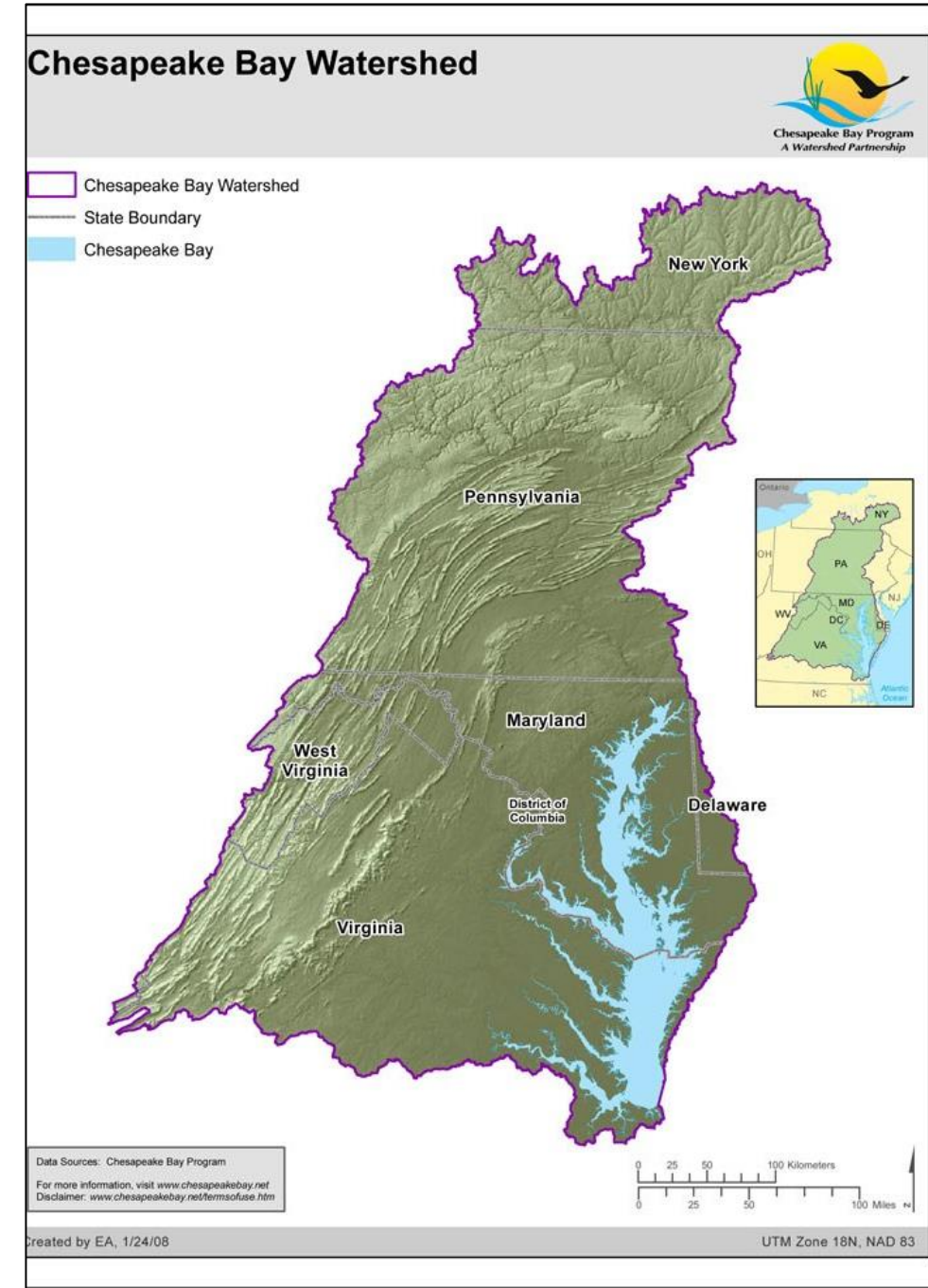
