

PUBLIC ACCESS WORKGROUP

Workgroup Meeting (11/13/2023)



Agenda for Today

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SRS Process

- The Strategy Review System (SRS) is an iterative process that helps the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership coordinate, track, assess, prioritize, and resource the short- and long-term science needs identified through the SRS and advance Chesapeake restoration and conservation efforts.
- The SRS process is documented through three documents: the Logic & Action Plan, the Narrative Analysis, and the Presentation.



Calendar of Cohorts: Annual/Biennial Schedule with 4 Cohorts

- Outlook Uncertain
- Outlook Off Track

2023

SRS Schedule Changes

2024

Meeting

Starts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		People			Watersheds		Clean Water			Living Resources	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stewardship Diversity• Public Access• Local Leadership			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Watersheds• Tree Canopy• Forest Buffers• Climate Adaptn• Climate Mntr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stream Health• Protected Lands• Land Use• Meth./Metr. & Opt. Eval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toxics Policy / Prevention• Toxics Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 WIPs• WQ Stnds• Attain/Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV• Wetlands• Brook Trout• Black Duck• Oysters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bl. Crab• Abundance• Fish Passage• Fish Habitat• Forage Fish

Brief update

- ELit Student
- ELit Planning
- ELit Sust. Schools

2025

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2026

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	People				Watersheds		Clean Water				
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SRS Schedule Changes

- After a lot of feedback and deliberation, there are some new changes to the SRS schedule.
- Regarding the Public Access Workgroup, the relevant changes are the following:
 - Each WG can choose to go every other year.
 - Public Access is now a part of the People cohort and will be going in March of their chosen year.
 - We will be giving a brief update in March of 2024.

outcome and the actions it is taking to manage them. It also articulates what the partnership expects to achieve by taking those actions. [Link to plan.](#)

Public Access Site Development Outcome – [2020-2021] By 2025, add 300 new public access sites, with a strong emphasis on providing opportunities for boating, swimming and fishing, where feasible. (2010 baseline year)

Long-term Target: 300 sites by 2025

Two-year Target: The Public Access Workgroup aims to add 20 new public access sites each year. By the end of 2021 this would bring the cumulative total of public access sites from 1333 to 1373.

Instructions: Before your quarterly progress meeting, provide the status of individual actions in the table below using this color key.

Action has been completed or is moving forward as planned.

Action has encountered minor obstacles.

Action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier.

Additional instructions for completing or updating your logic and action plan can be found on [ChesapeakeDecisions](#).

Factor	Current Efforts	Gap	Actions	Metrics	Expected Response and Application	Learn/Adapt
<i>What is impacting our ability to achieve our outcome?</i>	<i>What current efforts are addressing this factor?</i>	<i>What further efforts or information are needed to fully address this factor?</i>	<i>What actions are essential (to help fill this gap) to achieve our outcome?</i>	<i>What will we measure or observe to determine progress in filling identified gap?</i>	<i>How and when do we expect these actions to address the identified gap? How might that affect our work going forward?</i>	<i>What did we learn from taking this action? How will this lesson impact our work?</i>
Public sector funding	Both requesting adequate support funding through the state agencies budgeting processes and targeting available grant funds, when appropriate, to support public access planning, development, and maintenance.	Inadequate funding.	(2.1) , (2.2)	Increases in governmental budgets that sustain or enhance access programs, increases in available grant funding.	Increase in appropriate funding levels.	The expected increase in Federal funding to the states may support public access site development. This is subject to how individual states decide to allocate and spend those funds.

Current Inventory Process



GIS Collection

Interactive format and process



Closed Sites

Looking at the possibility of tracking closed sites



Water Access

Considering other types of water access



Improvements

Looking at the overall process and possible solutions



03

Thinking Beyond 2025

Brainstorming and Discussion

Beyond 2025

Brainstorming Ideas

What should the public access goal be beyond 2025?

Discussion

Potential products, studies or resources the workgroup could produce or focus on.

Identify

Potential goals, projects, and initiatives for the upcoming years.



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