

Draft 4 Goal Framework

For Consideration & Discussion

Clean Water

Current

Water Quality: Reduce pollutants to achieve the water quality necessary to support the aquatic living resources of the Bay and its tributaries and protect human health.

Toxic Contaminants: Ensure that the Bay and its rivers are free of effects of toxic contaminants on living resources and human health.

Combined

Clean Water: Reduce pollutants and toxic contaminants to the Bay and its rivers to achieve the water quality necessary to support our aquatic living resources and protect human health.

Conserved Lands & Watershed Health*

Current

Healthy Watersheds: Sustain state-identified healthy waters and watersheds recognized for their high quality and/or high ecological value.

Land Conservation: Conserve treasured landscapes in order to maintain water quality and habitat; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value.

Combined

Conserved Lands and Watershed Health: Conserve treasured landscapes to maintain water quality and habitat; protect waters and watersheds of high quality and/or high ecological value; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value.

*Working title only

Habitat and Wildlife*

Current

Sustainable Fisheries: Protect, restore and enhance finfish, shellfish and other living resources, their habitats and ecological relationships to sustain all fisheries and provide for a balanced ecosystem in the watershed and Bay.

Vital Habitats: Restore, enhance and protect a network of land and water habitats to support fish and wildlife, and to afford other public benefits, including water quality, recreational uses and scenic value across the watershed.

Combined

Habitat and Wildlife: Protect, restore and enhance finfish, shellfish, and other living resources, as well as the network of land and water habitats that support these resources, to sustain all our fisheries, to provide for a balanced ecosystem, and to afford other public benefits such as recreational uses and scenic values.

Engaged Communities

Current

Stewardship: Increase the number and the diversity of local stewards and local governments that actively support and carry out the conservation and restoration activities that achieve healthy local streams, rivers and a vibrant Chesapeake Bay.

Environmental Literacy: Enable every student in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed.

Public Access: Expand public access to the Bay and its tributaries through existing and new local, state and federal parks, refuges, reserves, trails and partner sites.

Combined

Engaged Communities: Expand public access to the Bay and its watershed, and engage and grow a community of students, stewards and local leaders that actively support and carry out the conservation and restoration activities that protect their local watershed and achieve a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

But what about Resilience?

Current: Increase the resiliency of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including its **living resources, habitats, public infrastructure and communities**, to withstand adverse impacts from changing environmental and climate conditions.

Consider weaving...

Conserved Lands and Watershed Health: Conserve treasured landscapes to maintain water quality and habitat; protect waters and watersheds of high quality and/or high ecological value; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; **mitigate the impacts of flooding and other natural disasters**; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value.

Habitat and Wildlife: Protect, restore and enhance finfish, shellfish, and other living resources, as well as the network of land and water habitats that support these resources, to sustain all our fisheries, to provide for a balanced ecosystem, and to afford other public benefits such **as resilience**, recreational uses and scenic values.

Engaged Communities: Expand public access to the Bay and its watershed, and engage and grow a community of students, stewards and local leaders that actively support and carry out the conservation and restoration activities that protect their local watershed and achieve a healthy **and resilient** Chesapeake Bay.

Altogether now...

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Goals & Outcomes?

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Clean Water	Lands and Watersheds	Habitats and Wildlife	Engaged Communities
Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Forest Buffers	Blue Crab Abundance	Public Access Site Development
2025 WIP	Tree Canopy	Oysters (Habitat & Abundance)	Environmental Literacy Planning
Toxic Contaminants	Land Use Decision Support	SAV	Students
	Protected Lands	Brook Trout	Stewardship
	Adaptation	Fish Habitat (Tidal & Nontidal)	Workforce
		Wetlands (Tidal & Nontidal)	Local Leadership
		Stream Health	
		Fish Passage	