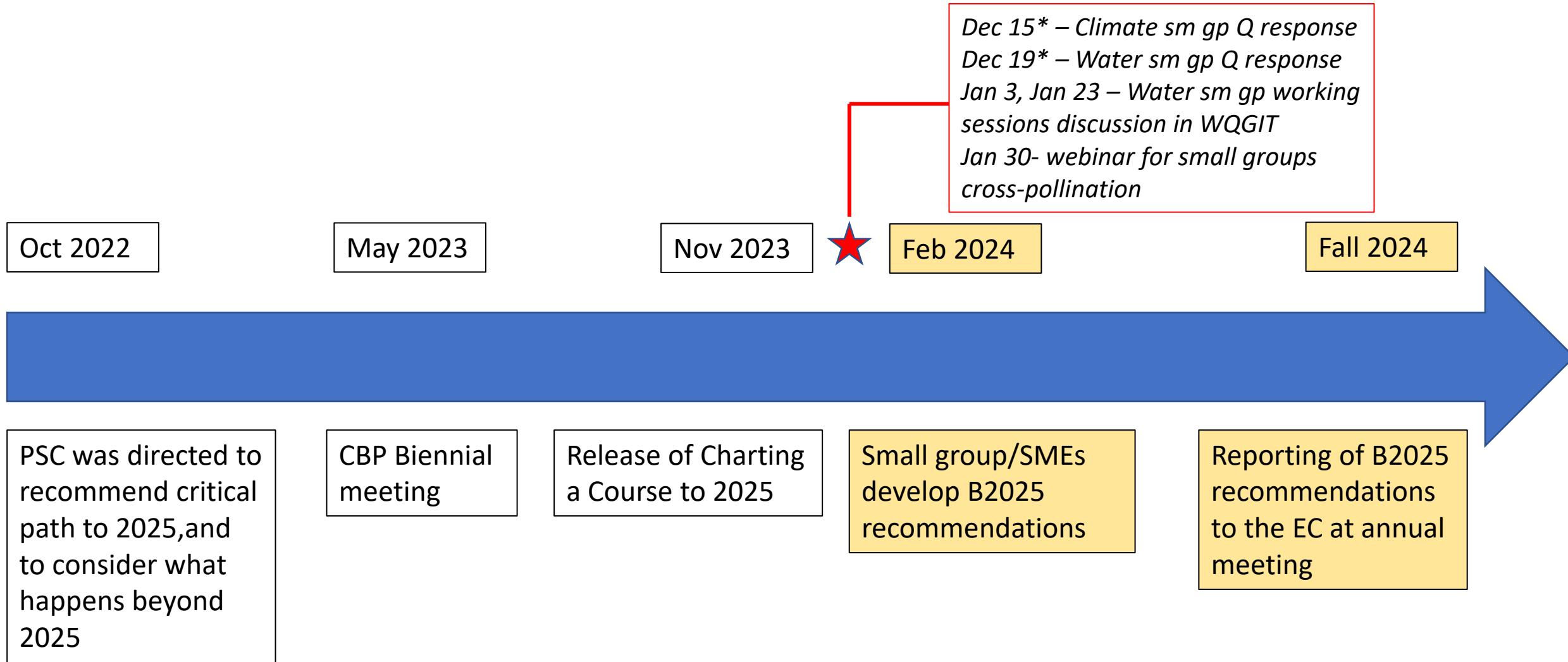


