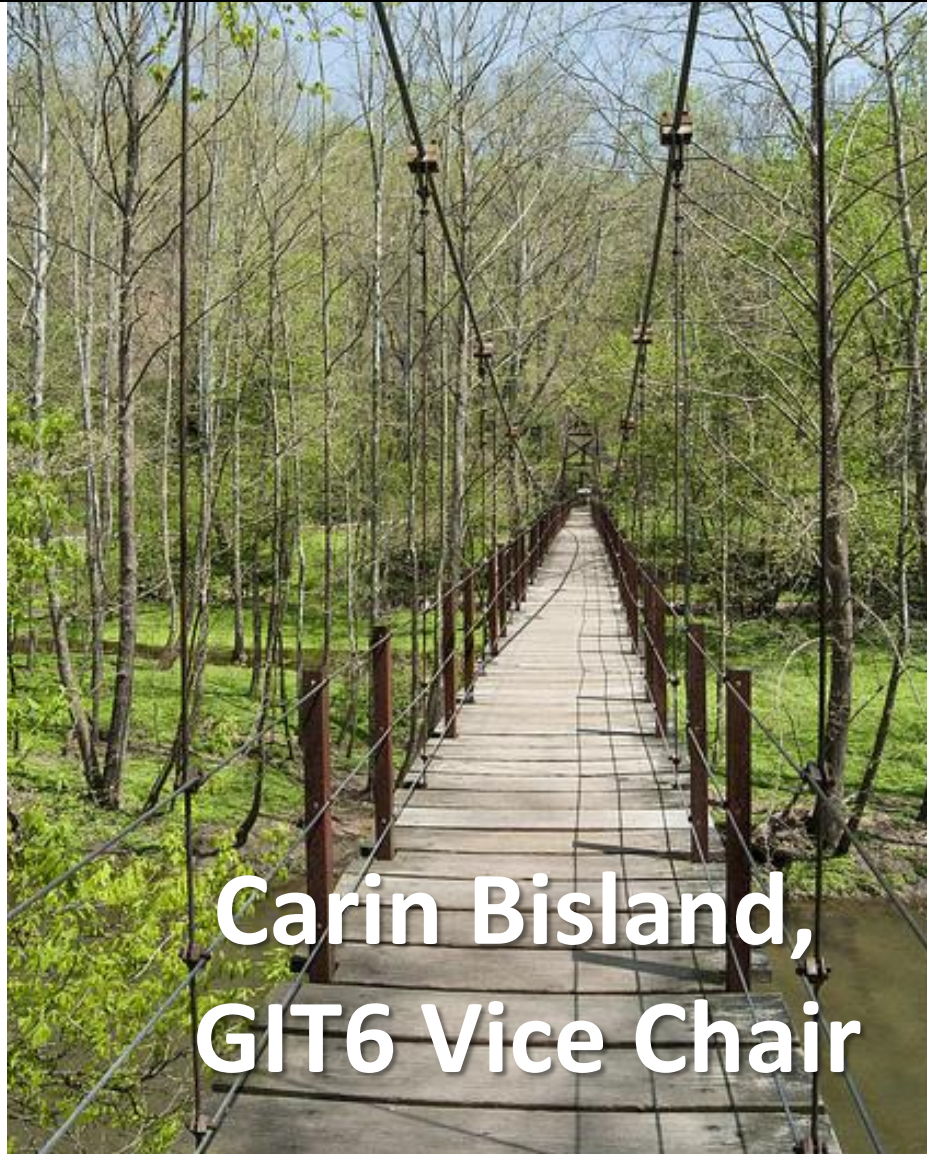


Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Development, Governance, and Alignment



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What Do We Mean By Alignment



Three Key Alignment Topics

- **Goals, Governance, and Agreements**
- **Charge for Exploring the Need for Ongoing Independent Evaluation**
- **Preliminary Discussions of CBP Adoption/Endorsement of Program Products and Policies**

Questions for PSC Input – Goal Development, Governance, and Agreements

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First Annual Progress Report 1985



"I trust the Bay to do its part in recovery if we do ours. The tough thing will be to make certain that we are steadfast year after year, decade after decade."

