



Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

Federal Facilities Workgroup Meeting
December 10th, 2024

Beyond 2025 Updates and New Management Board Assignments

For the purpose of informing the Federal Facilities Workgroup about
broader Chesapeake Bay Program evaluations currently underway

Federal Facilities Workgroup Context

Since there are no outcomes listed under the Federal Facilities Workgroup (FFWG), the FFWG will not be directly involved in the MB assignment evaluations.

However, the federal perspective will be welcomed at a variety of points in the process, and we want to keep you informed about what is happening.

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Outcome Assessment Assignment

EXERPT FROM THE DRAFT EC CHARGE:

Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the Chesapeake Executive Council, in recognition of the consensus-based work of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, guided by the findings of their “A Critical Path Forward for the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Beyond 2025” report and our continued commitment to meet the goals of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, hereby direct the Principals’ Staff Committee to complete the following by **December 31, 2025**:

1. Revisions to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, not a new Agreement. **Revisions to outcomes** should be executed pursuant to the Governance and Management Framework for the Chesapeake Bay Program. While not all outcomes will need revision, some **reviews will likely result in consolidating, reducing, updating, removing, replacing, or adding new outcomes.**

Proposed revisions should be considered as they are being reviewed, with every effort to complete most reviews and revisions by the end of calendar year 2025. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Chesapeake Executive Council, **that these changes reflect:**

- A renewed and greater emphasis on **engaging all communities** of the watershed as active stewards of a healthy and resilient Chesapeake Bay and its watershed;
- Our mandate to address water quality **and living resources** throughout the Bay and watershed;
- **Elevating conservation** as a key pillar of the Chesapeake Bay Program, alongside science, restoration, and partnership;
- A grounding in the most recent scientific understandings and issues that have emerged since the current Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement was signed in 2014;
- Goals and outcomes that are **measurable and time bound**. Time frames should be sufficient to accomplish the outcomes as quickly as possible. In particular, our regulated nutrient and sediment load reductions, especially those within non-point sources;
- Acknowledgement that our scientific understanding is continuously evolving and that our efforts need to constantly adapt accordingly; and
- The fact that while each partner shares a common goal, we are all approaching this goal from different perspectives, challenges, and opportunities.

**Why an
Outcome
Assessment?**

The “Big Question” Assignment:

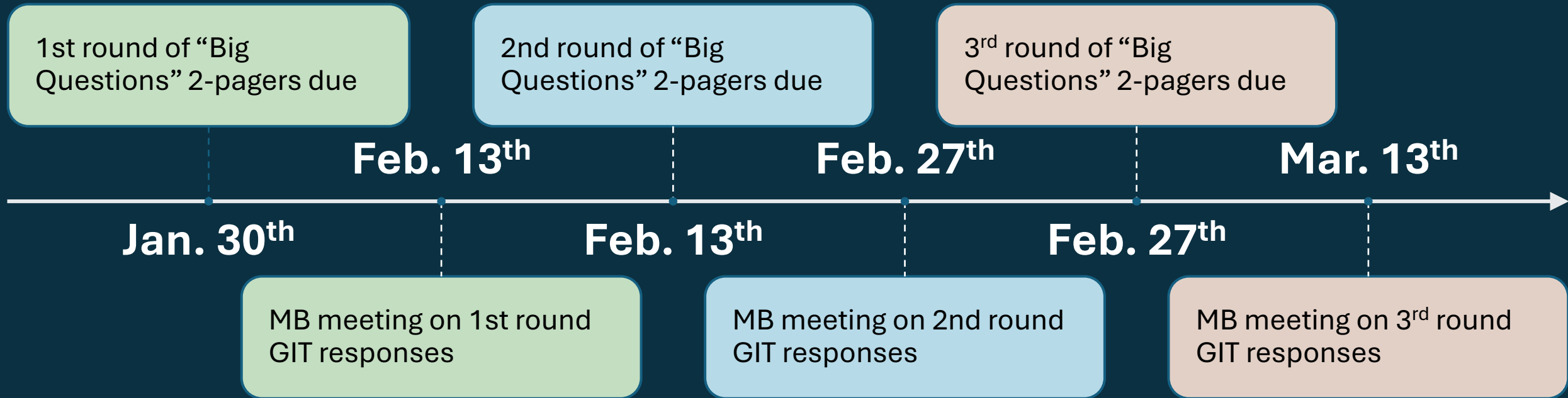
What advice do you have for the Management Board on how to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes within your GIT?

