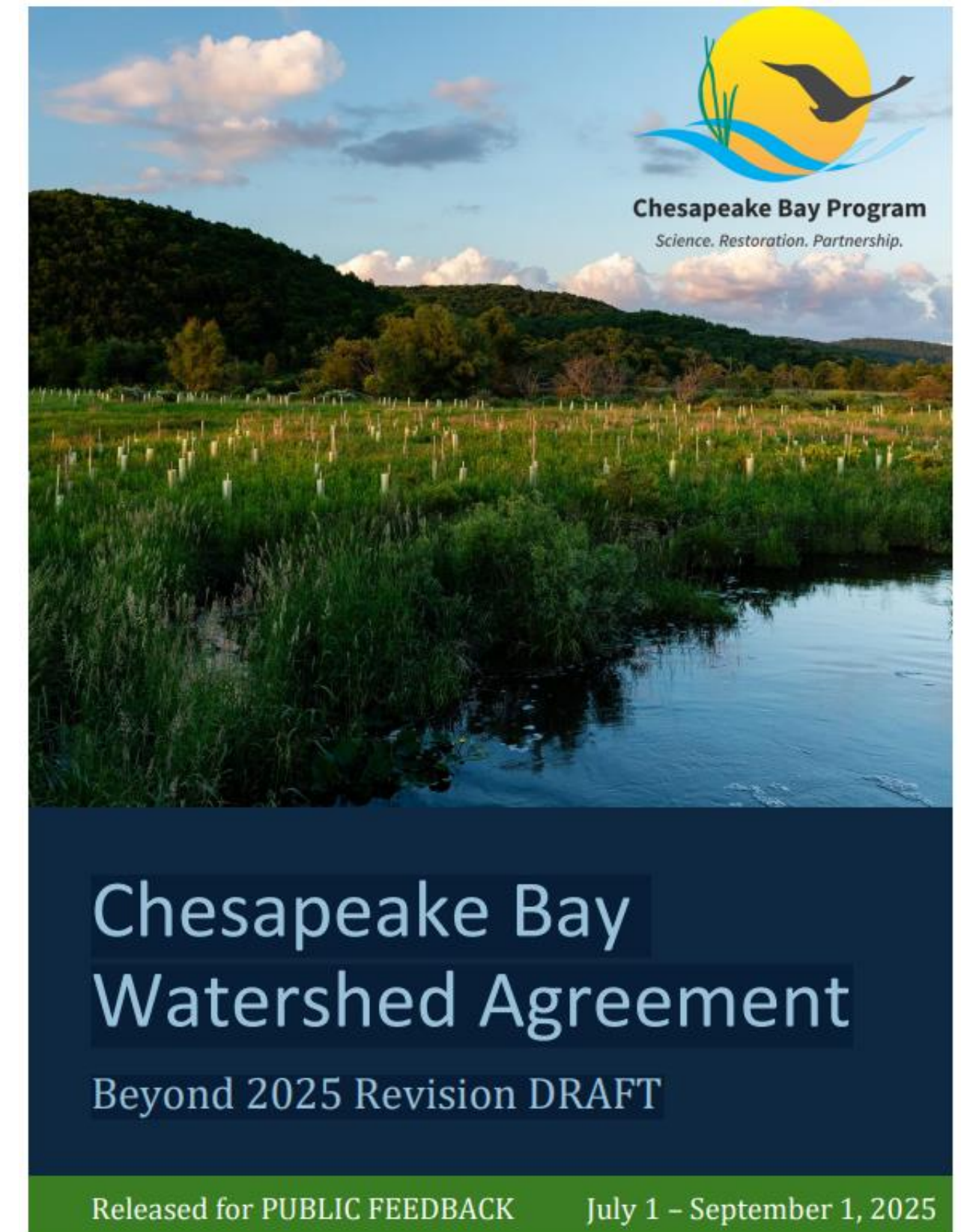




# Revised *Watershed Agreement* DRAFT for Public Release

- PSC approved most sections for public release during the May 23rd meeting.
- Final package includes slightly revised Goals, is formatted to match the 2014 *Agreement*, and retains some targets still to be determined.
- Public Feedback period will officially run from July 1 to September 1, 2025.



# Agreement Sections

- VISION
- PREAMBLE
- PRINCIPLES
- GOALS & OUTCOMES
  - THRIVING HABITAT AND WILDLIFE
  - CLEAN WATER
  - HEALTHY LANDSCAPES
  - ENGAGED COMMUNITIES
- MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION\*



\* = Timeframes still to be determined

# Goals & Outcomes



## Healthy Landscapes

- Healthy Forests and Trees\*
- Protected Lands\*
- Land Use Decision Support
- Adaptation to Changing Environmental Conditions

## Clean Water

- Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment\*\*
- Toxic Contaminants Mitigation
- Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring

## Thriving Habitat and Wildlife

- Blue Crab Sustainability
- Brook Trout\*
- Fish Habitat\*\*
- Fish Passage
- Oysters
- Stream Health
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)
- Wetlands\*\*

## Engaged Communities

- Local Leadership
- Public Access\*
- School District Planning
- Stewardship
- Student Experiences
- Workforce

\* = Outcome target placeholder

\*\* = Plans to develop targets



# Public Feedback Process

Once the Revised *Agreement* DRAFT is approved by PSC, it will be available for Public Feedback from July 1 through September 1, 2025.

- All comments should be sent to [comments@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net)
- Review team will organize, review, and convey comments related to the whole *Agreement*, each Goal, Structure & Governance considerations, and any signatory-specific issues, ultimately providing suggested DRAFT modifications for MB consideration.
- Webinars and a communications toolkit will be available from the CBPO to inform the public through the Feedback Period and beyond – see the Beyond 2025 website.



# Timeline

Week of June 23	PSC/MB	• Short meeting for PSC to approve all <i>Watershed Agreement</i> changes for public release.
July 1	Public	• 60-day public feedback period begins.
July 10	MB	• Structure and governance work.
August 14	MB	• Initial recommendations for structure and governance work; initial feedback review from partner engagement period.
August 20	PSC	• Review MB's structure and governance recommendations, provide feedback; initial review of feedback from partner engagement period.
September 1	Public	• Conclusion of public feedback period.
September 11	MB	• Begin to review, organize and address public feedback.
October 9	MB	• Propose changes to <i>Watershed Agreement</i> revisions based on public feedback; final structure and governance recommendations.
November 6	MB	• Approve final <i>Watershed Agreement</i> revisions and final structure and governance recommendations in preparation for EC meeting.
November 18 (tentative)	PSC	• Approve final <i>Watershed Agreement</i> revisions and final structure and governance recommendations in preparation for EC meeting.

Timing in Flux