



# Coordinator updates

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Photo by Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program





# September

For those who  
observe Yom Kippur,  
may you have an  
easy fast

## Suicide Prevention Month (988lifeline.org)

- call or text 988 if you or someone you know needs support (911 for crisis)

## National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep 15 – Oct 15)

- <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

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**New faces!  
(CBP staff and  
partners too)**

Eric Hughes, EPA CBPO, new AgWG coordinator

Joseph Delasantro, EPA ORISE fellow

Lorenzo Cinalli, USFS

Caitlin Bolton, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

...And others!

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**Reducing  
Pollution  
Indicator (RPI)**

Release expected this week

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**SRBC and MD  
Conowingo Pay  
for Success RFP  
is out**

<http://mdw.srbc.net/conowingo-watershed-implementation-plan>

View that page for more info and to register for October 23 webinar

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**WQGIT  
Submersion  
series webinar!**



Thursday, September 14 webinar is complete; recording is available

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Thanks again to the planning team and speakers! We had 96 unique live attendees and increased registrations to 141 total

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**Final 2023  
Submersion  
Series topic:  
capacity-  
building**

Volunteers needed; please contact Jeremy if interested in planning committee or with speaker recommendations

Potential timing in December may be tricky, but goal is by end of year

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**The “elephant  
in the room”**

Implications for GIT/workgroups of a federal gov’t shutdown

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# WQGIT Calendar for remainder of 2023

- October 23
- November 27
- December 11 (moved up 2 weeks)

Agendas are still in flux, option to cancel one of these is on the table but might not happen

# Workgroup Updates

2 minutes or less, open to Chairs or Coordinators

Wastewater Treatment Workgroup

# WQGIT Leadership

## Confirming Suzanne as Acting Chair

WQGIT confirmation needed to confirm Suzanne as Acting Chair for remainder of current term (~3 months)

MB concurrence will be sought at their next meeting (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> if possible)

**DECISION requested:** Confirmation of Suzanne Trevena to continue as Acting Chair for intervening ~3 period (remainder of current 2-year cycle).

Next step: We have a draft position description to advertise for opening.  
**Is November 13 a reasonable nomination deadline or is more time needed?**

# LUWG Scope and Purpose

**Aug. 28 Action:** WQGIT members will provide any questions or objections regarding the updated LUWG Scope and Purpose to Jeremy Hanson (hansonj@chesapeake.org), Sushanth Gupta (gupta.sushanth@epa.gov) or Jackie Pickford (Pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov) by COB Tuesday, September 12th. If no concerns are raised WQGIT leadership will consider the updated LUWG Scope and Purpose approved. If there are concerns or items to discuss, WQGIT leadership will bring the updated LUWG Scope and Purpose back to the WQGIT at the September or October meeting

**Status for pending decision:** We did not receive any feedback or concerns until this morning. If any members' concerns qualify as a "stop" or "hold" please note them now and we will bring this back in October (or next decisional meeting) after issue is resolved.



# Break

Will restart at 2:20



Slides provided by Beyond 2025 SC leadership, as updated during 9/21 meeting. Minor changes for 9/25 WQGIT.

# Conceptual Overview

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee

Co-Chairs Martha Shimkin and Anna Killius

September 21, 2023



**Chesapeake Bay Program**

*40 years of science, restoration and partnership*

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARGE

“Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals’ Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. **At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.**

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# TWO-PHASED APPROACH

- Step 1 – Determine the scope and breadth of what will be undertaken to meet the EC Charge and develop a plan to complete that work
  - Use a Steering Committee to develop plan/scope of work for all activities to be undertaken to strengthen Partnership in years ahead
  - Membership based on Management Board
  - Contract support
- Step 2 – Execute the plan after EC 2024.

# GOAL

We will assess where we are and where we want to be in

reaching our shared vision for the Chesapeake Bay and its

watershed; and identify a path forward for the Chesapeake Bay

Program focused on what we do and how we work.



Where we are

*What have we, as a partnership, accomplished through our current theory of change, based on the Reaching 2025 report, CESR, and other reports and program evaluations?*

Where we want to be

*How do we define a healthy, sustainable, productive Chesapeake Bay and watershed, responding to climate change and community needs?*

A path forward

*What is our plan & who will be part of executing the plan? What does this plan mean for the foundational guides of our program?*

What we do

*What is our approach to the goals and outcomes we have achieved and those we have yet to meet; and to the monitoring and modeling we do to set strategies and measure progress?*

How we work

*How do we improve our Partnership, Governance, Adaptive Management, Time and Resource Allocation, Public Engagement, Communication to do more, better, faster?*

# STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PRODUCT BY EC2024

## Where we are

### Summary of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement

- Reaching 2025 Report
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, SRS meeting report, report, Advisory Committee Recommendations, and more. Crosswalk of common themes.

