



Chesapeake Bay Program News



First State of the Susquehanna Report Details Successes, Opportunities for Chesapeake Bay's Largest River Basin

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission has released the first-ever State of the Susquehanna report, which details successes, partnerships, threats and opportunities to the Susquehanna River basin's health.

Learn More: [Streams and Rivers](#) | [Bay Barometer](#)



Virginia Partnership Aims to Restore Oysters, Jobs and the Chesapeake Bay

A new oyster partnership in Virginia will bring watermen, scientists, businesses and citizens together to help restore the Chesapeake Bay's oysters while creating jobs at the same time.

Learn More: [Oysters](#) | [Aquatic Reefs](#)



Striped Bass Reproduction Below Average in Maryland, Above Average in Virginia in 2010

The number of young striped bass in Maryland waters in 2010 was below average for the third straight year, while in Virginia the amount of young striped bass was once again above average, according to state surveys.

Learn More: [Striped Bass](#)

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From Our Partners



Make Your Voice Heard on Draft Comprehensive Plan for Captain John Smith National Historic Trail

The National Park Service invites you to share your comments on the draft comprehensive plan for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, the first national historic water trail, by Nov. 5.

Learn More: [Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail](#)



EPA to Hold Listening Sessions on Potential Chesapeake Bay Stormwater Rule

The U.S. EPA will hold five listening sessions and one webcast to seek public feedback on a proposed rule that aims to reduce the harmful effects of stormwater from new development and redevelopment.

Learn More: [Stormwater](#)

Features



Take a Photo Tour of Tangier Island

Chesapeake Bay Program photographer Matt Rath discusses his first visit to Tangier Island -- one of the last remaining inhabited islands in the Chesapeake Bay -- and shares some of his thoughts and photographs of the island.

Learn More: [Visit the Bay](#)



Critter of the Month

Some might find October's critter a little scary, since this small, mostly nocturnal flying mammal is often associated with Halloween. Do you know what it is?

Learn More: [Chesapeake Bay Field Guide](#)



Explore Your Chesapeake: Parkers Creek Watershed Nature Preserve

Explore hardwood forests, farmland and pristine marshes, wetlands and shorelines along more than 15 miles of trails at Parkers Creek Watershed Nature Preserve in Prince Frederick, Md.

Learn More: [Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network](#)

What You Can Do



Compost Fallen Leaves

Instead of spending painstaking hours raking, blowing and bagging fallen leaves, try composting them instead. Making mulch from fallen leaves helps reduce polluted runoff, naturally fertilizes your lawn, and prevents bags of leaves from filling up local landfills.

Learn More: [What You Can Do](#)

The Bay in the News

Effort to protect clean water in Loudoun, VA, runs into opposition

*The Bay Journal*

The Secret to Turning Consumers Green

*The Wall Street Journal*

Holland Island home's demise marks 'end of era'

*The Baltimore Sun*

Aid for Va.'s oyster industry?

*The Newport News Daily Press*

Concern mounts over Environmental Protection Agency bay plan

*The Newport News Daily Press*

Taking care of bay by taking care of water here

*The Lancaster Intelligencer Journal/New Era*

Farmers want EPA to ease up

*The Staunton News Leader*

Dam Removal Spurs River Renaissance

*The Huffington Post*