



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*

# ***Panel: Shared Challenges and Opportunities in Coupled Systems***

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## The Four Interconnected Goals of Watershed Restoration



*The signatories recognize that all aspects of the ecosystem are connected and that these Goals and Outcomes support the health and protection of the entire Bay watershed.*



# Regrouped & Revised Outcomes

## Healthy Landscapes

- Healthy Forests and Trees\*
- Protected Lands\*
- Land Use Decision Support
- Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions

## Clean Water

- Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment\*\*
- Toxic Contaminants Mitigation
- Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring

## Thriving Habitat and Wildlife

- Blue Crab Sustainability
- Brook Trout\*
- Fish Habitat\*\*
- Fish Passage
- Oysters
- Stream Health
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)
- Wetlands\*\*

## Engaged Communities

- Local Leadership
- Public Access\*
- School District Planning
- Stewardship
- Student Experiences
- Workforce

\* Outcome target placeholders

\*\* Plans to develop targets

**Protect valued areas:** forests, wetlands, farmland, tribal lands, urban greenspace, and lands supporting healthy streams.



**Restore and maintain forests and trees:** in communities, riparian areas, and other areas.



**Inform land use planning decisions:** produce and share data and case studies relevant to both local needs and the health of local waterways.

**Reduce future risks to people and habitats:** from changes in temperature, precipitation, and land use.