Updates on Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025 CBP Activities

- Charting a course to 2025: Status of goals/outcomes, what is needed. Summary document here: [Charting-a-Course-to-2025 Final.pdf \(d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net\)](https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/Charting-a-Course-to-2025_Final.pdf)
- Beyond 2025: [Beyond 2025 Steering Committee \(chesapeakebay.net\)](https://chesapeakebay.net/beyond-2025-steering-committee)
Steering committee, series of small groups that will:
 - Define scope, identify SMEs
 - Coordinate with other groups
 - Formulate recommendations (by Feb-Mar 2024)
- Small groups include:
 - Climate
 - Healthy watersheds
 - Clean water*
 - People
 - Shallow water habitats

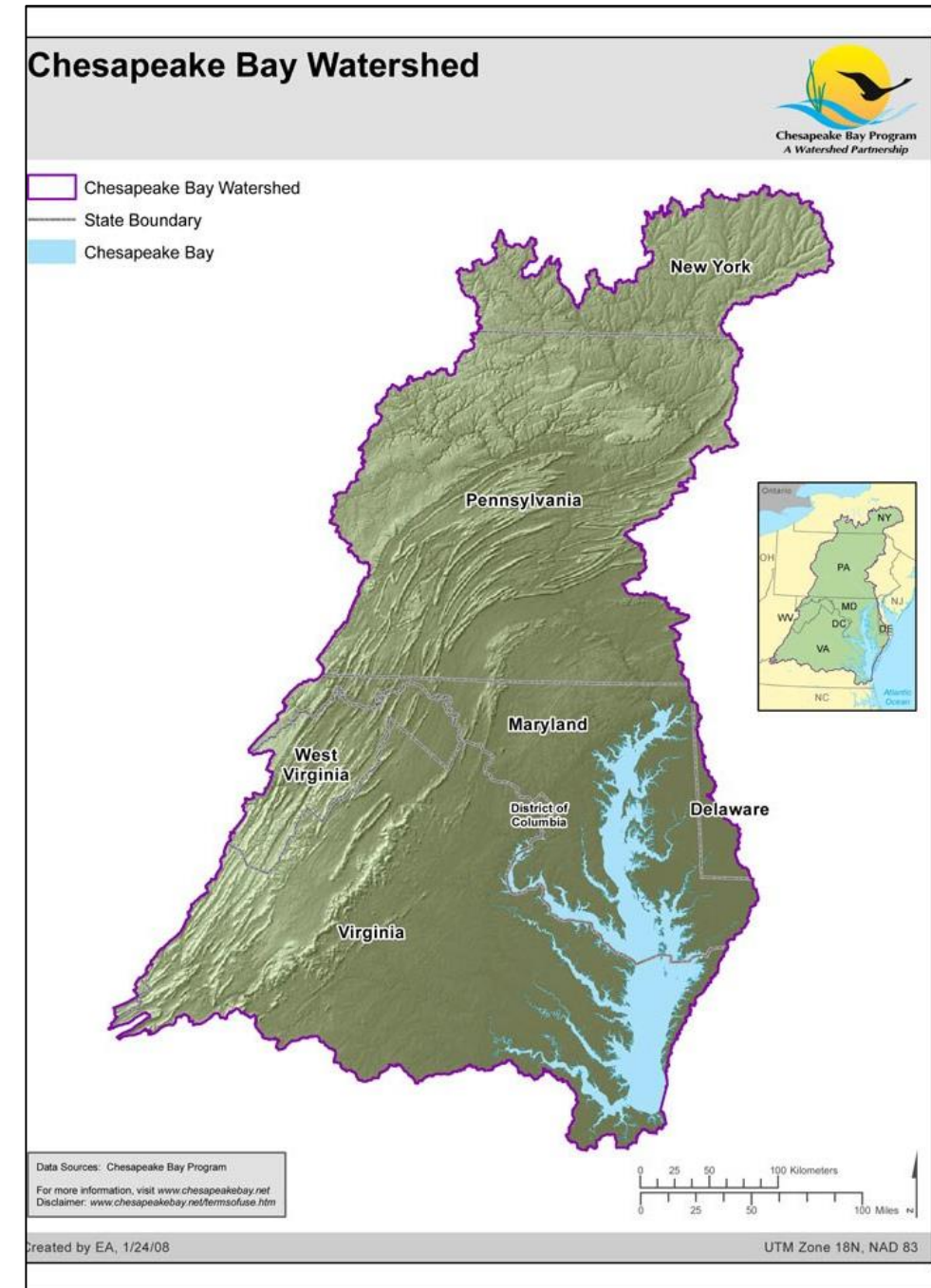


Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025 CBP Timeline



Toxic Contaminant Goal and Outcomes of the 2014 CB Watershed Agreement

- Ensure that the Bay and its rivers are free of effects of toxic contaminants on living resources and human health
 - Policy and Prevention
 - Research



POLICY AND PREVENTION

Continually improve practices and controls that reduce and prevent the effects of toxic contaminants below levels that harm aquatic systems and humans. Build on existing programs to reduce the amount and effects of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the Bay and watershed. Use research findings to evaluate the implementation of additional policies, programs and practices for other contaminants that need to be further reduced or eliminated.

RESEARCH

Continually increase our understanding of the impacts and mitigation options for toxic contaminants. Develop a research agenda and further characterize the occurrence, concentrations, sources and effects of mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other contaminants of emerging and widespread concern. In addition, identify which best management practices might provide multiple benefits of reducing nutrient and sediment pollution as well as toxic contaminants in waterways.

Technical Challenges

- Monitoring lacking at scales relevant to CBP goals
- Science of co-benefits for TC removal in nutrient and sediment actions are limited
- Large scope, interdisciplinary nature limits coordination with other relevant workgroups
- Lacking capacity to create coordinated, Bay-wide standards of practice

Structural Challenges

- Lacking coordination and consistency to make meaningful Bay-wide assessments
- Nesting under WQGIT
- Lack of prioritization within other GITs and workgroups
- Lacking endorsement of PFAS STAC Science recommendations

Opportunities

- Redirect efforts to focus research on targeted, prioritized topics and science needs from sponsored STAC reports
- Enhance monitoring of PCBs and PFAS for specific objectives not currently addressed under other regulatory programs at CB watershed relevant scales
- Build capacity
- Expand CBP role in cross-jurisdictional coordination on TC loads
- Continue leadership in partnership with other ecoregion restoration programs
- Promote and lead efforts to reduce TC (e.g., PCBs) outside of other regulatory programs such as reductions in building materials/schools