

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting

May 30, 2024



Chesapeake Bay Program

Science. Restoration. Partnership.

Synthesis Drafting Process

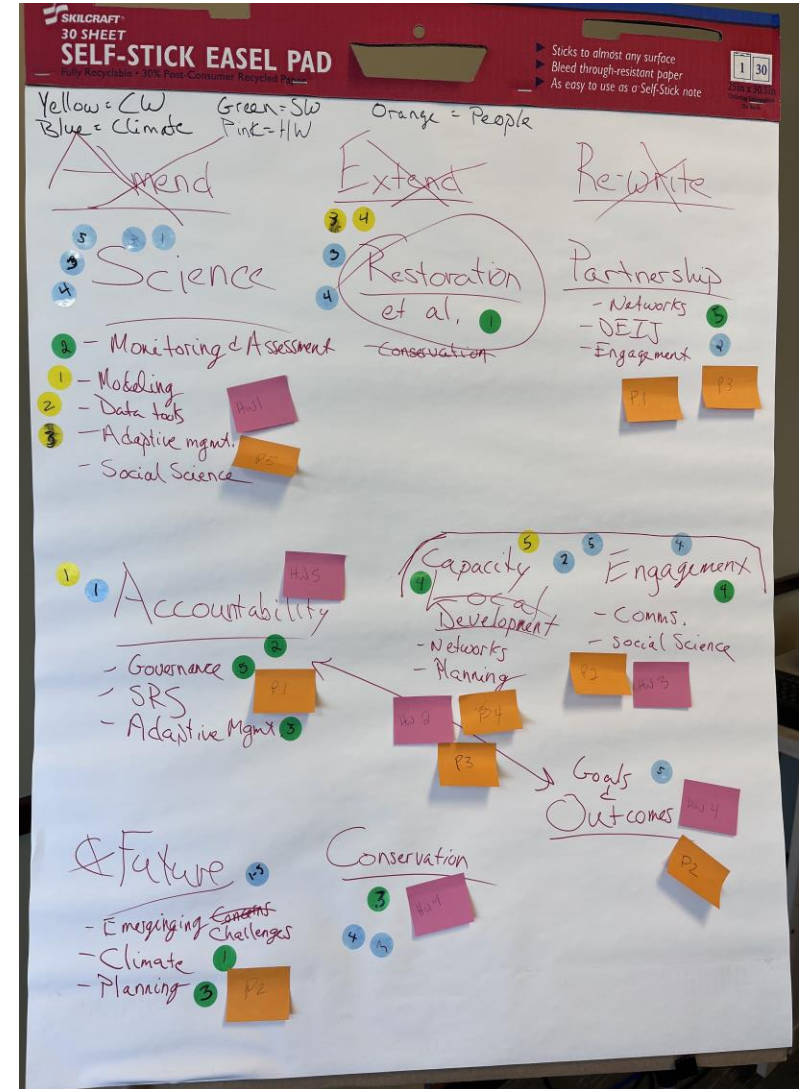
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Small Group
Recommendation 1 Pagers

