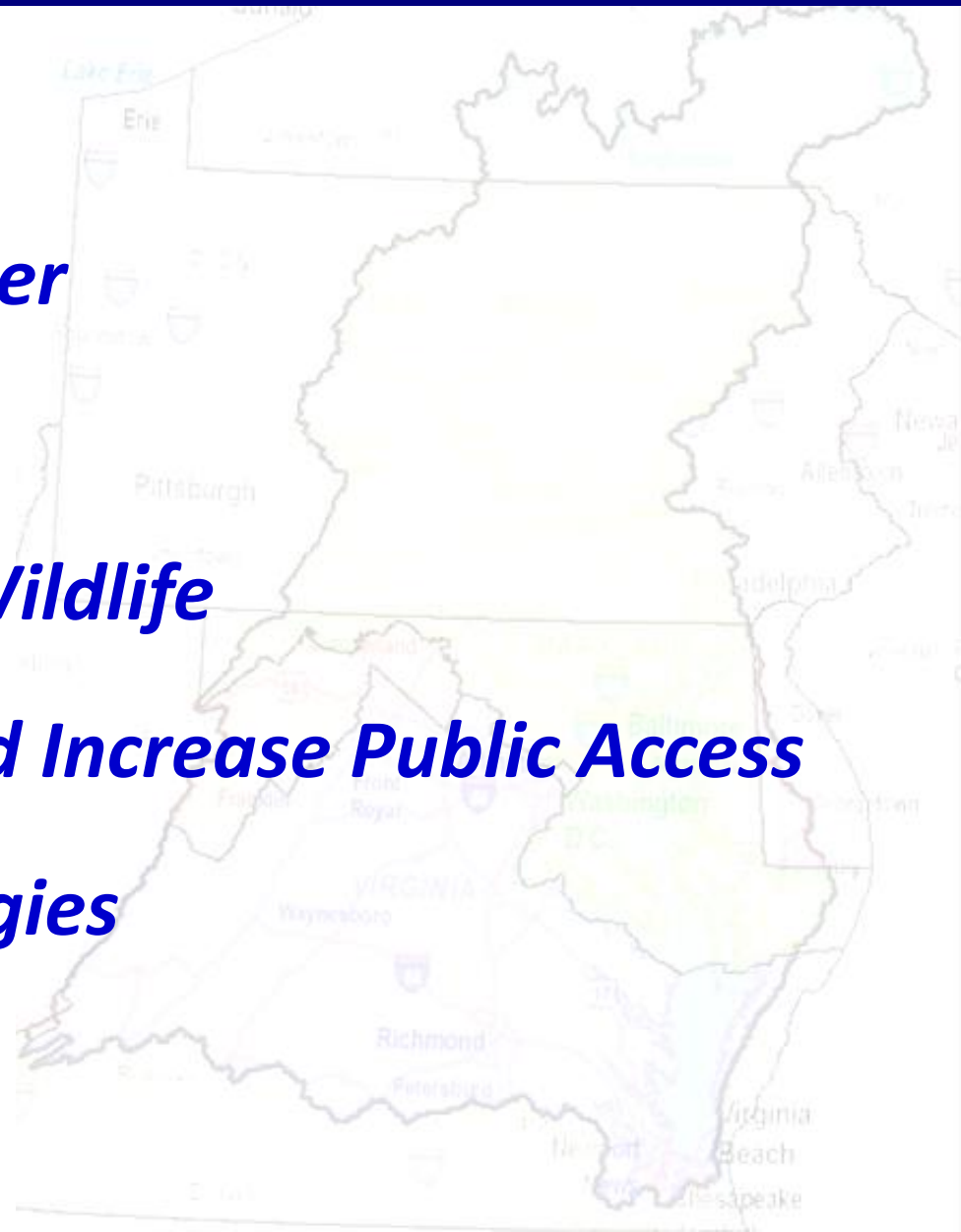
**Preliminary draft
provided to MB for
review on 2/26**



