Management Board November 2, 2023

Charting a Course to 2025 Final Report

To recap...

EC charges PSC to recommend ways to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025, including snapshots of outcome attainability.

Draft report reached for public comment.

PSC approves the three high-level recommendations and endorses them to be taken to the Executive Council.

Feb. 2023 21 Aug. 2023 19 Oct. 2023

Oct. 2022 21 July 2023 26 Sep. 2023

Steering committee formed representing jurisdictions, agencies, non-profits and advisory committees.

Public comment period closes.

Chesapeake Executive Council concurs with the three high-level recommendations.

High-Level Recommendations

Accelerate Investments

- Thanks to increased federal and state investments, the CBP will accelerate restoration activities over the next 18 months.
- The speed and scale of this funding will be increased with a particular emphasis on addressing lagging outcomes.





High-Level Recommendations

- Integrate emerging science and monitoring.
 - New scientific reports and findings help further understanding of how the Bay is responding to the implementation of BMPs, impacts from climate change and rises in environmental stewardship, among others.
 - The CBP is already investigating how these significant scientific findings and increasing focus on geographic targeting, social science, robust monitoring networks, the environmentally and economically important shallow waters of the Bay and addressing implications from rising water temperatures can be integrated into the partnership's work.
 - This partnership will use the next 18 months to carefully prepare for how these findings will be used in the next phase of Bay restoration while taking the steps to integrate emerging science where appropriate now.

High-Level Recommendations

- Fast-track action plans.
 - Lean harder into the implementation of existing action plans moving forward toward 2025.
 - These include the Phase III WIPs, DEIJ Strategy and Implementation Plan, state riparian buffer plans, Wetlands Action Plan and the workplan for the Climate Change directive, among others.



Where are we now?

- The final report is ready!
- We are going to give the Management Board a last, fatal-flaw review.
- Please send any high-level comments or recommendations to Rachel Felver (<u>rfelver@chesapeakebay.net</u>) by Friday, December 1.
- The red-lined version of the report will be posted, along with the "final, final" version by the December Management Board meeting.
- After that, responses to public comments received will be provided.

Questions and Thank You!

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