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Preliminary GIT Goal Statements

GITs were asked to consider C2K and the EO when deleping their goal statements. These show the links

GIT	Workgroup, Taskgroup, Committee	Preliminary GIT Goal Statement (*italics = initial goal statement not yet fully developed.* **Bold = goal statement developed through the decision framework**)	C2K/Executive Council Agreement Commitments	Executive Order 13508 Goals and outcomes
Sustainable Fisheries		*1. Improve interjurisdictional management of fisheries resources that move across political and administrative jurisdictions.*		
		2. Improve the connection between science and management to ensure decision making leads to productive and sustainable fisheries.		
		3. Promote coalition building, information sharing, and appropriate coordination of management decisions that can feed into broader fisheries commissions and councils (e.g., Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission [ASMFC] and the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council [MAFMC]).		
	Ches. Bay Stock Assessment Committee	*4. Maintain sustainable blue crab interim rebuilding target of 200 million adults (1+ years old) in 2011 and develop a new population target for 2012 through 2025.*	Maintain crab population of 200 million adults (1+ years old)	Maintain interim rebuilding target of 200 million adults in 2011 and develop a new population target for 2012-2025
			Striped Bass: Ecosystem Based Plans for targeted species created by 2005	
			Menhaden: Ecosystem Based Plans for targeted species created by 2005	
			Alosines: Tributary-specific populations targets established by 2002, revised FMPs by 2003	
	Oyster Metric Team	**5. Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 20 tributaries out of 35 to 40 candidate tributaries by 2025.**	2004 Adoption Statement: a ten fold increase in total population by 2010, including restoration of 20 tributaries	Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 20 tributaries out of 35 to 40 eligible tributaries by 2025
	Invasive Catfish Workgroup	*6. Develop bay-wide policy agreement on blue catfish management.*		Combat invasive species (one of five priority habitat recovery actions)
	Invasive Catfish Task Force	*7. Reduce the spread of invasive catfish and mitigate their negative impacts on native species.*		Combat invasive species (one of five priority habitat recovery actions)
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Protect/Restore Vital Habitat		*8. Restore a network of land and water habitats to support priority species and to afford other public benefits, including water quality, recreational uses and scenic value across the watershed.*	Preserve, protect and restore those habitats and natural areas that are vital to the survival and diversity of the living resources of the Bay and its rivers.	Restore a network of land and water habitats to support priority species and to afford other public benefits, including water quality, recreational uses and scenic value across the watershed.
	Fish Passage Workgroup	**9. During the period 2011-2025, restore historical fish migratory routes by opening 1,000 additional stream miles, with restoration success indicated by the presence of river herring, American shad, Hickory shad, Brook Trout and/or American eel.**	2004 Adoption Statement: By 2014, open 2,807 miles of habitat to migratory and resident fishes in the watershed portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.	Restore historical migratory routes by opening 1,000 additional stream miles by 2025 with restoration success indicated by the presence of river herring, American shad, and/or American eel.
	Stream Habitat Workgroup	*10. Restore naturally reproducing brook trout populations in headwater streams by improving 58 subwatersheds from 'reduced' classification to 'healthy' by 2025. **Will be revised after Management Board's approval of EBTJV recommendation to change to finer scale 'patch' metric***		Restore naturally reproducing brook trout populations in headwater streams by improving 58 subwatersheds from 'reduced' classification to 'healthy' by 2025. **Will be revised after Management Board's approval of EBTJV recommendation to change to finer scale 'patch' metric**
	SAV Workgroup	**11. Establish 185,000 acres of SAV in the Chesapeake Bay.** Serve the broader Bay community by providing technical expertise, guiding managers on the protection and restoration of SAV, and applying research findings to issues impacting SAV in the Bay.	In 2003, Bay Program partners set a goal to plant 1,000 acres of bay grasses by 2008. The SAV abundance goal is to have 185,000 acres of underwater grasses in the Chesapeake Bay. This acreage represents approximate historic abundance from the 1930s to present.	Attain water quality standards in 60% of segments by 2025, using standards meeting SAV criteria.
	Wetlands Action Team	**12. Restore 30,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and enhance the function of an additional 150,000 acres of degraded wetlands by 2025. In cooperation with other GIT Working Groups and Chesapeake Bay partners, protect an additional 225,000 acres of wetlands within the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed.**	Restore 25,000 acres of wetlands in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia by 2010.	Restore 30,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and enhance the function of an additional 150,000 acres of degraded wetlands by 2025.
			Enhance or rehabilitate 89,492 acres of wetlands in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia by 2010.	Restore a three-year average wintering black duck population in the Chesapeake Bay watershed of 100,000 birds by 2025.

