



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*A Watershed Partnership*

# Background

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With recent estimates to improve Bay water quality placed at more than \$11 billion, the Chesapeake Executive Council has established a Chesapeake Bay Watershed Blue Ribbon Finance Panel to seek new and innovative ways to finance and secure the Bay's future.

The 15-member panel includes high-level business leaders of major companies, financial and economic experts, and stakeholders with experience in storm water, agriculture, air emission and wastewater treatment plant funding and pollution control.

The panel will meet several times throughout 2004 and will provide its final recommendations in October 2004.

## Chesapeake Bay Watershed Blue Ribbon Finance Panel Members

### **The Honorable Bruce Babbitt**

Secretary Babbitt is a resident of the District of Columbia and is Of Counsel at the law firm of Latham & Watkins. He served as the Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton administration and is former Arizona governor and attorney general. He currently serves as a director of the World Wildlife Fund and Chair of the District of Columbia Mayor's Environmental Council. Secretary Babbitt is a graduate of the Harvard University Law School. He was designated to serve on the panel by District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams.

### **The Honorable Gerald L. Baliles**

Gerald L. Baliles is the former Governor and Attorney General of Virginia. As Governor, he signed the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth. He is author of the book "Preserving the Chesapeake Bay." In 1993, President Clinton appointed him to chair the National Commission to Ensure a Strong and Competitive Airline Industry. More recently, Governor Baliles assisted the U.S. in negotiating an "open skies" air transport agreement with Japan. Governor Baliles is currently a partner in the law firm of Hunton and Williams in Richmond. He was designated to the panel by Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner.

### **William C. Baker**

Mr. Baker is a native of Baltimore and is President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where he has worked for the past 28 years. He serves on a number of boards, many of which are Chesapeake Bay-related, and is a founding member of the Living Classrooms Foundation, the Metropolitan Washington Smart Growth Alliance, and the Institute for the Venice Lagoon. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Trinity College.

### **Phyllis M. Cole**

Ms. Cole is a resident of Petersburg, W.Va., and is a special project consultant to local governments. She served as senior staff to the governor and was the project manager for local flood protection projects, including the coordination efforts following the flood of 1985. She has served on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin since 1986. Ms. Cole was designated to serve on the panel by West Virginia Governor Bob Wise.



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**Joseph Corrado**

Mr. Corrado is President of the Corrado American construction firm and is Chairman of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Wastewater Facilities Advisory Council. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Delaware State University. Mr. Corrado attended St. Joseph's University and was designated to the panel by Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner.

**Nicholas DeBenedictis**

Mr. DeBenedictis is Chairman of Aqua America, Inc and is former Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources and Director of the Office of Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He serves on several boards for regional economic and environmental organizations. Mr. DeBenedictis has an M.S. from Drexel University, and was designated to serve on the panel by the Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell.

**The Honorable Penelope A. Gross**

Supervisor Gross has served as an elected official to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1996. She chairs the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Water Supply Task Force and was recently elected to the Potomac Watershed Roundtable. Supervisor Gross has had a long career of public service at the federal and local levels. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

**F. Henry Habicht, II**

Mr. Habicht has served as Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and as Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice where he directed the Environmental and Natural Resources Division. He is Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment & Technology Foundation and is a founding principal of Capital E, LLC. He currently serves on numerous boards and advisory councils and is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Virginia Law School. Mr. Habicht was designated to the panel by EPA Administrator Michael Leavitt.

**The Honorable James W. Hubbard**

Delegate Hubbard is a resident of Bowie, Md., and has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1992. He has a long history of community involvement and currently serves on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Air Quality Committee, Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Committee, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission. Delegate Hubbard is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

**Thomas J. Kelly**

Thomas J. Kelly is President of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), a public benefit corporation that promotes environmental quality by providing low-cost capital and expert technical assistance to municipalities, businesses and State agencies for environmental projects in New York State. Under Mr. Kelly's leadership, EFC's financing activity has reached unprecedented volume, gaining the Corporation national recognition as one of the top bond issuers in the country in 2003. Much of this activity has been accomplished through a major refunding Mr. Kelly initiated which resulted in a total present value savings of approximately \$133 million for municipal borrowers. Mr. Kelly's professional background includes experience in real estate, environmental and municipal law, as well as municipal finance, land use and zoning, labor relations and corporate law. Until joining EFC, Mr. Kelly operated his own law firm in Brewster, New York. Thomas J. Kelly was designated to the panel by New York Governor George E. Pataki.

**James Patrick Muldoon**

Mr. Muldoon is a resident of the District of Columbia and has been the CEO of METCOR since 1979. He is a founding member of the Washington First Bank and serves as chairman of the board of several business and professional organizations. Mr. Muldoon is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Law.

**Jim Perdue**

Mr. Perdue is a resident of Salisbury, Md. and is the Chairman of the Board of Perdue Farms Inc., the family poultry business founded by his grandfather. He is active in poultry industry organizations and is a member of the board of several community organizations. Mr. Perdue has a M.S. in marine biology from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in fisheries from the University of Washington. He was designated to serve on the panel by Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.

**Terry L. Randall**

Mr. Randall is a Certified Public Accountant from Williamsport, Md. and serves as President and CEO of Mellot Enterprises, Inc. He is former Managing Partner of the Global Group for Wolpoff & Company, LLP, Accountants and Consultants. Mr. Randall serves on the boards of several professional and civic organizations. He is a graduate of Shepherd College.

**John McNeil Wilkie**

Mr. Wilkie is Managing Director of Davidson Capital Group. He is the former President of Eurotech, Ltd. and former Vice Chairman of the Morgan Guaranty International Bank. He is the District of Columbia's representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Program. Mr. Wilkie is a graduate of Harvard University.

**James D. Wilkins, II**

Mr. Wilkins is a farmer and banker from Circleville, W.Va.. He has a history of service to the community through membership on a number of boards. He is currently the Co-Chair of the North Fork Watershed Association. Mr. Wilkins has a B.S. from Eastern Mennonite University.