## Where do we want to be

### Vision

- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

## What we do

### Impact assessment

- What is the ability of our Partnership to positively impact each goal and outcome?
- Do we have the right outcomes for our goals and the right goals for our vision?

## How we work

### Assessment of and recommendations for our overall partnership

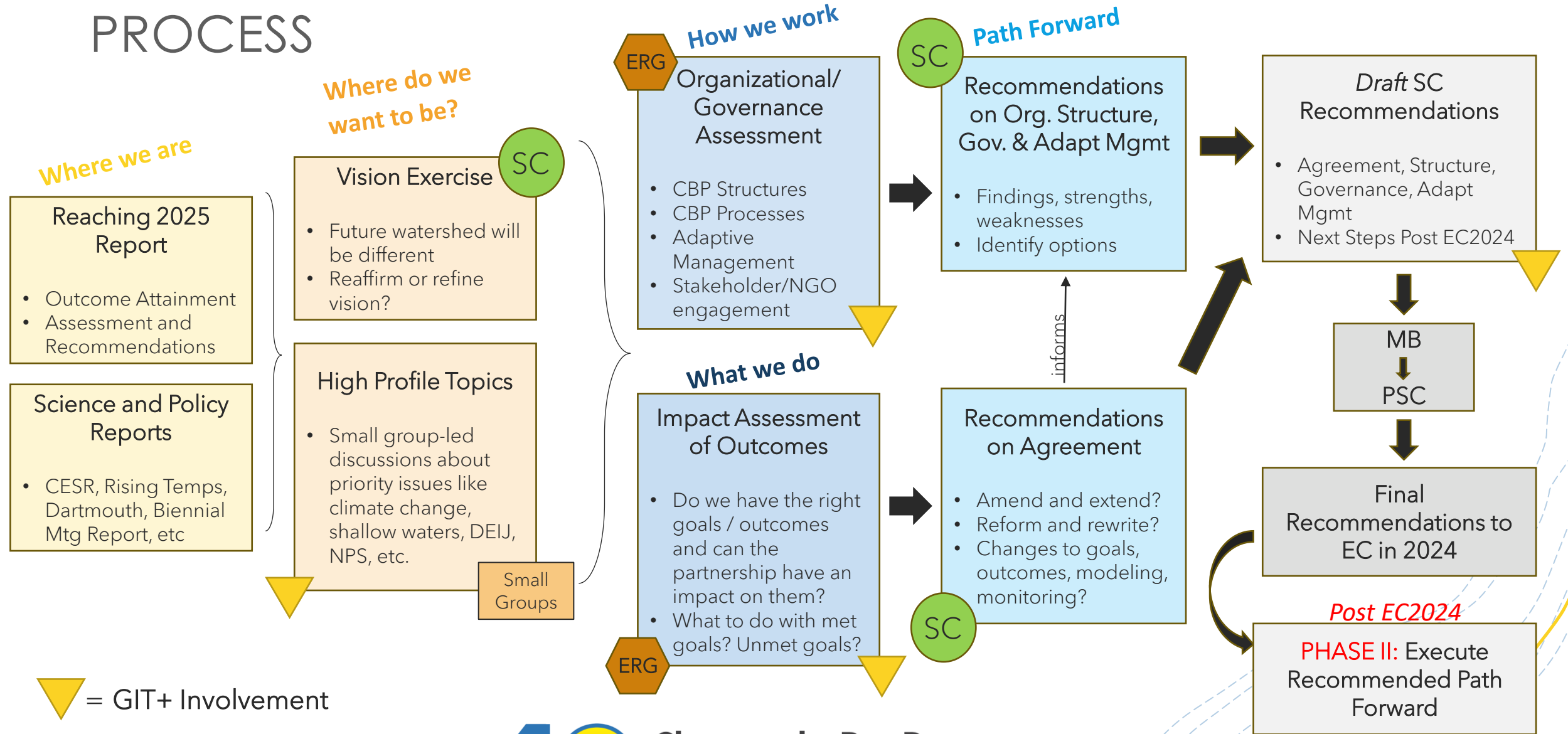
- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

