

Beyond 2025

Where are we at?

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee advises the development of recommendations to meet the Chesapeake Executive Council charge (October 2022) to the Principals' Staff Committee on charting a course beyond 2025.

- Prioritize and outline the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025.
- Report back to the Executive Council at its 2024 annual meeting (October) with recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.

Subsequently the CBP established a Beyond 2025 Steering Committee consisting of partner signatories, federal agencies, advisory committees, and GIT representatives.

STEP 1 PROCESS



RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Steering Committee (SC)

- Jurisdiction/Feds/ACs/GITs/+
- Monthly Meeting Frequency

ERG (Independent Evaluator via Contract)

- Evaluation plan (EP) scoped by SC
- EP implemented: Sept '23 to July '24

Small Groups

- People, Climate, Clean Water, Shallow Habitats, Healthy Watersheds
- SC + Invitees
- Active from Nov '23 to Mar '24

SOURCE MATERIAL

Supplemental to SC Product

Evaluation Report
(April - Interim / July - Final)

- Content Analysis + Discussions
- Themes → Statement of Findings
- Considerations for SC

Recommendations (5 x 5 Group)
(March)

- Vanguard, Value, Vision
- Crosscutting topics
- Rationale and Phase 2 Next Steps
- Impact Assessment: Agreement / Partnership

FINAL PRODUCT

Report to the EC
(December)

- (1) DRAFTING
- (2) SC REVIEW
- (3) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
- (4) REVISIONS
- (5) REVIEW



Translating the Scope of Work...

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Small Group Recommendations
2. ERG Evaluation & Report
3. Steering Committee Final Product
4. Public Engagement
5. Approval Process

Phase I Timeline: Updates and Considerations

	January				February				March				April				May					June			
Week	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
Small Group Recommendations																									
ERG Evaluation Plan																									
Steering Committee Draft																									
Public Feedback																									
Approval Process																									



	July					August				September				October					November				December			
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Small Group Recommendations																										
ERG Evaluation Plan																										
Steering Committee Draft					25					Revise	25															
Public Feedback	Dependent on Draft Release																									
Approval Process	MB / PSC Review											17			MB?		MB?	PSC							?	



- **ERG** – Interim draft delivery on April 19th; Devoting 2h in April for Briefing/Discussion
- **Steering Committee Draft** – Phased approach for initial draft; 2nd draft after Public Feedback & MB/PSC reviews.
- **Public Feedback** – Dependent on release of the Steering Committee draft; aiming for 60 days
- **Approval Process** – MB in October, PSC end of Oct; EC in Dec.

Getting from "A" to "B25"?



1

Standardize
Information

*Decide Today,
Gather by March*

2

Combine
Recs

Begin Today, Continue through March

3

Categorize/
Synthesize
Recs

4

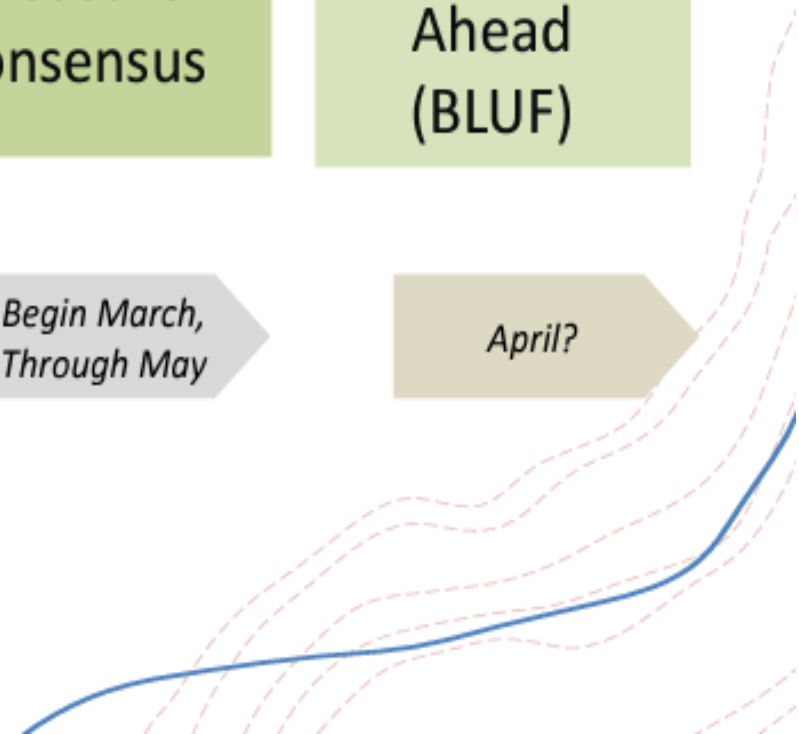
Measure
Consensus

*Begin March,
Through May*

5

Our Work
Ahead
(BLUF)

April?



Pulse Check Survey



Within each Small Group section exists a link to the respective set of one-pagers, which can be found on the [Beyond 2025 Homepage](#) and the [March Meeting](#). May want to also read the Narratives.



Responses are required for each recommendation. This was determined as best practice by SC testers. Before submitting the survey, you can navigate back and forward through the survey, so long as the field requirements are met.



For “pulse checks” with “Reservations” or “Significant Concerns”, a comment field is required to provide rationale for the selection and suggestions for further support



There was an optional field to provide suggestions for where, and how, multiple recommendations could be integrated/synthesized.

Pulse Check Summary

- 25 Response! (out of 28 SC Members)
- 625 data points...
- Support = 74% | Reservations = 22% | Concern = 4%
- All recommendations had at least one Reservation (Avg = 5)
- Rich feedback...86 Comments | Over 10,000 words.

Small Group Stop Light Feedback – One Matrix for each Small Group

Q3. Please provide a sense of support for each recommendation. The live one-pagers for **Climate** can be accessed here: [ENTER LINK].

Green (left-hand column) = I am largely supportive of this finding and comfortable with continued detailed discussion in Phase II of the Beyond 2025 work.

Yellow (middle column) = I am potentially supportive of this finding but have some reservations. More explanation and/or revision would be important during any continued detailed discussions in Phase II.

Red (right-hand column) = I have significant concerns with this finding and am uncomfortable recommending this for further discussion in Phase II without significant changes.

	Supportive	Reservations	Significant Concern
			
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Recommendation 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Recommendation 5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Each Required

Recommendation Buckets Related to EC Charge and Symposium Exercise



Science

Monitoring
Modeling /Tools
Contaminants
Accountability/ Data
Adaptive Management
Ecosystem Services



Restoration & Protection

Living resources
Climate Resilience



Partnership

Local communities
DEIJ
Engagement
Social Sciences
Networks
Capacity building
Outcome Accountability
Governance

Next Step-

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting #8

April 25, 2024: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Purpose: To receive and discuss ERG's Interim Evaluation Report, and review and discuss the draft outline and strategy for the Steering Committee recommendations.

Outcomes:

- Accept final Small Group recommendations.
- Receive and discuss ERG's Interim Report.
- Determine next steps on drafting the Steering Committee recommendations.

Proposed Draft Outline

Page 1-2: Critical Path Forward

- Our Charge
- Our Mission: Science, Restoration, Partnership
- Our Vision for the Partnership
- Our Recommendation (Agreement/Partnership)

Page 3: Synthesized, Analyzed summary

- High-level considerations related to the Agreement
- High-level considerations related to the Partnership

Additional pages: Source material

- Our process & what informed our work
- One-page summaries from small groups
- ERG report
- Summary of public engagement and outreach

Path Forward

Where we want to be

What we do

Where we are

How we work

