

# Beyond 2025 – Do we consider a revision to the Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring outcome?

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**Outcome:**

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# What's in an outcome?

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- Our outcome in the 2014 Watershed Agreement has nothing to do with affecting change in bay health.
- Our outcome is about having data and tools, i.e., capacity, to do assessments of watershed and bay conditions
- And our outcome is about providing reports of bay and watershed water quality trends.

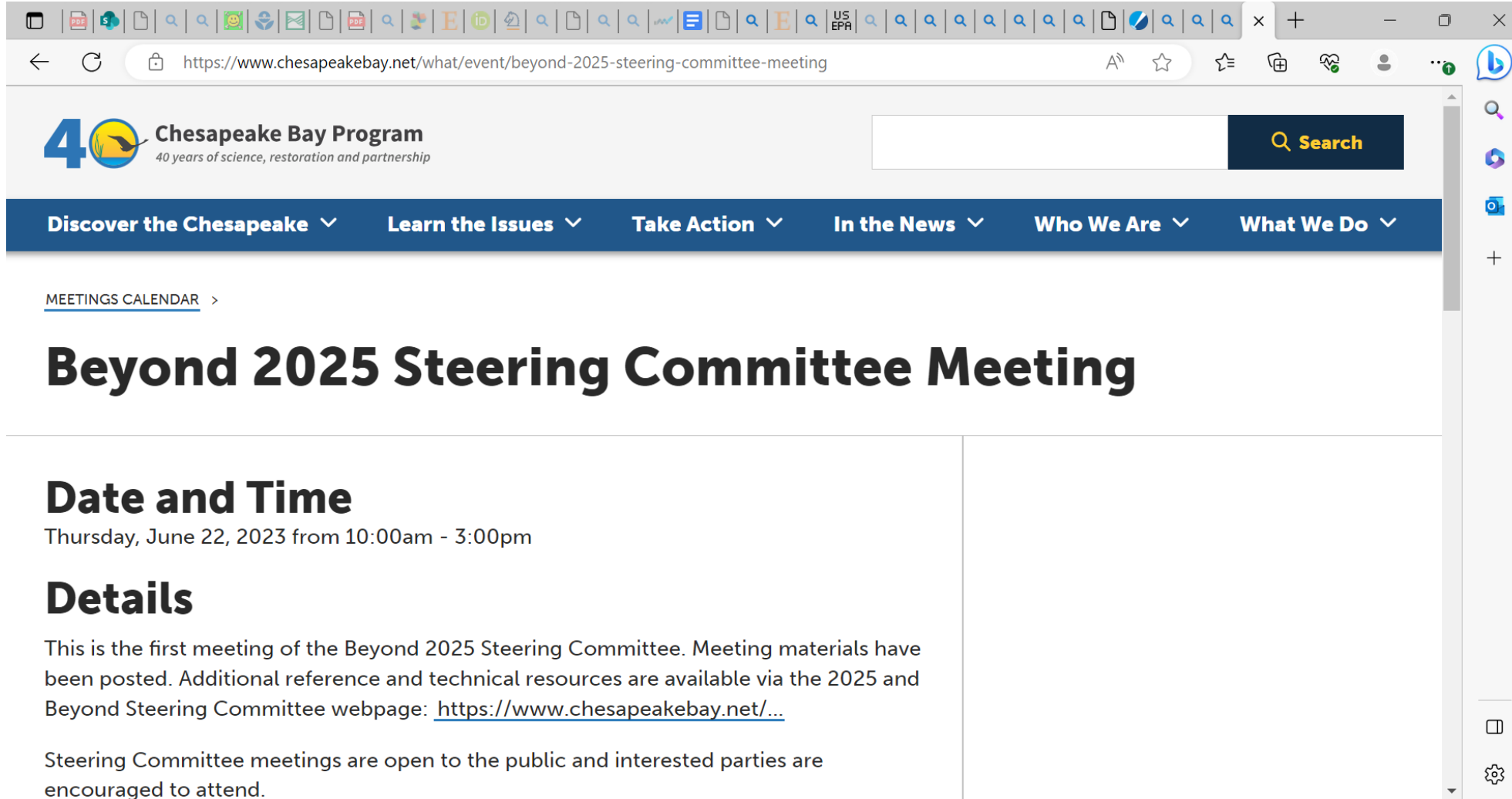
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# 2025: Assessment of Reaching 2025 and looking Beyond 2025 for CBP



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Chesapeake Bay Program website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/beyond-2025-steering-committee-meeting>. The website header features the Chesapeake Bay Program logo (a blue '40' with a bird icon) and the text 'Chesapeake Bay Program' and '40 years of science, restoration and partnership'. A search bar with a 'Search' button is on the right. A dark blue navigation bar contains links: 'Discover the Chesapeake', 'Learn the Issues', 'Take Action', 'In the News', 'Who We Are', and 'What We Do'. Below this, a link for 'MEETINGS CALENDAR' is visible. The main heading is 'Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting'. The page is divided into two columns. The left column contains the following text:

**Date and Time**  
Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Details**  
This is the first meeting of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee. Meeting materials have been posted. Additional reference and technical resources are available via the 2025 and Beyond Steering Committee webpage: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/...>

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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# Considerations

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**If something hasn't worked well, how might we improve our effectiveness and efficiency as the CBP?**



**Language of the Agreement is a subject area of discussion – will we keep the same language, adjust outcomes, create new one's, drop old one's, etc.**

We have an opportunity to offer suggestions toward maintaining our existing outcome, or, amending/editing it to reflect updated ideas about what an effective outcome for WQ Stds Attainment and Loads/Trends results should mean