

UPDATING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Beyond 2025

Management Board Retreat

May 8, 2025



"Management Strategies outline the means for accomplishing each Outcome..."

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Protected Lands Outcome Management Strategy

2015–2025, v.2



The headwaters of the Rapidan River are seen near Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. (Photo by Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program)

What is needed to prepare for the 60-day public feedback period?

May 7-8 [MB]: "...discuss any changes for...Management Strategies..."

May 23 [PSC]: "...discuss possible changes to...Management Strategies..."

June [MB+PSC]: Review and approve "...*Watershed Agreement* changes for public release..."

July 1: 60-days public feedback begins.

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Proposed Revisions

- Necessary edit
- Placeholder suffices
- No longer relevant / grammar
- Did not seek to add new details

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Parking Lot:

- Outcome-specific participation...?
- Revision frequency of Management Strategies...?
- Public input approach...?

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