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Goals:

- *Restore Clean Water*
- *Recover Habitat*
- *Sustain Fish and Wildlife*
- *Conserve Land and Increase Public Access*
- *Supporting Strategies*



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Report based on FY 2012 appropriations levels

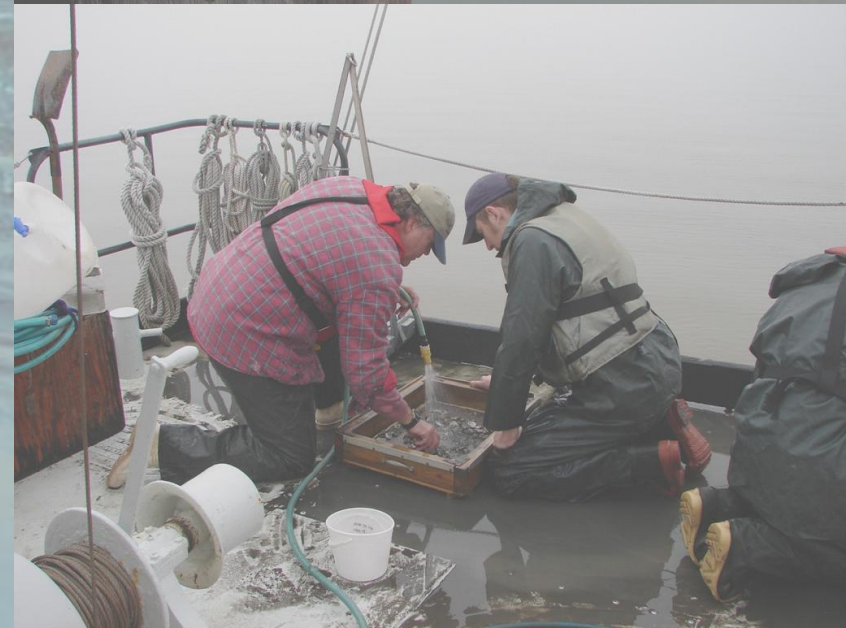
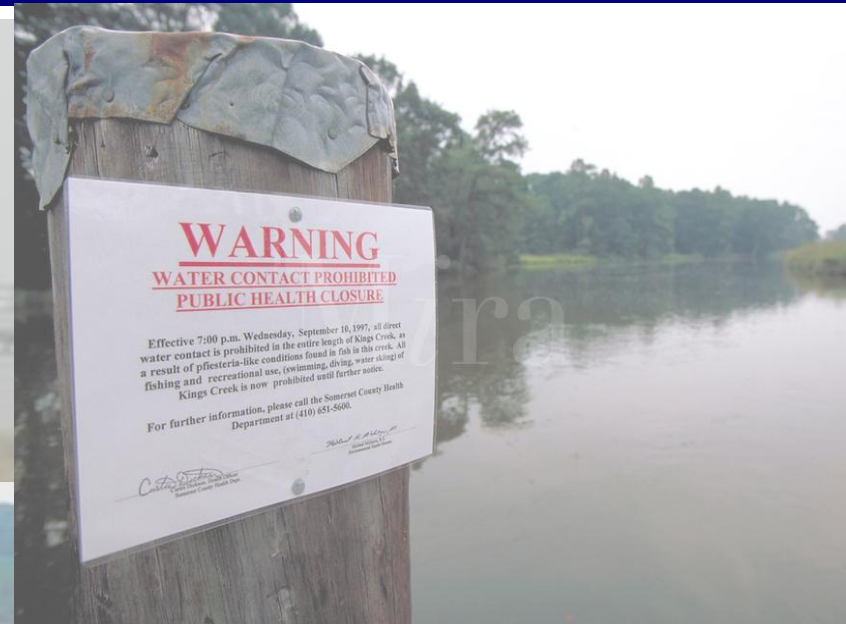


Highlights progress on 2012-13 milestones and 2025 outcomes.

