

# Stewardship GIT urgent needs

## CRITERIA:

- Urgent and additional
- Cross-outcome
- Responding to specific Phase 1 recommendations

## Reminder: Intent of the Executive Council:

- A renewed and greater emphasis on **engaging all communities** of the watershed as active stewards
- **Elevating conservation** as a key pillar of the Chesapeake Bay Program, alongside science, restoration, and partnership
- Grounding in the most recent scientific understandings and issues

**During 2025, all GIT 5 Outcomes propose to  
develop new metrics/ indicators**

## Why is it urgent?

- All GIT 5 Outcomes intersect with/ affect multiple CBP groups
- **Need for common direction across CBP to meet EC Charge**
- **It will take all year** -- issues are complex, metrics may be new
- Phase 1 Restoration & Conservation Recommendation #3:  
Improve the partnership's holistic approach to planning, prioritization... improving progress-tracking and accountability to further support efforts to adaptively manage, to better target and prioritize resources and to provide technical assistance and communication of outcomes.

## Develop new/updated metrics/indicators

### Land Conservation/ Protected Lands Outcome –

*with Healthy Watersheds GIT/Land Use, Forestry, Wetlands, etc.; Ches Conservation Partnership*

- More holistic approach; consider connections across large landscape, habitats
- Benefits to water quality/ watershed health
- Benefits to humans (more than #s of acres)

### Public Access Outcome – *Coordinating w/ jurisdictions, localities, conservation Outcomes, Ches Conservation Partnership, NPS Ches Gateways Network*

- Assess equity and identify next stage of access needed (new targets)

### Diversity Outcome –

*informed by the CBP DEIJ Implementation Plan's new logic model*

- Internal to CBP Partnership (update/improve metrics)
- External – (new) seek to expand who participates in conservation & stewardship efforts
- Other new measures to align with DEIJ logic model's activities, outputs, outcomes

### Stewardship Outcome –

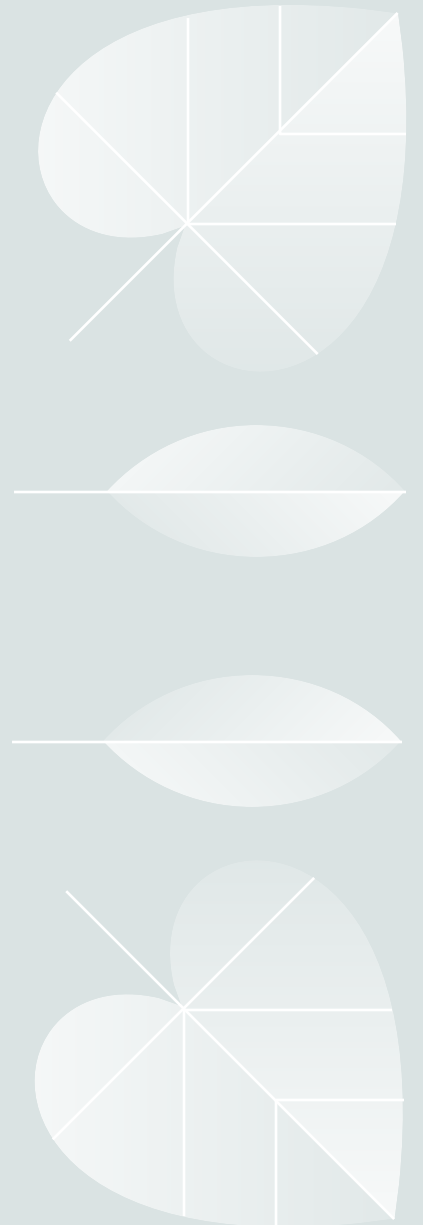
*In consultation with Advisory Committees, social science, DEIJ Implementation, NPS Gateways*

- Individual actions – how & what is measured, more inclusive of all residents
- Community-scale initiatives (new)
- Reflective of the widespread network of efforts, serving many other Outcomes

### Environmental Literacy Outcomes –

*Working with school districts in each state/ jurisdiction*

- Better understanding of building blocks and documentation of incremental progress
- Analysis of previous data collected and recommended new indicators





# NEEDS



- Time and breathing room to work thoughtfully and thoroughly in 2025, collaboratively across GITs, Workgroups, other CBP entities.
- Active participation on each workgroup representing every jurisdiction/signatory.
- Access to data and technical assistance to inform decisions on metrics and tracking mechanisms.
- Staff support to collect data consistently.
- Outside support beyond existing capacity?