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Protect/Restore Water Quality	Water Quality Goal Implementation Team	**13. Restore water quality to achieve standards for DO, clarity, SAV, and chlorophyll-a in the Bay and its tidal waters by having all practices in place by 2025 that are necessary to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. Practices will be in place by 2017 that would achieve 60% of the necessary pollutant reductions compared to 2009.** *Draft goal worked through Decision Framework, but has not received approval from WQGIT.	Have all practices in place by 2025 that are necessary to reduce restore water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal waters.	Implement the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, a rigorous accountability framework for reducing pollution to ensure that all practices needed to reduce pollution to meet Bay water quality standards are in place by 2025.
	Agriculture Workgroup	14.. Analyze data and information and make recommendations that support accelerated implementation of practices on agricultural lands so that all practices are in place by 2025 to achieve standards for DO, clarity, SAV, and chlorophyll-a in the Bay and its tidal waters.		Work with producers to apply new conservation practices to 4 million acres of agricultural lands in high-priority watersheds by 2025.
	Urban Stormwater Workgroup	15. Analyze data and information and make recommendations that support accelerated implementation of practices on developed lands so that all practices are in place by 2025 to achieve standards for DO, clarity, SAV, and chlorophyll-a in the Bay and its tidal waters. *Goal has not been worked through Decision Framework process.		Ensure that stormwater impacts are minimized during all federal-aid highway projects and other federally funded transportation projects.
	Wastewater Treatment Workgroup	**16. Analyze data and information and make recommendations that support accelerated upgrades of wastewater treatment facilities so that all practices are in place by 2025 to achieve standards for DO, clarity, SAV, and chlorophyll-a in the Bay and its tidal waters.** *Draft goal has been worked through Decision Framework, but is still being reviewed by the WWWG.		Develop a system of accountability for tracking and reporting reductions in pollution.

	Trading and Offsets Workgroup	17. Support the implementation of practices, policies, and programs within the realm of nutrient and sediment trading and offsets that will assist efforts to restore water quality in the Bay and its tidal waters. *Goal has not been worked through Decision Framework process.		
	Milestone Workgroup	18. Ensure that pollutant reduction progress is tracked, verified, reported, and credited through the Chesapeake Bay Program decision support tools. *Goal has not been worked through Decision Framework process.		
	Watershed Technical Workgroup	19. Review and approve technical issues related to BMPs including: recommended BMP definitions and efficiencies from source workgroups and local jurisdictions; BMP simulation in the CBP models; and BMP tracking and reporting methods used by CBP partner jurisdictions and agencies for use in the CBP models. Provide technical review & recommendations to the CBP Modeling team on CBP model processes, scoping scenarios, and input data. * *Goal has not been worked through Decision Framework.		
	Forestry Workgroup	20. Coordinate, develop, and implement plans and projects which focus on the contributions of forest lands in restoring the health and productivity of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and in retaining their economic potential. *Goal has not been worked through Decision Framework.	Construct 10,000 miles of riparian buffer by 2010.	Restore riparian forest buffers to 63%, or 181,440 miles, of the total riparian miles in the Bay watershed by 2025.
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Maintain Healthy Watersheds		21. **The goal of the Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT is to maintain local watersheds at optimal health**	2.2.1: By 2010, work with local governments and community groups to develop and implement locally supported watershed management plan in two-thirds of the Bay watershed.	Protect an additional 2 million acres of lands throughout the watershed currently