***William Ruckelshaus,
Former EPA Administrator***

First Annual Progress Report 1985

- *“High degrees of **mutual trust** and recognized **mutual benefits** are essential ingredients in the collective management of resources that cross state boundaries. The structure established for the management of the Chesapeake Bay and its resources recognizes the voluntary nature of the effort and seeks to capitalize on proven methods of **interstate coordination and cooperation**. At the same time, it recognizes that the jurisdictions have a unique history of partnership and an intertwined social and economic bond with the Bay. Their futures are dependent on the successful recovery of the Bay ecosystem and its productivity.”*

1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement

- *“Recognizing that the Chesapeake Bay’s importance transcends regional boundaries, we commit to managing the Chesapeake Bay as **an integrated ecosystem** and pledge our best efforts to achieve the goals in this Agreement.”*

Background – 4 Stages of the Process

- Stage 1 – Use GITs to set direction **(completed)**
- Stage 2 – Develop negotiation protocol (following completion of Phase II WIPs) **(waiting on MB/PSC approval to proceed)**
- Stage 3 – Negotiate a new agreement (if decided at Stage 2)
- Stage 4 – Implement new agreement

**July 2011 EC agreed to 4-stage process for coordinating Chesapeake Bay Program and Federal Leadership Committee Goals*

Current Status – Stage 1

- Goal Implementation Teams have developed a series of **working goals and outcomes** to provide direction to their GITs
- GITs are using the **adaptive management** decision framework adopted by the PSC in May 2011 for select goals
- GITs are presenting **overarching Chesapeake Bay Program goals and outcomes** for the Management Board review in December
- Goals will be presented at the next PSC meeting for your consideration

Stage 2 – Goals, Governance, Agreement

Management Board:

- Charged the **Enhancing Partnering, Leadership, and Management Goal Team (GIT6)** with serving as staff to the MB and with developing options for a alignment decision body to consider for
 - ❖ Adopting final partnership goals,
 - ❖ Changes to governance structure and membership,
 - ❖ Changes to rules and procedures,
 - ❖ Protocols for voting responsibilities and decision making,
 - ❖ Rules for conflict resolution, and
 - ❖ Fully engaging all partners.
- Recommended **PSC** be the decision making body
- Charged **GIT6** to develop options on alignment/governance issues for PSC consideration

Proposed Outline for Alignment Process

December - January

GIT6

- Establish GIT sub-group fully representative of all partners
- Determine next step to finalize **goals**
- Determine key **governance** issues
- Look at issues and early decisions needed for **agreement**



January 10th MB Meeting

MB

- Receive MB Input



January

GIT6

- Coordinate effort with GITs to finalize proposed new **goals**
- Build out potential **governance** options
- Build out options for potential new **agreement**



February PSC Meeting

PSC

- Adopt or recommend changes to **goals**
- Provide input and guidance on key **governance** issues
- Select style of **agreement** & provide guidance for EC directive



February - April

GIT6

- Build out PSC selected options
- Coordinate with other GITs to finalize **goals**
- Develop EC directive --- including **governance** and alignment leading to new **agreement**



April PSC Meeting

PSC

- Final adoption of **goals**
- Approve final directive content for adoption at 2013 EC Meeting

5 Key Governance Principles of the Chesapeake Bay Program

- *#1 “allow for and promote voluntary individual actions coordinated within a well-defined context of the individual responsibilities and authorities of each state and the federal government”*
- *#2 “ensure that actions which require a concerted, bay wide approach be addressed in common and without duplication”*
- *#3 “develop strategic plans and oversee their implementation, based on advice from the public, from the scientific community and from user groups”*
- *#4 “exert leadership to marshal public support”*
- *#5 “be accountable for progress made under the terms of this agreement”*

- **1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement**

Example Governance Issues

- **#1 – Distinguish the different necessary paths for different types of work from the GITs. (policy creation, FYI reports, outside agreements, forest strategy style documents, etc)**
- **#2 – Need to develop a cyclical adaptive management loop that allows for CBP to adapt goals, strategies, and policies.**
- **#3 – Roles for Conflict Resolution**
- **#4 – Develop Protocols for Decision Making**
- **#5 – Roles and representation of partners (original signatories, headwater states, federal agencies)**

