EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING PLANNING UPDATES

Management Board August 8, 2024





THEME:
CHARTING A
COURSE
BEYOND 2025



LOGISTICS

- Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Approximately 10:00 a.m. –
 12:00 p.m.
- Annapolis, Maryland
 Rooms requested at the
 State House.



POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Beyond 2025 Charge
 - The draft Beyond 2025 recommendations call for the Executive Council to issue a new charge for the Principals' Staff Committee.
 - Propose amendments to the Watershed Agreement necessary to incorporate new scientific
 understandings, account for emerging challenges and more effectively engage the people living in the
 watershed. Any amendments to the Watershed Agreement's vision, principles, preamble or goals should be
 prepared for consideration by the Executive Council at its 2025 meeting.
 - All Watershed Agreement outcomes should be reviewed to ensure that each contributes to achieving partnership goals, provides clear direction and enables accountability or progress evaluation. The impacts of changing environmental conditions should also be considered as part of the outcome review. Any revisions to the outcomes based on this review should be approved by the Principals' Staff Committee or elevated to the Executive Council. Proposed revisions should be considered during the review process, with every effort made to complete reviews and revisions by the 2026 Executive Council meeting.
 - The Principals' Staff Committee may decide not to issue a charge at all or call for different language.
 - The final charge will need to be approved by the October 25 Principals' Staff Committee meeting.
 - No signatures are necessary.

POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Reaffirmation

- The Beyond 2025 recommendations call for the members of the Executive Council to reaffirm their continued commitment to work together in partnership to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- The Principals' Staff Committee may decide not to ask for a reaffirmation or change the language.
- Undecided if this will be signed.
- Will need to be finalized by the October 25 Principals' Staff Committee meeting.

AFFIRMATION

As Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, we recognize the need to accelerate implementation of actions necessary to achieve the Goals and Outcomes outlined herein and realize our shared Vision of a healthy and vibrant Chesapeake Bay watershed.

As Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, we acknowledge that this Agreement is voluntary and subject to the availability of appropriated funds. This Agreement is not a contract or an assistance agreement. We also understand that this Agreement does not pre-empt, supersede or override any other law or regulation applicable to each signatory.

We, the undersigned members of the Chesapeake Executive Council, re-affirm our commitment to support the Goals of this Agreement and to work cooperatively in its implementation. We agree to work both independently and collaboratively toward the Goals and Outcomes of this Agreement and to implement specific Management Strategies to achieve them. Everyone in this great watershed is invited to join with the Partnership, uniting as a region and embracing the actions that will lead to success.

For the State of Delaware

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For the District of Columbia

For the State of Maryland

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For the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

For the State of New York

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POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Reaffirmation of Advisory Committees
 - Will reaffirm the partnership's commitment to the existing three advisory committees.
 - Better define the roles and responsibilities of the existing three advisory committees as called for in the joint letter to the Principals' Staff Committee in March 2024.
 - Undecided if this action will be signed.
 - Will need to be finalized by the October 25 Principals' Staff Committee meeting.



POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Agriculture Advisory Committee Directive
 - The Principals' Staff Committee directed the Agriculture
 Action Team to develop an Executive Council Directive to
 formally establish the Agriculture Advisory Committee.
 - All Executive Council members would sign this directive.
 - The Principals' Staff Committee asked for a draft directive to review at their September 17 meeting.
 - The final directive will be approved at the October 25
 Principals' Staff Committee meeting and all signatures
 must be obtained by November 10, per the Chesapeake
 Bay Program Governance Document.

THANK YOU



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