## Path Forward

### Recommendation on what to do with the Watershed Agreement post-2025

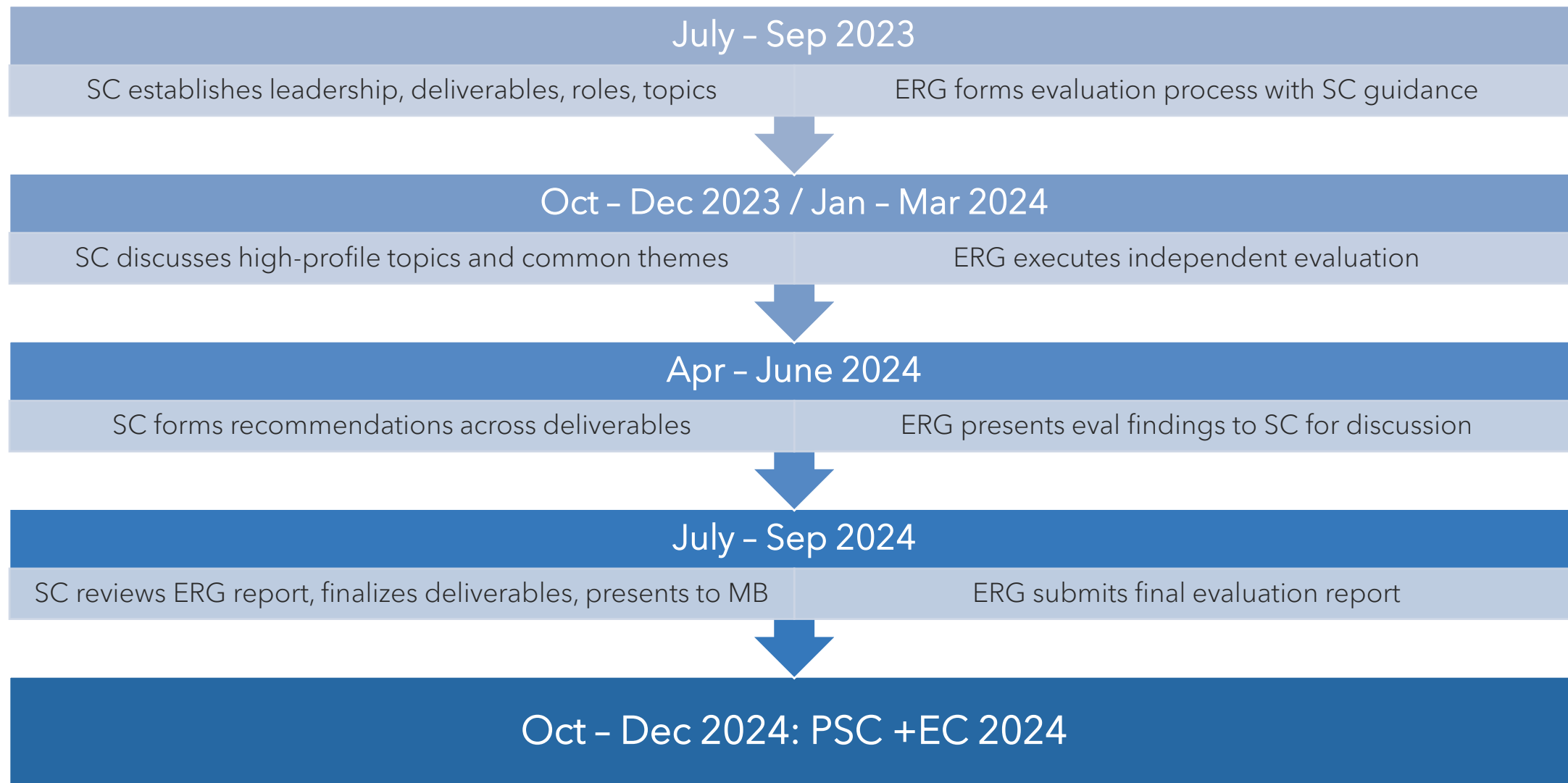
### Recommendations on the Partnership

# PROCESS



# TIMELINE

(Adapted to match format as presented to Climate Resiliency Workgroup by Anna Killius earlier today)



# PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Add 2 At-Large, non-voting seats on Steering Committee
- Circulate meeting dates and materials
- Ensure opportunities throughout agenda for public comment, with time for response
- Collect and disseminate public feedback received between meetings
- Coordinate with network organization to share periodic updates and to organize opportunities for additional public and stakeholder engagement