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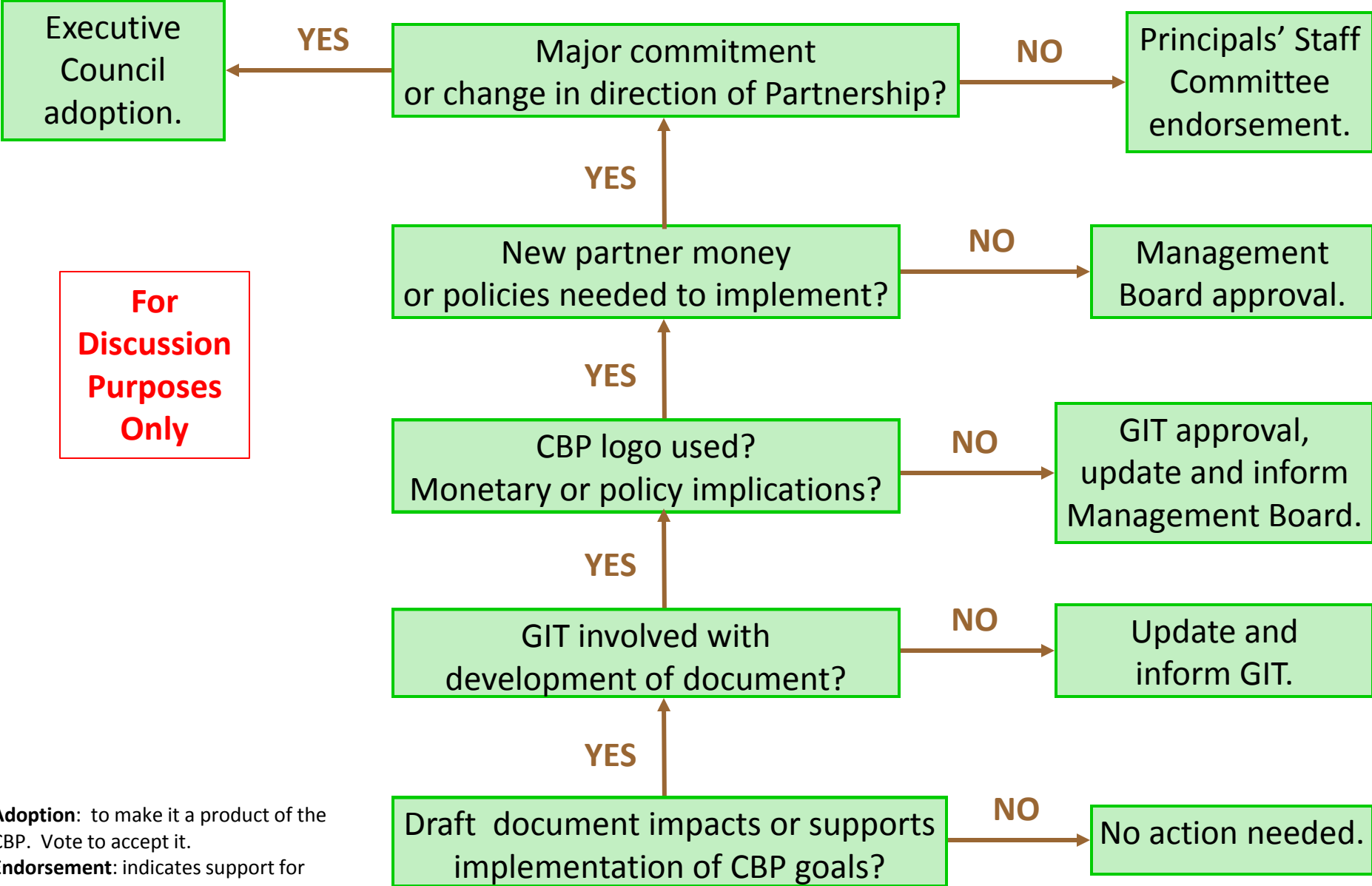
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Independent Evaluator

- **Proposed Charge:**

- Develop a **set of options** for Principals' Staff Committee consideration and approval for establishing **a process** for independent evaluation of the Chesapeake Bay Program activities with input from CAC, STAC, and LGAC (including consideration of an option for no action)
- Provide a draft work plan/outline that provides the steps and analytical work to establish the process
 - **Review evaluation activities** already occurring in the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
 - **Analyze approaches** that other geographic programs are using
 - Include an **iterative process** between the Management Board and GIT6 for each major step in the workplan

Example of a Process for Approval, Endorsement or Adoption of GIT Products



PSC Decisions Needed Today & Next Meeting

Decisions Needed Today (12-5-12 PSC Meeting)

- Approval of timeline & process for GIT6 to follow for goals, governance, and alignment process
- Feedback on Governance Principles
- Final decision on Independent Evaluator charge
- Preliminary discussion on decision tree for CBP GITs to follow regarding MB/PSC involvement

Decisions Needed For Next PSC Meeting (Tentatively February)

- Adopt or recommended changes to set of CBP Priority Goals
- Provide input and guidance on key governance issues
- Develop guidance options & style of agreement