

STAC should continue:

- Being the voice of the scientific community and provide independent review and guidance of CBP activities.
- Guidance on applying adaptive management (CBP decision framework) for carrying out management strategies and work plans.
- Interacting with STAR to expand science capacity to meet the scope of the Chesapeake Agreement.

Considerations for future STAC directions:

- Decrease focus on nutrients and sediment and evolve expertise to have more emphasis on other goals in Chesapeake agreement (including fisheries, habitat, toxic contaminants, healthy watersheds/land conservation, climate resiliency, stewardship).
- Focus on the linkages between Agreement goals and science needed to forecast and assess ecosystem conditions and potential effects of management policies and practices.
- More in-depth discussion of STAC workshop recommendations with decision makers.

CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM OF CHESAPEAKE BAY ECOSYSTEM