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Restore Clean Water

- Phase II WIPs and Two-year Milestones completed
- Water-quality monitoring and analysis expanded
- Conservation practices implemented in priority watersheds
- Toxic contaminants reports completed



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Recover Habitat

- Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative established
- Forest Restoration Strategy for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed released
- Projects opening 33.6 miles of stream habitat completed

CHESAPEAKE FOREST RESTORATION STRATEGY



December 2012
United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry
Newtown Square, PA
www.na.fs.fed.us



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Sustain Fish and Wildlife

- 97 acres of oyster reefs planted in Harris Creek
- Female-specific population targets for blue crabs adopted for fisheries management
- Brook trout population data shared for land use planning and habitat restoration



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Conserve Land and Increase Public Access

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- A group of people, including adults and children, are walking away from the camera on a wide, sun-dappled dirt trail. The trail is flanked by lush green trees and foliage. The scene is bright and sunny, with long shadows cast on the path. The text of the list is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- Support for permanent protection of ~3,000 acres through hydropower facility relicensing
 - Four connecting trails (900 miles) added to Captain John Smith Trail
 - 1,360 acres protected at DoD Chesapeake Bay installations

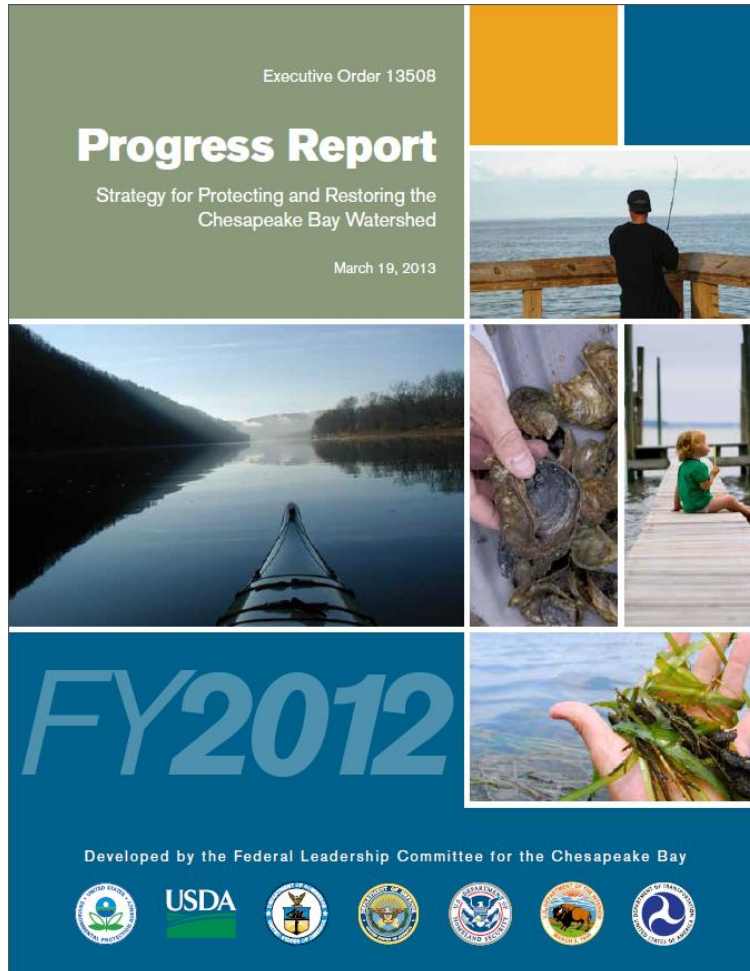
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Supporting Strategies

- Environmental Literacy Strategy released
- Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail launched
- Chesapeake Bay watershed land cover updated and analyzed
- Analyzed potential effects of Conowingo Reservoir reaching capacity; management options developed



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Next Steps

- *March 4 - Public comment draft for review*
- *March 7 - Meeting with CEQ/OMB*
- *March 15 – end of comment period*
- *Address MB and public comments*
- *March 29 - target date for release of final report*