

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.

Steering Committee Goal

We will provide a path for the Chesapeake Bay Program that assesses where we are and identifies potential changes to what we do and how we work that will get us closer to where we want to be in reaching our shared vision for the Bay and its watershed.

Summary/Discussion Points

September Meeting

- ERG, contractor, discussed CBP evaluation process/questions
- Voted on EC deliverables and committee process. The timeline needs updates and more details.
- No one argued with the concept that the committee will be providing a sense of changes for the agreement - how we change but not the exact language.
- Voted on two public non-voting partners: Jana Davis (CBT) and Kristin Reilly (Choose Clean Water)

October Meeting

- Look at high level topic areas and formation of small expert groups.
- Discuss/develop framework for thematic/topical discussions
- Public Engagement Discussion

STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PRODUCTS BY EC2024

Where we are

Assessment of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement

- Reaching 2025 Report
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, SRS meeting report, other

Where do we want to be

Vision

- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

Path Forward

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?

What we do

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

- Extend? Amend? Rewrite?

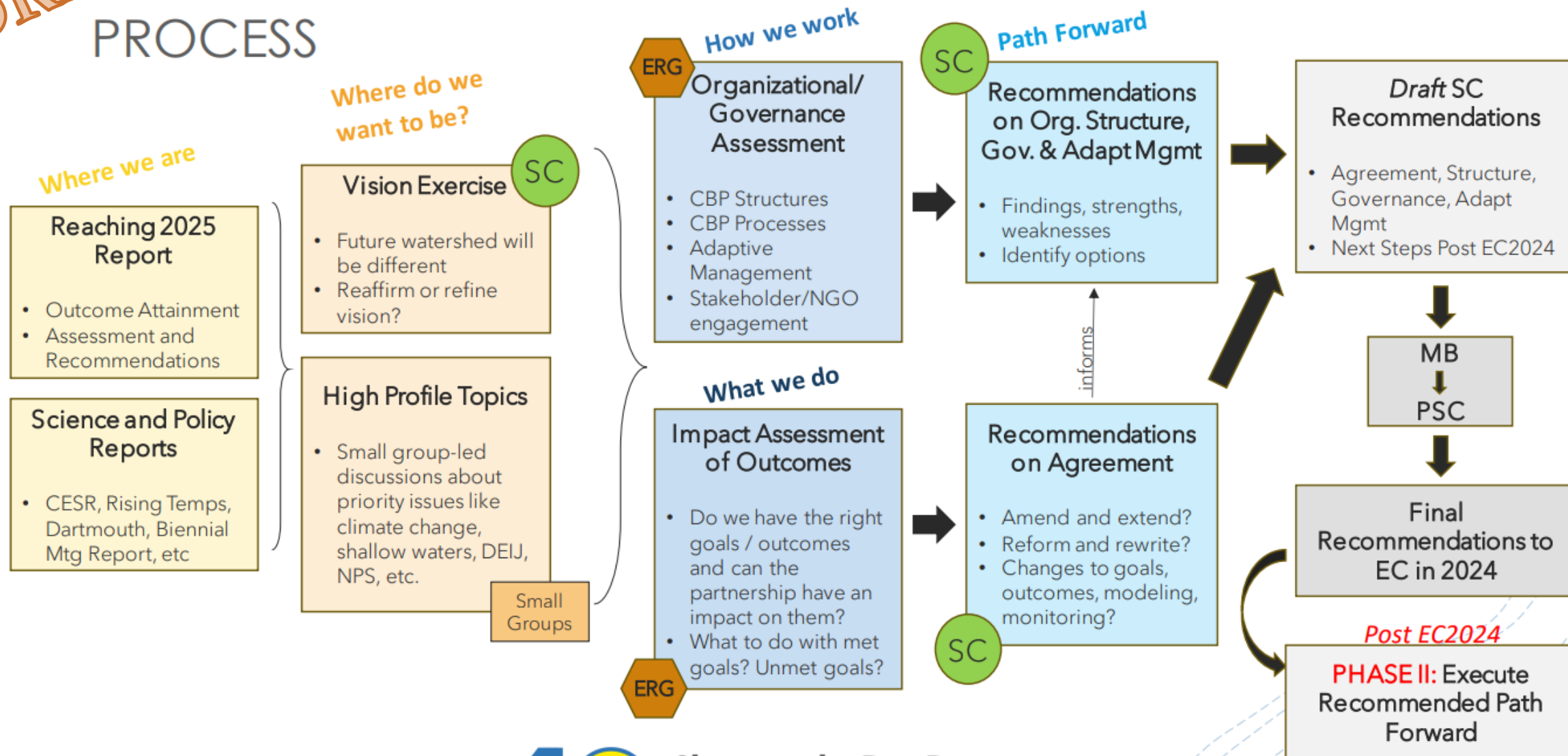
How we work

Assessment of and recommendations for our overall partnership

- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

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What high-level topics should we discuss to help us identify changes to **what we do**, **how we work**, and our understanding of **where we want to be**?

- Climate Change
- Shallow Waters
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice
- Non-Point Sources of Pollution
- Land Conservation
- Habitat
- Water Quality
- Public Engagement and Participation
- Silo-breaking, co-outcome achievement

How to stay informed and engaged

- Website: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/beyond-2025-steering-committee-meeting>
- Steering Committee meeting October 26th.
- Habitat GIT meeting- November
- Topic specific meetings will be held Nov.-Dec. Steering Committee wants to have “topic experts” at Jan and February meetings.