



**STAR/Beyond 2025 - Climate Small Group Meeting**  
**Theme: Cross-Cutting Topics Across**  
**Beyond 2025 Small Groups**

Thursday, January 25, 2023

**10:00AM – 12:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

**10:00 AM**      **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (USGS) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State) - STAR chair and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator**

**Announcements**

- [C-StREAM Fellowship Program](#) applications now open. Applications are due January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars**

- [National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration](#) – April 14-19, 2024, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- [Choose Clean Water Conference](#) – May 20-22, 2024, Ellicott City, Maryland. [Proposals](#) for presentations, workshops and field trips due January 12.
- [Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) – June 10-12, 2024, Annapolis, Maryland.
- [American Planning Association \(APA\) Virginia 2024 Conference](#) – July 21 – 24, 2024, Williamsburg, Virginia. Session Proposals due February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**STAR Agenda Item:**

**10:05 AM**      **Review and Input of STAR Priorities**

The CBP Science, Analysis and Implementation Branch Chief and Partnerships and Accountability Branch Chief are meeting the leadership of each GIT and

STAR to understand priorities, overall scope of work, and funding needs for the next ~2 years. STAR leadership is meeting with them in early February. We have shared the attached document with STAR Workgroup Chairs and Coordinators, and they provided their edits. This document will also emphasize the needs already recorded in the [CBP Science Needs Database](#). The request of this agenda item is to confirm there is nothing missing and current needs are characterized correctly before meeting with the Branch Chiefs.

### **Beyond 2025 Climate Small Group Agenda Items:**

#### **10:20 AM      *Accounting for Maryland's Ecosystem Services – Elliott Campbell***

Elliott will present on the ecosystem service/environmental accounting efforts at Maryland DNR to integrate the value of nature into decision making.

[AMESreportFinal\\_MDDNR.pdf \(maryland.gov\)](#)

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- How may these efforts expand beyond Maryland and be incorporated into the Chesapeake Bay Program framework?
- How does the Chesapeake Bay Program currently assess tradeoffs, and how can we better consider tradeoffs in our decision-making process?

#### **11:05 AM      *Overview of U.S. Climate Vulnerability Index – Dr. Weihsueh Chiu***

The U.S. Climate Vulnerability Index shows where action and resources are most urgently needed. The tool visualizes how drivers of cumulative vulnerability disadvantage communities across the United States to equip communities and policymakers with actionable data.

<https://climatevulnerabilityindex.org/>

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- How can the CBP build broader definitions of resilience into their work, such as measures of public health and social and economic well-being (as defined by the community). What value does the CBP add to tackling these issues?
- How can CBP elevate protection of people most at risk from the impacts of climate change in its work to restore and protect the Bay?
- What models and case studies could CBP draw from to help guide our efforts?

#### **11:25 AM      *Weighing the Options: Beyond 2025 Climate Recommendations - Round Robin with small groups and other participants***

The Beyond 2025 Small Group effort is tasked with developing 5 recommendations for each group while considering topics including climate

change. This discussion time will be used to understand the climate considerations of other small groups and main themes coming out of the Climate small group. An online resource such as jamboard/google docs will also be available for input.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What common themes did we hear across more than one small group?
- What gaps still remain that aren't being addressed?
- Phase 2 of the Beyond 2025 effort is to consider HOW to implement these recommendations.
  - What are case studies or examples where these recommendations have been successfully implemented that the small groups may include in their deliverables?
  - What are other thoughts on HOW we implement these recommendations if they are potential ways to move forward?

**12:00 PM      Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: February 22, 2024**