

# CBPO Program Update

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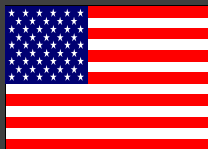
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A partnership of all the major players in the Chesapeake region,  
working collaboratively on science, policy and restoration efforts



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***Vision:*** 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.

CBP's Executive Council  
agreed to  
*Watershed Agreement*  
**GOALS** and initial **OUTCOMES**

CBP's Principals' Staff Committee tracks  
**OUTCOMES**,  
ensuring they are measurable and  
achievable; adapting as needed

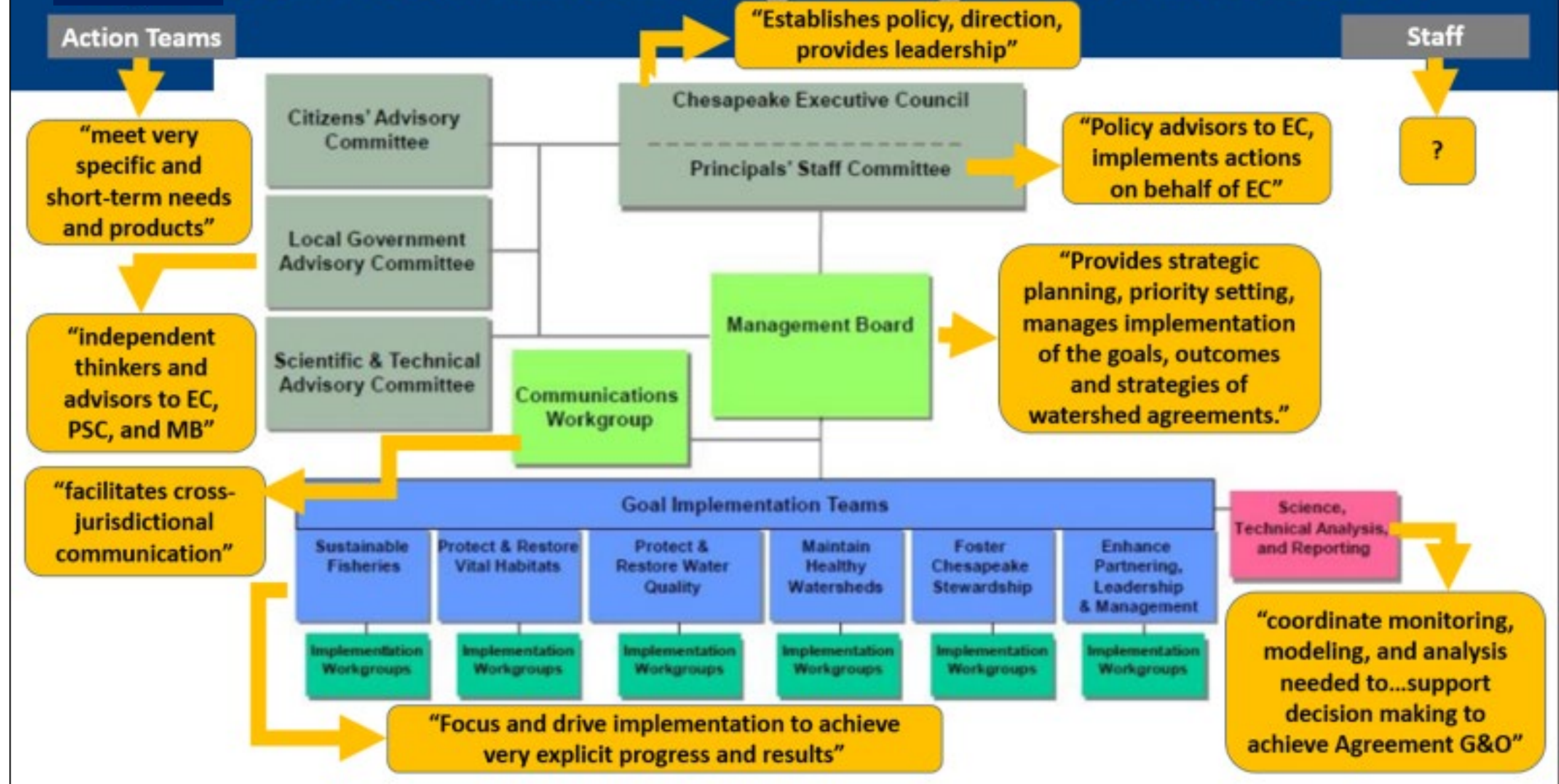
CBP's Management Board manages and tracks  
the **STRATEGIES**, adapting them as necessary  
over time for success

Logic and Action Plans summarize **specific**  
**commitments, short-term actions** and  
**resources required** for success

