

## Biennial Strategy Review System: Logic Table and Work Plan

**Instructions:** The following Logic Table should be used to articulate, document, and examine the reasoning behind your work toward an Outcome. Your reasoning—or logic—should be based on the Partnership’s adaptive management [decision framework](#). This table allows you to indicate the status of your management actions and denote which actions have or will play the biggest role in making progress.

Some Management Strategies and Work Plans will not immediately or easily fit into this analytical format. However, **all GITs should complete columns one through four** to bring consistency to and heighten the utility of these guiding documents. The remaining columns are recommended for those who are able to complete them. If you have any questions as you are completing this table, please contact SRS Team Coordinator Laura Free ([free.laura@epa.gov](mailto:free.laura@epa.gov)).

The instructions below should be used to complete the table. An example table is available on the [GIT 6 webpage](#) under “Projects and Resources”.

1. For the first round of strategic review (2017-2018): Use your existing Work Plan actions to complete the **Work Plan Actions** section first. Make sure to number each of the actions under a high-level Management Approach, as these numbers will provide a link between the work plan and the logic table above it. Use color to indicate the status of your actions: a **green** row indicates an action has been completed or is moving forward as planned; a **yellow** row indicates an action has encountered minor obstacles; and a **red** row indicates an action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier.
2. **Required:** In the column labeled **Factor**, list the significant factors (both positive and negative) that will or could affect your progress toward an Outcome. The most effective method to ensure logic flow is to list all your factors and then complete each row for each factor. Consult our Guide to Influencing Factors (Appendix B of the Quarterly Progress Meeting Guide on the [GIT 6 webpage](#) under “Projects and Resources”) to ensure your list is reasonably comprehensive and has considered human and natural systems. Include any factors that were not mentioned in your original Management Strategy or Work Plan but should be addressed in any revised course of action. If an unmanageable factor significantly impacts your outcome (e.g., climate change), you might choose to list it here and describe how you are tracking (but not managing) that factor.
3. **Required:** In the column labeled **Current Efforts**, use keywords to describe existing programs or current efforts that other organizations are taking that happen to support your work to manage an influencing factor but would take place even without the influence or coordination of the Chesapeake Bay Program. You may also include current efforts by the Chesapeake Bay Program. Many of these current efforts may already be identified in your Management Strategy; you may choose to link the keywords used in this table to your Management Strategy document for additional context. You may also choose to include some of these efforts as actions in your work plan; if you do, please include the action’s number and hyperlink.
4. **Required:** In the column labeled **Gap**, list any existing gap(s) left by those programs that may already be in place to address an influencing factor. These gaps should help determine the actions that should be taken by the Chesapeake Bay Program through the collective efforts of Goal Implementation Teams, Workgroups, and internal support teams like STAR, or the actions that should be taken by individual partners to support our collective work (e.g., a presentation of scientific findings by a federal agency to a Chesapeake Bay Program workgroup). These gaps may already be listed in your Management Strategy.
5. **Required:** In the column labeled **Actions**, list the number that corresponds to the action(s) you are taking to fill identified gaps in managing influencing factors. Include on a separate line those approaches and/or actions that may not be linked to an influencing factor. To help identify the action number, you may also include a few key words. Emphasize critical actions in **bold**.
6. **Optional:** In the column labeled **Metric**, describe any metric(s) or observation(s) that will be used to determine whether your management actions have achieved the intended result.
7. **Optional:** In the column labeled **Expected Response and Application**, briefly describe the expected effects and future application of your management actions. Include the timing and magnitude of any expected changes, whether these changes have occurred, and how these changes will influence your next steps
8. **Optional:** In the column labeled **Learn/Adapt**, describe what you learned from taking an action and how this lesson will impact your work plan or Management Strategy going forward.

## 2017 and 2025 WIP Outcoms Logic Table and Work Plan

**Primary Users:** Goal Implementation Teams, Workgroups, and Management Board | **Secondary Audience:** Interested Internal or External Parties

**Primary Purpose:** To assist partners in thinking through the relationships between their actions and specific factors, existing programs and gaps (either new or identified in their Management Strategies) and to help workgroups and Goal Implementation Teams prepare to present significant findings related to these actions and/or factors, existing programs and gaps to the Management Board. | **Secondary Purpose:** To enable those who are not familiar with a workgroup to understand and trace the logic driving its actions.

**Reminder:** As you complete the table below, keep in mind that removing actions, adapting actions, or adding new actions may require you to adjust the high-level Management Approaches outlined in your Management Strategy (to ensure these approaches continue to represent the collection of actions below them).

**Long-term Target:** (the metric for success of Outcome):

**Two-year Target:** (increment of metric for success):

KEY: Use the following colors to indicate whether a Metric and Expected Response have been identified.	
Metric	Specific metrics have not been identified
	Metrics have been identified
Expected Response	No timeline for progress for this action has been specified
	Timeline has been specified

Factor	Current Efforts	Gap	Actions (critical in bold)	Metrics	Expected Response and Application	Learn/Adapt
<i>What is impacting our ability to achieve our outcome?</i>	<i>What current efforts are addressing this factor?</i>	<i>What further efforts or information are needed to fully address this factor?</i>	<i>What actions are essential to achieve our outcome?</i>	<i>Optional: Do we have a measure of progress? How do we know if we have achieved the intended result?</i>	<i>Optional: What effects do we expect to see as a result of this action, when, and what is the anticipated application of these changes?</i>	<i>Optional: What did we learn from taking this action? How will this lesson impact our work?</i>
<b>Example:</b>						
Continuing to sustain the capacity of governments and the private sector to implement practices						

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Delivering the necessary financial capacity to implement practices and programs						
Improving the identification of sources and their contributions to nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment pollutant loads	Explaining trends work; high resolution land cover and land use data					
Quantifying the reductions from pollution control practices and verifying their continued performance	BMP expert panels and development of BMP verification programs	<i>Implementation of BMP verification programs; continued crediting of new, innovative practices</i>				
Enhancing the next generation of decision support tools (Phase 6)	Phase 6 model development over past 5 years, approval by PSC for management application	<i>Build in optimization system</i>				
Revisiting watershed model calibration methods with the goal of improving local watershed results						
Reviewing and updating historical implementation data that has been submitted by the jurisdictions to the CBP partnership, confirming that BMPs are still in place and ensuring that accurate						

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information is included in the modeling tools						
Understanding the factors affecting the ecosystem response to pollutant load reductions to focus management efforts and strategies						
Factoring in effects from continued climate change						
Assessing the implementation potential of filter feeders for nutrient and sediment reductions						
Examining the impact the lower Susquehanna dams have on the pollutant loads to the Bay, including changes over time						
Conducting a detailed multi-year assessment of chlorophyll in the tidal James River using augmented monitoring and modeling approaches						

## WORK PLAN ACTIONS

**Green** - action has been completed or is moving forward as planned    **Yellow** - action has encountered minor obstacles

**Red** - action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier

Action #	Description	Performance Target(s)	Responsible Party (or Parties)	Geographic Location	Expected Timeline
<b>Management Approach 1:</b>					
<b>1.1</b>					
<b>1.2</b>					
<b>Management Approach 2:</b>					