

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



Phase I Timeline: Updates and Considerations

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Translating the Scope of Work

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- 1.Small Group Recommendations
 - Measure Consensus & Synthesize
- 2.ERG Evaluation Report
- 3.Drafting Steering Committee Product
- 4.Public Feedback
- 5.Revisions/ Approval Process

Measuring Consensus - 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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Each Required

Synthesize- Recommendation Buckets Related to EC Charge and Symposium Exercise



Science

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



Restoration & 'Conservation'

Living resources
Climate Resilience



Partnership

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

Last Meeting- Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting April 25, 2024:

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:

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

SC has until May 10th to comment on the draft

CBP Evaluation Interim Report (ERG)

F1: The Program and its key components are viewed as being complex and the level of complexity is a concern to stakeholders.

F2: There is a question of transparency in how the Program operates, especially in regard to using science for decision-making and in how Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) function.

F3: There is a perception that the voices of external stakeholders are not being listened to.

F4: The program operates in a set of silos and these silos decrease the ability of the Program to operate effectively as a partnership.

F5: The Program components, especially the GITs, operate in a situation of constrained capacity in terms of both personnel time and funding.

F6: Combined finding – The combined impact of complexity (F1), potential lack of transparency (F2), perception of not listening to external stakeholders (F3), siloed operations (F4), and constrained capacity (F5) may add to more than the sum of the individual findings.

F7: The SRS process is a valued part of the Program but is not meeting (or attaining) its full potential.

F8: Social science is an emerging need for the Program.

F9: The Program appears to be trying to do too many things.

F10: In many cases, there is a disconnect between the actions being performed by the Program and goal/outcome attainment.

F11: The Program's logical outcome structure contains components that are not defined properly as outcomes and lack measurable qualities.

F12: The Program has produced a vast amount of data and scientific findings, and it can improve access to those data and findings.

Proposed Draft Outline

Page 1 – 2: Critical Path Forward

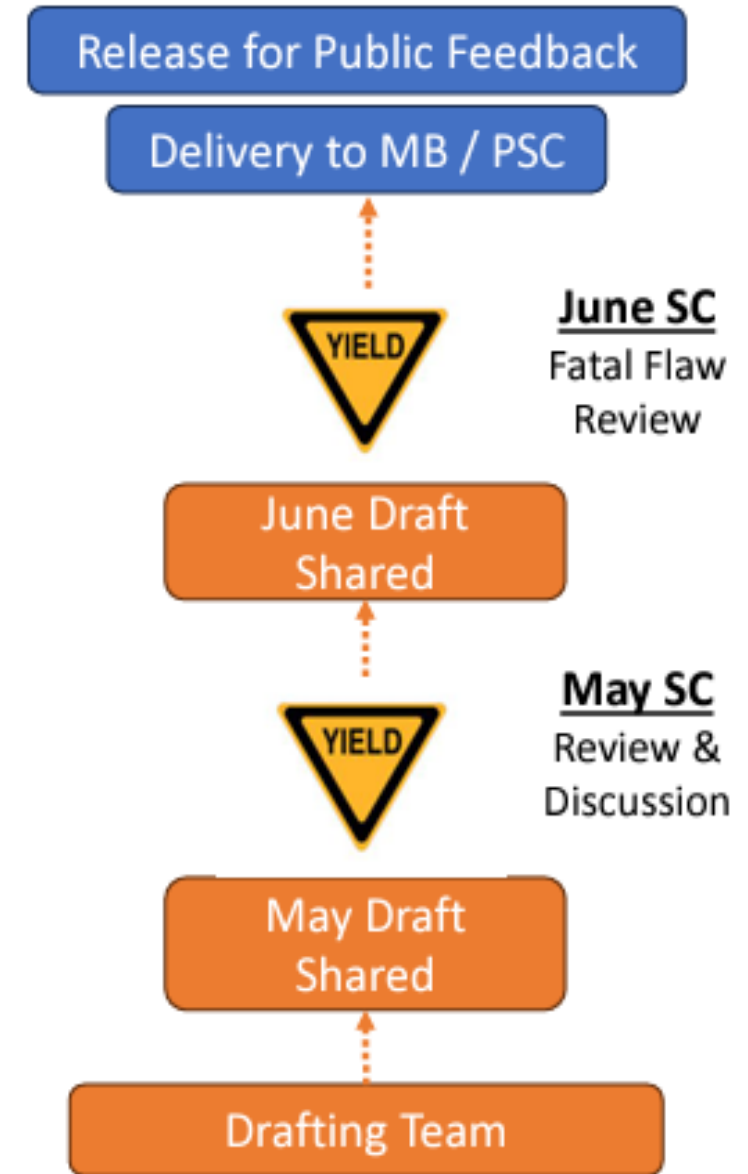
- Our Recommendation (Agreement/Partnership)
- Our Charge
- Our Mission: Science. Restoration. Conservation. Partnership.
- Our Vision for the Partnership

Page 3 – 4: Synthesized, Analyzed summary

- High-level considerations related to Science
- High-level considerations related to Restoration and Conservation
- High-level considerations related to Partnership
- Our process and what informed our work
- Summary of public engagement and outreach

4+ pages: Source material

- One-page summaries from small groups
- ERG report
- Partnership Reports





Next Steps-

- **May 30-** SC Meeting.
Review Draft Synthesized and Analyzed Summary. (Middle of the EC recommendation document).
Discuss ERG Findings and Considerations
- **June 27th-** SC Meeting.
ERG Final Report Due.
Review/Accept Draft EC Document for Release to the Public.
- **May-June 2024-** Start Public Feedback Process.

Public Feedback Timeline

May—June 2024: Knowledge-Sharing

Discuss the process behind the Beyond 2025 effort, synthesis of contractual findings and small group recommendations, and planned next steps to ensure interested parties are well-positioned to provide feedback.

July—August 2024: Feedback Period

The Beyond 2025 recommendation report for the Executive Council will be available for public feedback from July 1—September 1, 2024.

July—October 2024: Additional opportunities

More opportunities to share this process, answer questions and collect feedback.



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Then What....

Recommendations for Phase 2 – by 2025

Update the Agreement as necessary:

- Maintain focus on core: clean water, vibrant living resources & habitats, healthy landscapes, engaged people
- Review and update “macro” components of Agreement:
 - Vision, Preamble, Principles, Goal descriptions, Management Strategies section
- Science. Restoration. Conservation. Partnership.
- Timelines for Goals and Outcomes in Management Strategies

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Major Agreement-related recommendations and time frame

By 2025 EC meeting:

- Update "macro parts" to the 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement
- Re-state commitments to the Partnership and intent for continued and future collaboration

By 2026 EC meeting:

- Reaffirm, refine, refresh Outcomes
- Commit to the renewed Partnership



Questions & Discussion