# Watershed Agreement Outcomes

Sustainable Fisheries	Vital Habitats	Clean Water	Conserved Lands	Engaged Communities	Climate Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blue Crab Abundance &amp; Management</li><li>• Oyster Restoration</li><li>• Fish Habitat</li><li>• Forage fish</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fish Passage</li><li>• Forest Buffers</li><li>• Stream Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Brook Trout</li></ul></li><li>• SAV</li><li>• Tree Canopy</li><li>• Wetlands<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Black Duck</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watershed Implementation Plans - 2017 &amp; 2025</li><li>• Water Quality Standards Attainment &amp; Monitoring</li><li>• Toxic Contaminants Research</li><li>• Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention</li><li>• Healthy Watersheds</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protected Lands</li><li>• Land Use Options Evaluation</li><li>• Land Use Methods &amp; Metrics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Public Access</li><li>• Citizen Stewardship</li><li>• Local Leadership</li><li>• Sustainable Schools</li><li>• Environmental Literacy Planning</li><li>• Student MWEEs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Monitoring and Assessment</li><li>• Climate Adaptation</li></ul>

# Our Roles in Achieving the Agreement Outcomes



# Chesapeake Bay Program Leadership

- Executive Council Chair: Michael Regan, EPA Administrator
- Principals' Staff Committee Chair: Adam Ortiz, EPA R3 Administrator
- CBPO Director (Acting): Michelle Price-Fay
- CBPO Deputy Director: Martha Shimkin



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 <b>VITAL HABITATS</b>			
<b>Black Duck Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE</b> <i>Updated October 2018</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Brook Trout Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS NO CHANGE</b> <i>Updated September 2019</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Fish Passage Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE</b> <i>Updated August 2021</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK ON COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Forest Buffers Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS DECREASE</b> <i>Updated January 2022</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Stream Health Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS NO CHANGE</b> <i>Updated March 2018</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS DECREASE</b> <i>Updated July 2021</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Tree Canopy Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS NO CHANGE</b> <i>Updated October 2018</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→
<b>Wetlands Outcome</b>	 <b>RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE</b> <i>Updated June 2018</i>	 <b>OUTLOOK OFF COURSE</b> <i>Updated November 2021</i>	→

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# Forest Buffer Workshop

## **Purpose:**

- As a result of the Outcome Attainability meetings, to identify what will be done to accelerate riparian forest buffer implementation.
- MB agreed that each state would develop an Action Strategy for Buffers. These Strategies will be at the core of the workshop.
- The workshop will address the scale and immediacy of the needed effort on a state-by-state basis.

**Attendees:** Bay leaders in each state (Water Quality/WIP lead and Natural Resources), CBC, USDA, EPA, key NGO partners, local leadership reps, etc.

**Proposed date:** April 27, 2022



# Wetlands Workshop

## Purpose:

- Bring together key people to identify actions to overcome the barriers of implementing nontidal and tidal wetland restoration and accelerate progress towards the Wetlands Outcome
- Understand of the barriers that limit the rate of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration
- Identify innovative approaches, including changes to existing programs and proposing new programs, to increase the implementation of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration.
- Within three months following the workshop, work with partners and workshop participants to develop an action plan that outlines steps and a timeline for dedicating resources to implementing these approaches.

Attendees: Key partners working in wetlands (invite list TBD)

Date: TBD

# Climate Directive Update

- EC Climate Change Directive signed by EC in October.
- PSC directed the MB to discuss a plan for implementing the Directive.
- MB agreed to identify volunteer partners to form a group to develop a workplan and next steps.
  - Group met in January.
  - Agreed to conduct a crosswalk of current programs, activities, plans, etc. to identify gaps and opportunities for action.
  - Seeking representatives from all jurisdictions
  - Working to build out the crosswalk and articulating a general framework and goals for the workplan.

# Social Science Update

- [Chesapeakebehaviorchange.org](https://Chesapeakebehaviorchange.org)
  - New CBP site that provides information on conducting effective behavior change programs.
  - Includes data on 19 stewardship behavior current adoption rates – that assist with behavior selection and audience identification
  - Formal release and webinar this spring
- UMCES CBP Social Science Assessment
  - Identify areas best suited for social science engagement
  - Data analysis and recommendations due Fall 2022.

# EPA CBP Grant Guidance

- EPA Management Team is currently working to finalize and issue the 2022 CBPO Grant Guidance.
- Estimated timeline for issuance is the end of March. EPA Project Officers will let current CBPO grant recipients know when the guidance is issued.
- CBPO plans to issue an addendum to the Grant Guidance later this spring to address requirements related to Infrastructure funding.

# EPA Mid-Atlantic Virtual Summit – May 25

- Summit of state, Tribal and local governmental partners
- Purpose:
  - Showcase the work and innovative practices that address 21<sup>st</sup> century environmental and public health challenges impacting communities.
  - Participants will gain a better understanding of EPA's priorities and resources, including funding through the infrastructure law
- Major themes: climate change, environmental justice, infrastructure
- Sessions: engaging dialogue and presentations with thought-leaders and forward-leaning implementers from all levels of government

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