## Indicator Framework

SUPPORTING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM INTO THE FUTURE

## Purpose of Presentation

#### REVIEW MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISIONS

- New CBP Indicators Framework ADOPTED
- Indicators Management Process APPROVED
- Status & Trends Workgroup to implement the CBP Indicators Framework (in coordination with GIT leads and STAC) RE-LAUNCHED

#### **DISCUSS NEXT STEPS**

Continuing Indicator development work

## IF-Action Team Mission & Objectives

Mission: To recommend an Indicators Framework to the Mgmt. Board by Sept. 2015.

- 1. Revise Indicators Framework (IF) to better support our work, and
  - a. Align indicators to the Agreement;
  - b. Support adaptively managing; and
  - c. Communicate progress.
- 2. Support transparency efforts with Independent Evaluator (described in Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act).
- 3. Establish process to approve and update new indicators, and adjust framework as needed.

#### A Few Definitions

#### Outcome

▶ What is specifically sought to be achieved. Progress toward an outcome is determined through the use of measurable indicators.

#### Indicator

A summary measure that provides information on the state of, or change in, the system that is being measured.

#### <u>Metric</u>

The measured value(s) used to assess specific indicators. It defines the units and how the indicator is being measured.

#### Indicator Framework

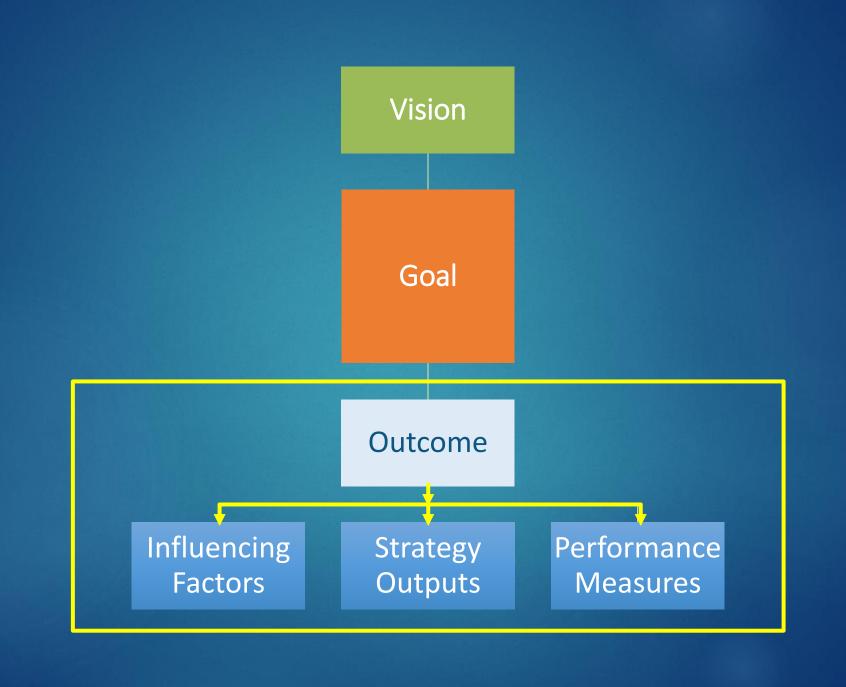
▶ A conceptual model that demonstrates the relationships between and describes how indicators will be used.

#### New CBP Indicators Framework

ALIGNS WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AGREEMENT

# Information Needs — Adaptive Management & Communication

- What KEY influencing factors are impacting achievement of outcome? → INFLUENCING FACTORS
- Are we doing what we said we would do in our work plans and strategies? > OUTPUTS
- ► Are we achieving the outcome? → PERFORMANCE



