



## Outcome Assessment Round One Preparation

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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### AGENDA

#### 1:00 – 1:05 PM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

##### **Meeting Background:**

The Executive Council's (EC) Charge for Phase 2 activities directs the Principal Staff Committee (PSC) to complete "[r]evisions to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (Agreement) with modifications to the existing vision, principles, preamble, goals, and outcomes...", and to do so by December 1, 2025. To address this charge, the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) modified its Strategy Review System (SRS) process for Workgroups (WGs) and Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) to answer an overarching question ("Big Question") as means to provide advice to the Management Board (MB) on the next step to take with each Agreement Outcome. There are three MB meetings to discuss the Big Question, and the schedule for each outcome is available [here](#). During the MB meeting, each outcome will have three minutes to provide an elevator pitch in response to the Big Question. This will follow seven minutes for a Round Robin from the signatories and 10 minutes for Advisory Committee and MB members comments and facilitated discussion.

##### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Opportunity for Outcome leads to educate participants on their outcome assessment
- Opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with major points prior to Outcome Assessment Meeting
- Discuss connections between outcomes
- This meeting is not mandatory and no decisions will be made during it

## **1:05 – 4:00 Outcome Assessment:**

Each outcome will provide their three minute elevator pitch presentation, and there will be twelve minutes between outcomes to provide feedback. If discussion is completed before the twelve minutes is over, we will move on to the next outcome.

Around 2:30, we will pause at the end of an outcome discussion and take a 10-minute break.

**Land Use Methods and Metrics Development:** Continually improve our knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By December 2021, develop a watershed-wide methodology and local-level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.

**Land Use Options Evaluation:** By the end of 2017, with the direct involvement of local governments or their representatives, evaluate policy options, incentives and planning tools that could assist them in continually improving their capacity to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands as well as the rate of changing landscapes from more natural lands that soak up pollutants to those that are paved over, hardscaped or otherwise impervious. Strategies should be developed for supporting local governments' and others' efforts in reducing these rates by 2025 and beyond.

**Healthy Watersheds:** 100 percent of state-identified currently healthy waters and watersheds remain healthy.

**Stewardship (Tentative for the STAR meeting):** Increase the number and diversity of trained and mobilized volunteers with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance the health of their local watersheds.

**Stream Health:** Continually improve stream health and function throughout the watershed. Improve health and function of ten percent of stream miles above the 2008 baseline for the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Brook Trout:** Restore and sustain naturally reproducing brook trout populations in Chesapeake headwater streams with an eight percent increase in occupied habitat by 2025.

**Forest Buffers:** Continually increase the capacity of forest buffers to provide water quality and habitat benefits throughout the watershed. Restore 900 miles per year of riparian forest buffer and conserve existing buffers until at least 70 percent of riparian areas throughout the watershed are forested.

**Tree Canopy:** Continually increase urban tree canopy capacity to provide air quality, water quality and habitat benefits the watershed. Expand urban tree canopy by 2,400 acres by 2025.

**Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring:** Continually improve the capacity to monitor and assess the effects of management actions being undertaken to implement the Bay TMDL and improve water quality. Use the monitoring results to report annually to the public on progress made in attaining established Bay water quality standards and trends in reducing nutrients and sediment in the watershed.

**Watershed Implementation Plans:** By 2025, have all practices and controls installed to achieve the Bay's dissolved oxygen, water clarity/submerged aquatic vegetation and chlorophyll a standards as articulated in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL document.

**Open Discussion:** If all outcomes have gone prior to 4PM, we can use the remaining time for open discussion on cross outcome connections, follow up questions, etc., or we can end the meeting early.

#### **4:00 PM Adjourn**

**Next Meeting – Based on feedback from this meeting we may restructure the agenda, so we are still waiting to finalize the times.**

- *March 7<sup>th</sup>:* meeting for third group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).