



CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AGREEMENT

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Signatories to the 2014 Watershed Agreement



NY



DC



VA



MD



PA



DE



WV



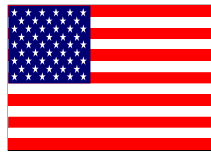
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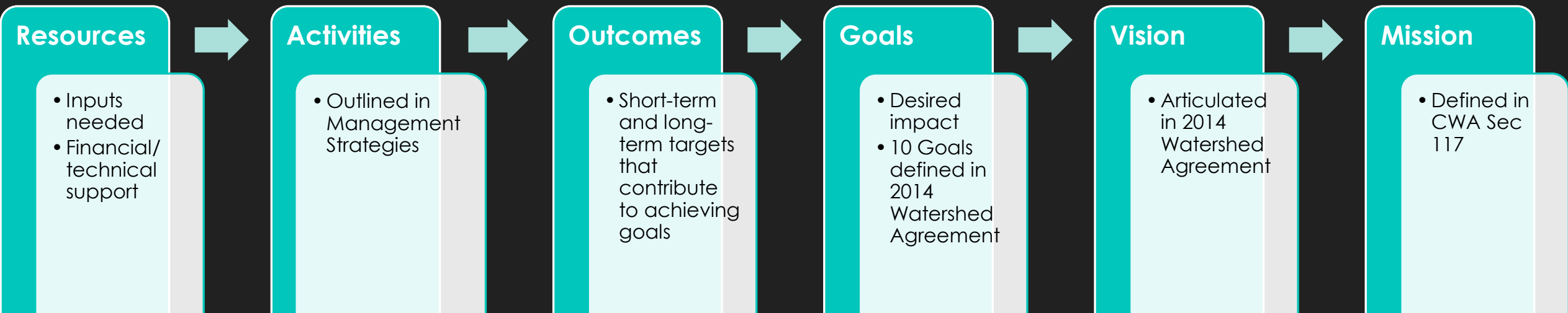
Chesapeake Bay Program



Federal
Partners



A partnership of all the major players in the Chesapeake region, working collaboratively on science, policy and restoration efforts.



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- Directs the Program to develop and implement management plans to achieve and maintain:
 - Nutrient goals for nitrogen and phosphorus entering the watershed
 - Water quality requirements necessary to restore living resources
 - The basin-wide toxins reduction and prevention strategy
 - Habitat restoration, protection, creation, and enhancement goals established for wetlands, riparian forests, and other types of habitat associated with the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem
 - The restoration, protection, creation, and enhancement goals established for living resources associated with the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem

Our Vision

“The Chesapeake Bay Program partners envision an environmentally and economically sustainable Chesapeake Bay watershed with clean water, abundant life, conserved lands and access to the water, a vibrant cultural heritage and a diversity of engaged citizens and stakeholders.”

Our 10 Goals from the 2014 *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*



1. Sustainable Fisheries



2. Vital Habitats



3. Water Quality



4. Toxic Contaminants



5. Healthy Watersheds



6. Stewardship



7. Land Conservation



8. Public Access



9. Environmental Literacy



10. Climate Resiliency

Partnership Principles

- Collaborate
- Represent the interests of watershed residents
- Operate with transparency
- Seek consensus
- Use science-based decision-making
- Engage the public
- Anticipate changing conditions
- Adaptively manage
- Promote environmental justice

Relevant recent Executive Council Actions

- 2020: The Executive Council (EC) signed a DEIJ Statement for the partnership reaffirming their commitment to embrace DEIJ in all areas of the CBP to achieve its mission, including:
 - Recruiting and retaining staff and volunteers that reflect the diversity of the watershed
 - Fostering a culture of inclusion and respect
 - Ensuring the benefits of the Program's efforts are distributed equitably
- 2021: EC signed a directive that commits the Chesapeake Bay Program to address the increasing threats of climate change in all aspects of the partnership's work, including:
 - Prioritizing communities and habitats most vulnerable
 - Applying the best scientific, modeling, monitoring, and planning capabilities
 - Connecting CBP restoration goals with emerging opportunities in climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience

**Additions?
Questions?**