#### Indicators Framework

Watershed Agreement OUTCOME

INFLUENCING FACTOR Indicator

**OUTPUT** 

**Indicator** 

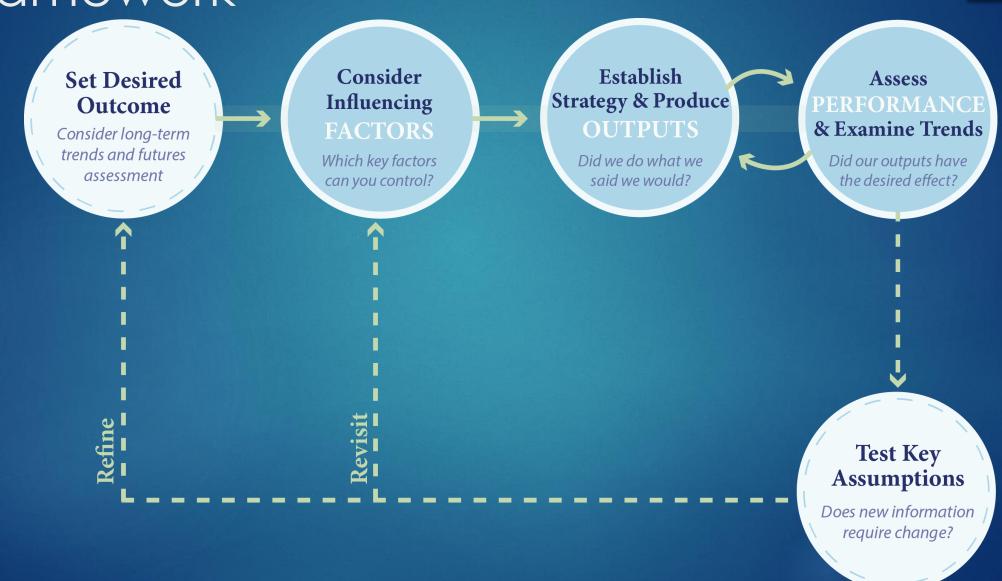
PERFORMANCE

**Indicator** 

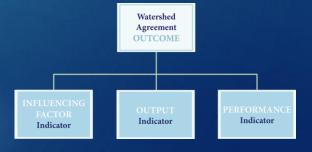
## Indicators & Adaptive Management

SUPPORTING ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

# Using Indicators in Simplified Decision Framework



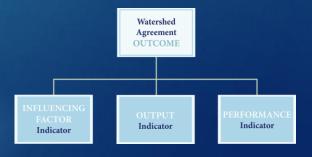
## Managing Indicators CRADLE TO GRAVE



Finding: Indicators approval process requires coordination among GITs, Status and Trends Workgroup, data providers, and Communication Team.

## Next Steps

CONTINUING INDICATOR DEVELOPMENT WORK



Finding: Our current suite of indicators only partially support tracking performance & achievement of the Vision, Goals, and Outcomes of the Agreement.

## Re-start STAR Status and Trends Workgroup

Mission: Enforce the integrity of the Indicators Framework. Ensure up-to-date indicators for Partnership products. Foster cross-outcome collaboration.

Recommended membership: GIT reps., GIS, Indicator Coordinator, Monitoring reps., STAR Analyst, Communications, ChesapeakeStat rep.

Fall 2015 •Update indicators framework in light of **Indicators** Watershed Agreement Framework •Will sunset when new framework is **Action Team** established •Review monitoring and assessment strategies **Indicators** and indicators to support Watershed **Assessment** Agreement outcomes **Team** •Incorporate work of the IA Team into S&TW **Integrated**  Evolve from BASINs work **Monitoring**  Recommend monitoring funding Workgroup priorities

Monitoring User Council\*

**Status and Trends Workgroup Integrated Monitoring Workgroup** 

Operational

\*To be established

### Status and Trends Workgroup

- Begin in January and develop work plan to include following elements:
  - Indicator Assessment and Gap Analysis
  - ► Cross-Outcome Indicator Analysis
- ▶ Set schedule with outputs to be presented for STAR (and MB?) approval.

### Status and Trends Workgroup

#### Indicator Assessment and Gap Analysis

- Continue meeting with Strategy leads to understand indicator needs.
- Organize indicators by outcome (into Indicator Framework categories).
- Identify gaps and potential metrics.

## Status and Trends Workgroup

#### Cross-Outcome Indicator Analysis

- ▶ Identify connections between indicators across outcomes and goals.
- Engage STAC in helping establish criteria to prioritize indicator acquisition for use adaptive management. (e.g., Should CBP prioritize information acquisition for assessing performance of outcomes or establishing output metrics/indicators?)
- Consider a collaborative approach to collecting geographic information.
- Work with Integrated Monitoring Workgroup to recommend a coordinated approach to information acquisition within resource constraints.

## Membership of IF Action Team

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- Jennifer Gundersen (BAT)
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- Scott Phillips (STAR)
- Guy Stephens (Web Team, ChesapeakeStat)
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