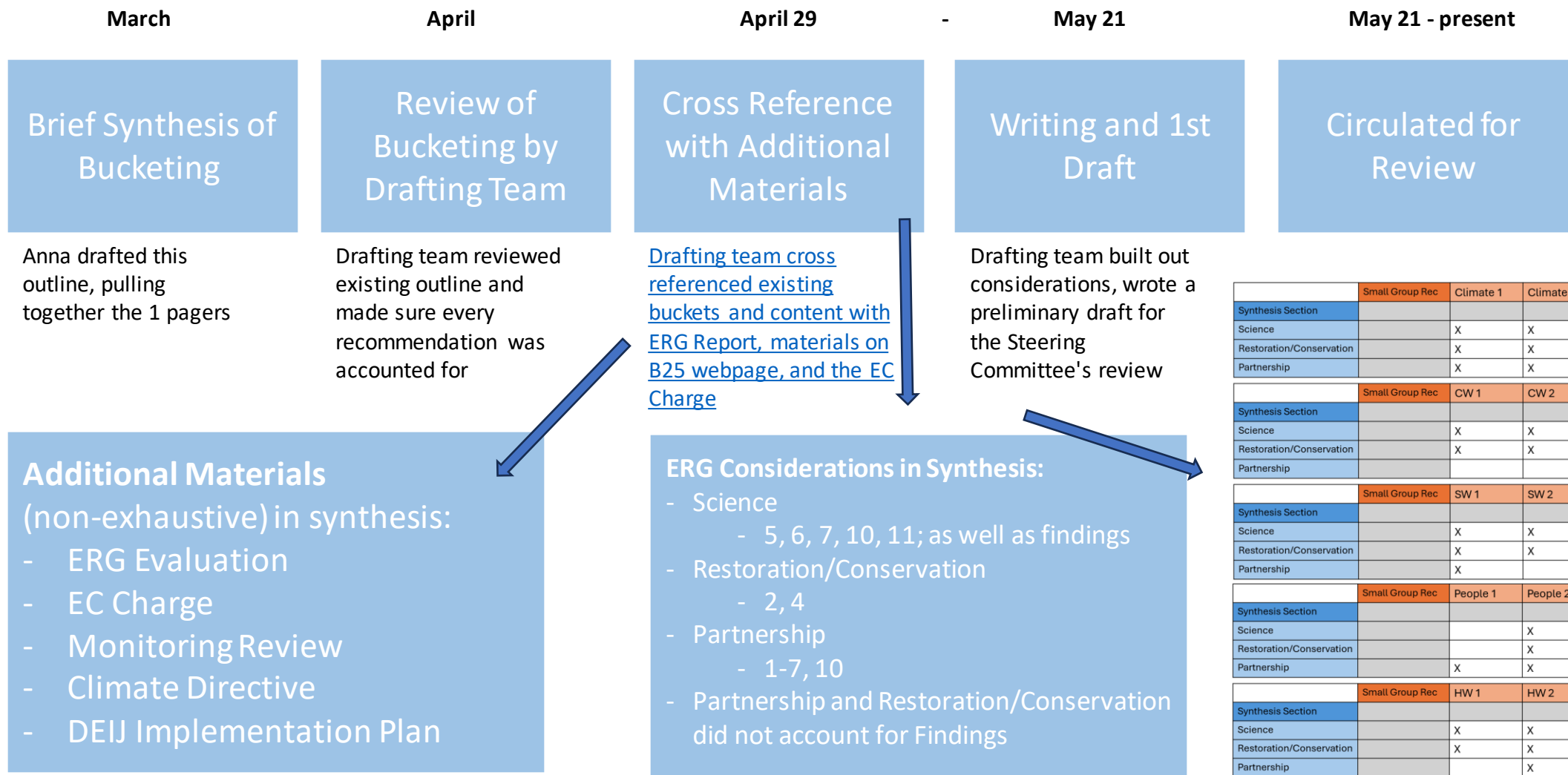
Created by Small Groups prior to Feb 28
and modified according to pulse check

Bucketing Exercise (Day 2
of Symposium)

Break out groups created different
grouping theories



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	Small Group Rec	Climate 1	Climate 2	Climate 3	Climate 4	Climate 5
Synthesis Section						
Science		X	X	X	X	X
Restoration/Conservation		X	X	X	X	X
Partnership		X	X			


	Small Group Rec	CW 1	CW 2	CW 3	CW 4	CW 5
Synthesis Section						
Science		X	X	X		
Restoration/Conservation		X	X	X	X	X
Partnership						X

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Synthesis Section						
Science		X	X	X	X	
Restoration/Conservation		X	X	X	X	X
Partnership		X		X	X	X

	Small Group Rec	People 1	People 2	People 3	People 4	People 5
Synthesis Section						
Science			X			X
Restoration/Conservation			X			X
Partnership		X	X	X	X	X

	Small Group Rec	HW 1	HW 2	HW 3	HW 4	HW 5
Synthesis Section						
Science		X	X			
Restoration/Conservation		X	X	X	X	X
Partnership			X	X	X	

Synthesis – Partnership



P1. Adopt a systems approach to streamline governance and structure:

- P1a. The Steering Committee recommends that the partnership review and revise the Chesapeake Bay Program's governance and structure to reduce complexity and improve adaptive management and decision-making.


Synthesis – Partnership



P2. Enhance Capacity Building and Technical Assistance through Local Networks:

- P2a. The Steering Committee recommends embracing the Program's role as a network of networks that connects partners with data, tools, resources and technical assistance that build capacity at the local level.

Synthesis – Partnership



P3. Strengthen Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in the partnership and activate the DEIJ Implementation Plan:

- P3a. The Steering Committee recommends that the Partnership seek ways in which restoration can be relevant to all communities within the watershed by institutionalizing and actualizing the Program's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Implementation Plan.

Synthesis – Partnership



P4. Enhance Communications and Transparency to Foster Long-term Success:

- P4a. The Steering Committee recommends prioritizing the Partnership's communications and transparency to drive momentum and ensure long-term efficacy.

