



STAR/Beyond 2025 - Climate Small Group Meeting
Theme: Gathering Feedback to Address
Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Charge

Thursday, November 16, 2023

10:00AM – 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – *Bill Dennison (UMCES), Ken Hyer (USGS) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State) - STAR co-chairs and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator***

Announcements

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [CERF 2023 Conference: Resilience & Recovery](#) – November 12-16, 2023, Portland, Oregon.
- [Maryland Water Monitoring Council Annual Conference](#) – November 17, 2023, Linthicum, MD.
- Maryland Water Monitoring Council Environmental DNA (eDNA) Workshop: State of the Science and its Application in Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed – December 8, 2023, USGS MD-DC-DE Water Science Center, Catonsville, MD.
- [National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration](#) – April 14-19, 2024, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- [Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) – June 10-12, 2024, Annapolis, Maryland.

10:05 AM **Beyond 2025 Briefing on Small Groups – Breck Sullivan (USGS)**

To tackle the broad scope of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, it was decided at the meeting on October 26th to create five small groups to each tackle a specific topic area (climate, shallow water habitat, people, clean water, and healthy watersheds). Breck will give a brief overview of the [guidance](#) provided to small groups. They will also describe the timeline and deliverables expected of each small group.

10:20 AM Climate Small Group Plans – Bo Williams, Climate Small Group Co-Chair (EPA)

Bo will introduce a potential scope for the climate small group and announce future meetings to gain input. He will also present some materials currently available for the small group to take advantage of when addressing the scope of work.

Discussion Questions:

- Any red flags on the scope of work? Any recommendations programmatically?
- What other learnings and recommendations from resource materials already developed align with this small group?

10:50 AM Vision Question: Break Out Groups – All

One of the guiding questions from the Beyond 2025 charge is Vision. Break out groups will address the discussion questions to help the small group direct their focus on the climate topic. Note, climate change is a cross-cutting topic so please consider the vision of the Bay, watershed, and people given climate change.

Discussion Questions:

- What does a resilient Bay and watershed look like?
- What does resiliency look like for all types of communities?
- What key climate vulnerabilities do we need to consider in our vision for resilient Bay and watershed and on what timeframe?
- What are the implications of climate change for our overall vision of Chesapeake Bay restoration? How does this influence a climate goal/outcome(s)?

- Are there opportunities to integrate climate mitigation and carbon stewardship into the Chesapeake Bay Program's vision for a climate resilient Bay and watershed?

11:45 AM Vision Question: Report Out – All

12:00 PM Adjourn