



# Developing Recommendations for Moving Beyond 2025

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## 2022 Executive Council Charge

Recommend “a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the *Watershed Agreement* leading up to and **beyond 2025.**”

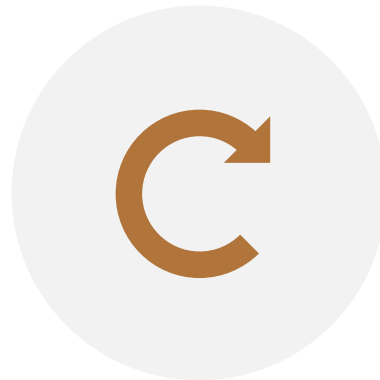
## **Reaching 2025**

## **2025 & Beyond**

### Key Focus Areas



**SCIENCE**



**RESTORATION**



**PARTNERSHIP**

# RECAP

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## Reporting Back to the EC

### Action I:

2023 EC Meeting: “recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies **leading up to 2025.**”

### Action II:

2024 EC Meeting: “recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for **going beyond 2025.**”

## January 12 MB Decision

“**Action I:** A small ad hoc group will begin developing recommendations and partnership actions to meet the goals and outcomes of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement **leading up to 2025.** The ad hoc team will report back to the MB and PSC with recommendations.”

# 5 PROPOSALS

**Proposal 1: Steering Committee**

**Proposal 2: Three Task Forces**

**Proposal 3: Task Force Hybrid**

**Proposal 4: GIT/STAR-led**

**Proposal 5: GIT/STAR-led w/  
Steering Committee**

Contractual support will be provided for all options.

## Option 1: *Steering Committee*

- A single Steering Committee will be formed to assess and make the full set of recommendations.
- Would ensure appropriate representation from across the partnership

Why?	Who	How many?	Total
Who is responsible for decision-making?	9 signatories (NY, PA, DE, WV, MD, DC, VA, CBC, EPA)	1-2 per signatory	18
Who has the authority? (e.g. funders)	NPS, NOAA, FWS, USGS, NRCS	1 per signatory	5
Buy-in from external stakeholders who are accountable for implementation	CAC, STAC, LGAC	1 per with alternates	3
Total			26

# Option 2: Three Separate Task Forces

PSC



Management Board



Living Resources  
Task Force

Water Quality  
Task Force

Stewardship  
Task Force



Sustainable  
Fisheries Goal



- Blue Crab Abundance Outcome
- Blue Crab Management Outcome
- Oyster Outcome
- Forage Fish Outcome
- Fish Habitat Outcome

Vital Habitats  
Goal



- Wetlands Outcome
  - Black Duck
- Stream Health Outcome
  - Brook Trout
- Fish Passage Outcome
- SAV Outcome
- Forest Buffer Outcome
- Tree Canopy Outcome

Climate Resiliency  
Goal



- Monitoring and Assessment Outcome
- Adaptation Outcome

Water Quality  
Goal



- 2017 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP) Outcome
- 2025 WIP Outcome
- Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome

Toxic  
Contaminants Goal



- Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome
- Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome

Healthy Water-  
sheds Goal



- Healthy Waters Outcome

Land Conserva-  
tion



- Protected Lands Outcome
- Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome
- Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome

Stewardship  
Goal



- Citizen Stewardship Outcome
- Local Leadership Outcome
- Diversity Outcome

Public Access  
Goal



- Public Access Site Development Outcome

Environmental  
Literacy Goal



- Student Outcome
- Sustainable Schools Outcome
- Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome

# *Option 3: Task Force Hybrid*



Outcomes could be spread over 2, 3 or 4 task forces.



# Option 4: Goal Team/STAR-Led

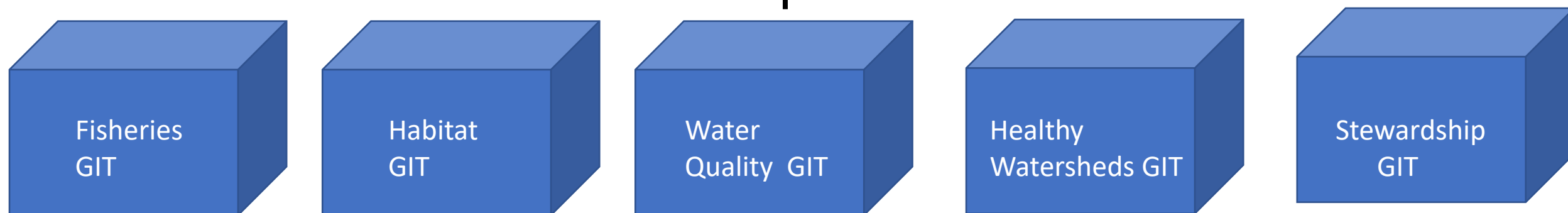
- The **Goal Teams (including GIT 6 and STAR)** will work collectively with their workgroups (and others) to develop recommendations



The GITS and STAR will provide recommendations to the **Management Board** (and possibly additional representation from GITs) which will act as a “joint committee” to synthesize and iron out differences between recommendations sent forward.

# Option 5: Goal Team/STAR-Led w/ Steering Committee

- The **Goal Teams (including GIT 6 and STAR)** will work collectively with their workgroups (and others) to develop recommendations



The GITS and STAR will provide recommendations to the **Steering Committee** which will synthesize and iron out differences between recommendations to be sent forward to the Management Board and PSC.

Additional Structural/Process Options to Consider?