



Chesapeake Bay Program

Chesapeake Executive Council

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Adoption Statement on Land, Growth, and Stewardship

We, the undersigned, accept the report "Priorities for Action for Land, Growth and Stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay Region." In so doing, we endorse the following efforts and request that they be addressed by the Chesapeake Bay Program through broad public outreach during the coming year.

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed is expected to become home to almost three million more people by the year 2020. This will continue to test our ability to meet our restoration goals while accommodating growth and development. New residents and citizens who are already in the region will want to attain economic prosperity, will expect to live in communities where the quality of life is high, and will insist on an environment that is clean and available for their enjoyment. Integrating economic health, resource protection, management and enhancement, and community participation will be a challenge for us all. This Report represents a new beginning to meet this challenge in a manner that is sensitive to local issues and local autonomy and emphasizes our desire to help communities help themselves.

The Report is meant to serve as a way to address land, growth and stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay Region. It can facilitate future and ongoing public or private actions to be taken by the Chesapeake Bay Program and other stakeholders within the Region. The Chesapeake Bay Program will continue to advance the "Priorities for Action for Land, Growth and Stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay Region" through the identification of specific actions, commitments and resources. The Program (through the [State signatories](#), [Land, Growth and Stewardship Subcommittee](#), [Local Government Advisory Committee](#) and [Citizens Advisory Committee](#)) will conduct broad outreach during the next year with local governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and citizens to seek review and comment on these Priorities. The Chesapeake Bay Program will identify models, technologies and practices, that can be used to assess and minimize the impacts of different development patterns and land use designs on nutrient loadings to the Bay. This information will be useful to state and local jurisdictions as they work to achieve the nutrient reduction and habitat restoration goals of the Program. The Chesapeake Bay Program will communicate and distribute collected materials on these models, technologies and practices

to local governments, land use decision-makers, practitioners, realtors, homebuilders, and other stakeholders.

By accepting this report and the actions outlined above, the purposes of the population growth and development commitments of the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement are advanced.

Date: October 10, 1996

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