



Beyond 2025 Update and Decisions

Principals' Staff Committee

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Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARGE

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Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending 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. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. **At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.**

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DECISIONS

1. Agreement on High Profile, Cross-Cutting Topics
2. Agreement on schedule for meeting Executive Council Charge

STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PRODUCT BY EC2024

Where we are

Summary of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement

- Reaching 2025 Report
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, SRS meeting report, report, Advisory Committee Recommendations, and more. Crosswalk of common themes.

Where do we want to be

Vision

- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

What we do

Impact assessment

- What is the ability of our Partnership to positively impact each goal and outcome?
- Do we have the right outcomes for our goals and the right goals for our vision?

How we work

Assessment of our overall partnership

- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

Path Forward

Recommendation on what to do with the Watershed Agreement post-2025

Recommendations on the Partnership

HIGH PROFILE, CROSS-CUTTING TOPICS

- Climate Change
- Healthy Watersheds
- Clean Water
- People
- Shallow Water Habitats



OVERARCHING QUESTIONS

Vision

- What do we want to hand to the next generation?
- What does success look like?

Value

- What are we doing that works?
- What could be improved?
- What changes would help us attain our vision?

Vanguard

- What idea is transformational for the future of the Bay and its watershed?
- What would it take to implement that idea?

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- **November – January 2024:** Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **February 2024:** 2-day symposium to discuss and potentially refine topical group recommendations.
- **March 2024:** Adoption of topical group recommendations by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and review of the first draft of recommendations from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.
- **April 2024:** Adoption of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **May – June 2024:** Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations.
- **July 2024:** Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations based on public input.
- **August – September 2024:** Seek approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.
- **October 2024:** Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations from the Executive Council.

THANK YOU

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