		across a range of landscape contexts.	Strengthen programs for land acquisition and preservation to permanently preserve 20% of the land in the watershed by 2010.	identified as high conservation priorities at the federal, state, or local level by 2025.
	Defining Healthy Watersheds	**22. GIT4 is initiating a project to establish a CBP collective capability to periodically communicate the identity, health status, health threats, and protection status of state-identified healthy watersheds based on existing data and existing monitoring efforts.**	Reduce rate of sprawl by 30% in watershed by 2012.	By 2025, re-categorize 58 subwatersheds from "reduced" to "healthy" through active stewardship.
	Communications Workgroup	*23. The Communications Workgroup is creating a set of key messages and actions to support GIT 4 objectives through communications with key audiences.*		Develop Environmental Markets (Support Strategy): develop environmental markets working collaboratively with USDA, EPA and other federal partners.
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Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship		*24. To promote individual stewardship and assist citizens, communities and local governments in undertaking initiatives to achieve restoration and conservation in the Chesapeake region.*		Expand Citizen Support (Support Strategy): Foster a dramatic increase in the number of citizen stewards of every age who support and carry out local conservation and restoration.
	Ches. Conservation Corps Action Team	*25. Expand Chesapeake Conservation Corps workforces, as called for in Executive Order 13508.*		Expand Chesapeake conservation corps workforces.
	Education Workgroup	*26. Ensure that elementary and secondary students in Chesapeake Bay Watershed states graduate environmentally literate with the tools they need to make informed choices to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay.*	5.1.4: Beginning with the class of 2005, provide a meaningful Bay or stream outdoor experience for every student in the watershed before graduation.	Initiate robust elementary and secondary environmental literacy initiative.
	Land Conservation	*27. Narrative Goal: Conserve landscapes treasured by citizens to maintain water quality and habitat; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value.* *Outcome: Protect an additional 2 million acres of lands throughout the watershed currently identified as high conservation priorities at the federal, state, or local*	Develop, promote and achieve sound land use practices which protect and restore watershed resources and water quality, maintain reduced pollutant loadings for the Bay and its tributaries, and restore and preserve aquatic living resources.	Narrative Goal: Conserve landscapes treasured by citizens to maintain water quality and habitat; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of cultural, indigenous and community value. Outcome: Protect an additional 2 million acres of lands throughout the watershed currently identified as high conservation

		level by 2025.		priorities at the federal, state, or local level by 2025.
	Public Access Planning Action Team	**28. Narrative Goal: Expand public access to the Bay and its tributaries through existing and new local, state and federal parks, refuges, reserves, trails and partner sites.** **Outcome: Increase public access by adding 300 new public access sites by 2025.**	Expand public access by 30%. Install 30 new gateway sites by 2003, and increase water trails by 500 miles by 2005.	Narrative Goal: Expand public access to the Bay and its tributaries through existing and new local, state and federal parks, refuges, reserves, trails and partner sites. Outcome: Increase public access by adding 300 new public access sites by 2025.
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Enhancing Partnerships		29. Continually improving governance and management to ensure Program effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and partner participation.		
	Decision Framework Implementation Workgroup	**30. Effectively implement adaptive management across the program.**		Strengthen Science (Support Strategy): Strengthen science to support ecosystem-based adaptive management, to more effectively prioritize, implement, monitor, and evaluate policies needed, and to identify new threats.
		31. Effective and efficient governance of the Program.		
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STAR	Nontidal Workgroup	32. The Nontidal Water Quality Workgroup provides a coordination role to integrate water-quality monitoring programs in the non-tidal portion of the Bay's watershed and with the tidal monitoring programs. The two primary goals of the Workgroup are to (1) coordinate implementation of the CBP non-tidal Water Quality Network and manage the associated information, (2) provide analysis of the monitoring information to document water-quality change over time and support development of CBP indicators and assessment reports, and (3) support the science and technical needs of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Goal Implementation Teams.	x	x
	Indicators Workgroup	33. The Indicators Workgroup promotes the development of indicators that effectively communicate progress in the restoration of living resources, water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. The workgroup provides guidance to the Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting Team and the other teams and workgroups that have the responsibility for the selection of appropriate metrics and analysis and interpretation of data for individual indicators.		
	AMQAQ	34. To provide professional direction and guidance on field and laboratory methods and QA/QC, resulting in accurate and comparable Chesapeake Bay and tributary water quality monitoring data.	x	x