Guidelines: You do not have to answer all these questions, but the first two are necessary.

1. In reviewing your outcome, provide advice to the Management Board on whether "to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes".
 - a. Don't need to provide updated Outcome language at this point in the process.
 - b. If consolidation is recommended, which outcome(s) do you advise combining with?
 - c. Should the outcome be moved or restructured?
2. Consider if the Outcome is SMART, and specifically, whether the current outcome meets the definition of an outcome, as described in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (“Agreement”), or if that outcome is an output or indicator.
 - a. Review ERG’s Beyond 2025 Report for existing assessment of Specific, Measurement, and Timebound.
 - b. Consider the Secret Sauce
3. Consider the challenges to and opportunities for achieving the outcome. You are encouraged to leverage past documentation and learnings from the Strategy Review System process, as well as Charting a Course to 2025 report and Beyond 2025 Small Group recommendations as they pertain to the outcome.
4. Consider how the outcome relates or could relate to the Bay Agreement mission, vision, and themes/pillars

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Upcoming Assignment Timeline



Management Board Meeting Schedule by Outcome

First Meeting - Feb 13th <i>Jan 30th - 1st round documents due</i>	Second Meeting - Feb 27th <i>Feb 13th - 2nd round documents due</i>	Third Meeting - March 13th <i>Feb 27th - 3rd round documents due</i>
Monitoring and Assessment Outcome: (STAR)	Brook Trout: (GIT 2)	Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome: (GIT 3)
Adaptation Outcome: (STAR)	Diversity Outcome: (GIT 5)	Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome: (GIT 3)
Local Leadership Outcome (GIT 6)	Stewardship Outcome: (GIT 5)	Wetlands Outcome: (GIT 2)
Blue Crab Abundance Outcome: (GIT 1)	Stream Health Outcome: (GIT 2)	Black Duck: (GIT 2)
Oyster Outcome (GIT 1)	Forest Buffer Outcome: (GIT 3)	Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome: (GIT 5)
Forage Fish Outcome (GIT 1)	Tree Canopy Outcome: (GIT 3)	Student Outcome: (GIT 5)
Fish Habitat Outcome: (GIT 1)	Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome (GIT 3)	Sustainable Schools Outcome: (GIT 5)
Fish Passage Outcome: (GIT 2)	2025 WIP Outcome: (GIT 3)	Protected Lands Outcome: (GIT 5)
	Healthy Watersheds Outcome: (GIT 4)	Public Access Site Development Outcome: (GIT 5)
	Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome: (GIT 4)	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Outcome: (GIT 2)
	Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome: (GIT 4)	

Continued Management Board Process and Timeline

April 10, 2025	Continued discussion to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes. Outcomes identified as being kept or combined are assigned to workgroups for rewriting
May 7-8, 2025	Finalize outcome assessment/evaluation
May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSC Check in on Draft List of Outcomes. Share approach for structure development and governance review• Advisory Committee Presentation – all together
June 12, 2025	Work through any PSC feedback on outcomes. Prepare final outcome list for public sharing
July 1, 2025	Discussion of overall Partnership Structure. Includes all partnership Goal Teams/workgroups/action teams
August 14, 2025	Continue Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
August 2025	PSC Check-in Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
September 11, 2025	Continue work on Structure/ Governance and draft list of outcomes
October 9, 2025	Finalize outcomes and Complete Draft of New Structure
October 2025	Presentation of Final Draft to PSC
November 2025	Preparation of Final Package Based on PSC feedback