Synthesis – Restoration and Conservation

R1. Review and refresh existing goals, outcomes and management strategies to more effectively guide the partnership's restoration efforts beyond 2025:

- R1a. The Steering Committee recommends adapting some outcomes to be more compatible with and realistic in the face of anticipated future landscape conditions, accounting for climate and projected land use change.
- R1b. The Steering Committee recommends streamlining the Agreement structure to reduce complexity and improve integration and efficiency of restoration efforts.

Synthesis – Restoration and Conservation

R2. Support System-Scale Conservation and Restoration Planning for Vital Habitats:

- R2a. The Steering Committee recommends that conservation should be elevated as a key guiding pillar for the Bay Program, alongside Science, Restoration and Partnership.
- R2b. The Steering Committee recommends prioritizing the restoration of habitats along our tributary rivers and streams, as well as the Bay's nearshore waters— some of the most important places for the people of the watershed and the most productive habitats for our living resources.

Synthesis – Restoration and Conservation

R3. Improve the Program's holistic approach to planning, prioritization, progress-tracking and accountability:

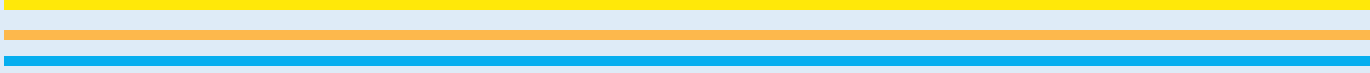
- R3a. The Steering Committee recommends developing and adopting approaches to better incentivize practices that deliver multiple benefits.
- R3b. The Steering Committee recommends enhancing the local benefits of Chesapeake restoration by improving alignment with state and local plans and priorities.
- R3c. The Steering Committee recommends improving progress-tracking and accountability to further support efforts to adaptively manage and better target or prioritize resources and technical assistance.

Synthesis – Restoration and Conservation

R4. Build capacity to deliver technical assistance and community engagement through improved coordination and collaboration:

- R4a. The Steering Committee recommends building collective capacity for restoration through improved coordination and collaboration between existing programs, across multiple levels of government, and with new partners.

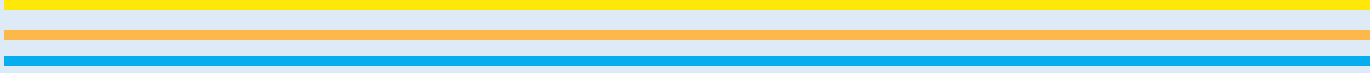
Synthesis – Science



S1. Prioritize research that addresses knowledge gaps in existing and emerging challenges:

- S1a. The Steering Committee recommends prioritizing climate science to enhance understanding of anticipated changes and restoration/conservation practices that can adjust to those changes.
- S1b. The Steering Committee recommends a greater focus on conducting social science research and applying its findings to ensure restoration and conservation efforts align with the well-being of people.

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S2. Integrate existing and new science findings in decision making, resource allocation, and communication strategies:

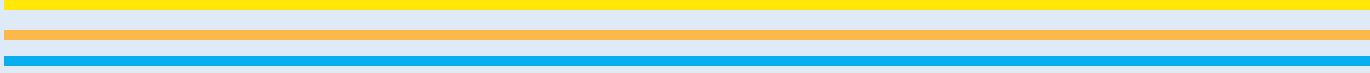
- S2a. The Steering Committee recommends the need to better adapt to these findings and communicate how they are integrated into decision making, resource allocation, and management strategies.
- S2b. The Steering Committee recommends increased efforts to integrating traditional indigenous knowledge and co-producing science with Native nations.

Synthesis – Science

S3. Optimize monitoring, modeling, and analysis:

- S3a. The Steering Committee recommends a partnership approach to establish a sustainable, long-term funding plan to maintain critical enhancements in monitoring.
- S3b. The Steering Committee recommends amendments to outcomes require a clear target and development of a monitoring plan because these factors are essential for assessing progress toward a healthy Bay and watershed.
- S3c. The Steering Committee recommends [in addition to CAST] incorporating multiple lines of evidence in the process to evaluate progress towards multiple goals.
- S3d. The Steering Committee recommends that all modeling efforts should integrate climate change projections to better understand changes across multiple indicators and inform strategic planning at the local and state level.
- S3f. The Steering Committee recommends focusing on local scales and analyzing stressor metrics (e.g., toxics, climate change, bacteria) alongside data on the response to the stressor.

Synthesis – Science



S4. Build Chesapeake Bay Program knowledge and capacity to apply scientific findings:

- S4a. The Steering Committee recommends strengthening its capacity to apply its [wealth of scientific data and] findings effectively.
- S4b. The Steering Committee recommends establishing better access and collaboration [for new tools in development].
- S4c. The Steering Committee recommends expanding its climate science support team and social science staff and dedicate funding for the strategic application of these topics.