Strategy Review System (SRS) and the 2025 WIP Outcome
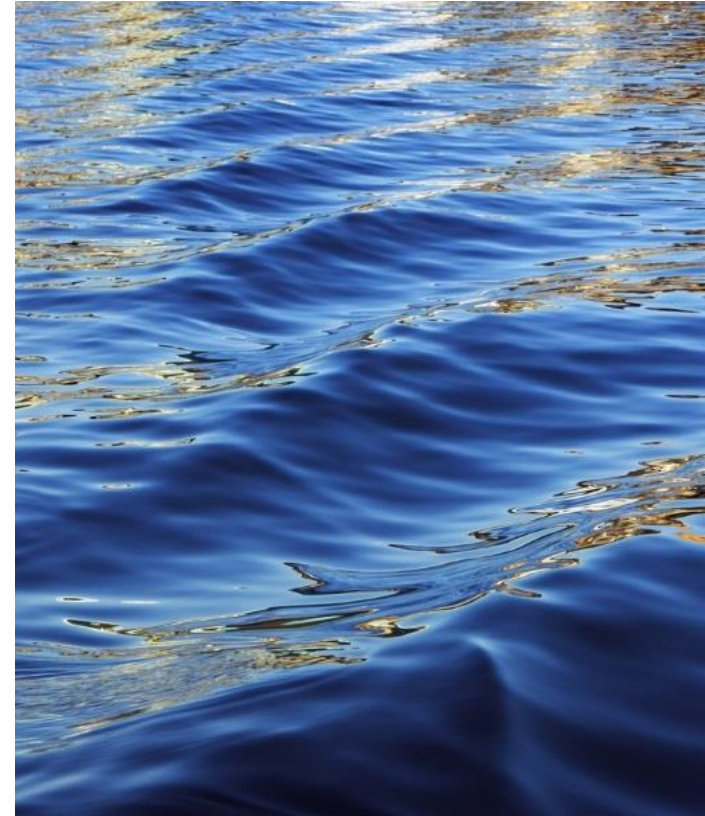
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What is the Strategy Review System (SRS)?

- It is how the CBP partnership applies adaptive management toward achieving the Watershed Agreement's goals & outcomes

- GITs developed Management Strategies, which "provide broad, overarching direction and are further supported by Strategy Review System documents"

- SRS documents: Logic & Action Plan, Narrative Analysis, and a Presentation
  - "Logic & Action Plan: Illustrates the link between the factors that could impact the partnership's ability to achieve an outcome and the actions it is taking to manage them. It also articulates what the partnership expects to achieve by taking those actions.
  - Narrative Analysis: Indicates whether the partnership's assumptions about an outcome have changed and whether its actions are having their intended effect. It describes whether new information will impact what the partnership is doing to achieve an outcome and recommends adaptations or course corrections.
  - Presentation: Summarizes the information in the Logic & Action Plan and Narrative Analysis, as well as any changes the workgroup anticipates making to its Management Strategy. It supports a GIT's request for action, support or assistance."

SRS document descriptions quoted from https://www.chesapeakebay.net/decisions/srs

How does the SRS work?

- 31 outcomes organized into 7 "cohorts"
  - Aquatic Life
  - **Clean Water Cohort**
    - Forest Buffers
    - Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention
    - Toxic Contaminants Research
    - Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring
    - **2025 Watershed Implementation Plans** (and 2017 WIP outcome)
  - Climate Change and Resiliency Cohort
  - Healthy Watersheds
  - Local Action
  - Next-generation Stewards
  - Stewardship

- Cohorts are brought to the Management Board on a quarterly basis at "Quarterly Progress Meetings" on a 2-year cycle

- We (WQGIT) are responsible for the 2025 WIP outcome, and need to update the SRS documents ahead of our Quarterly Progress Meeting on August 11, 2022

Refresher: Clean Water goal and 2025 WIP outcome

- **GOAL**
  - *Reduce pollutants to achieve the water quality necessary to support the aquatic living resources of the Bay and its tributaries and protect human health.*

- **OUTCOME (2025 Watershed Implementation Plans)**
  - *By 2025, have all practices and controls installed to achieve the Bay's dissolved oxygen, water clarity/submerged aquatic vegetation and chlorophyll-a standards as articulated in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL document.*

2022 SRS Roadmap

JULY 14, 2022
- First draft of Narrative Analysis (NA), Logic and Action Plan (LAP), and PPT due

AUGUST 11, 2022
- Management Board (MB) Quarterly Progress Meeting (QPM)

OCTOBER 31, 2022
- Public and signatory feedback begins

JULY 21, 2022
- STAR Dry Run
- Final Narrative Analysis (NA), Logic and Action Plan (LAP), and PPT due on July 28

OCTOBER 28, 2022
- Near- final SRS materials due (MS, LAP, NA)

DECEMBER 7, 2022
- Final SRS materials due

Getting our materials ready

- Small number of volunteers (2-3) would be greatly appreciated to work with me, GIT leaders, staffers, and SRS contacts offline to review and update documents

- For the full WQGIT:
  - Will work via email for the most part
  - TBD if we can incorporate this into existing meeting (June 27) or if a special TBD work session/meeting will be needed

- Some miscellaneous notes:
  - The updated Reducing Pollution Indicator (RPI) is expected this summer
  - Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report will be woven in, if report is available during our timeline

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