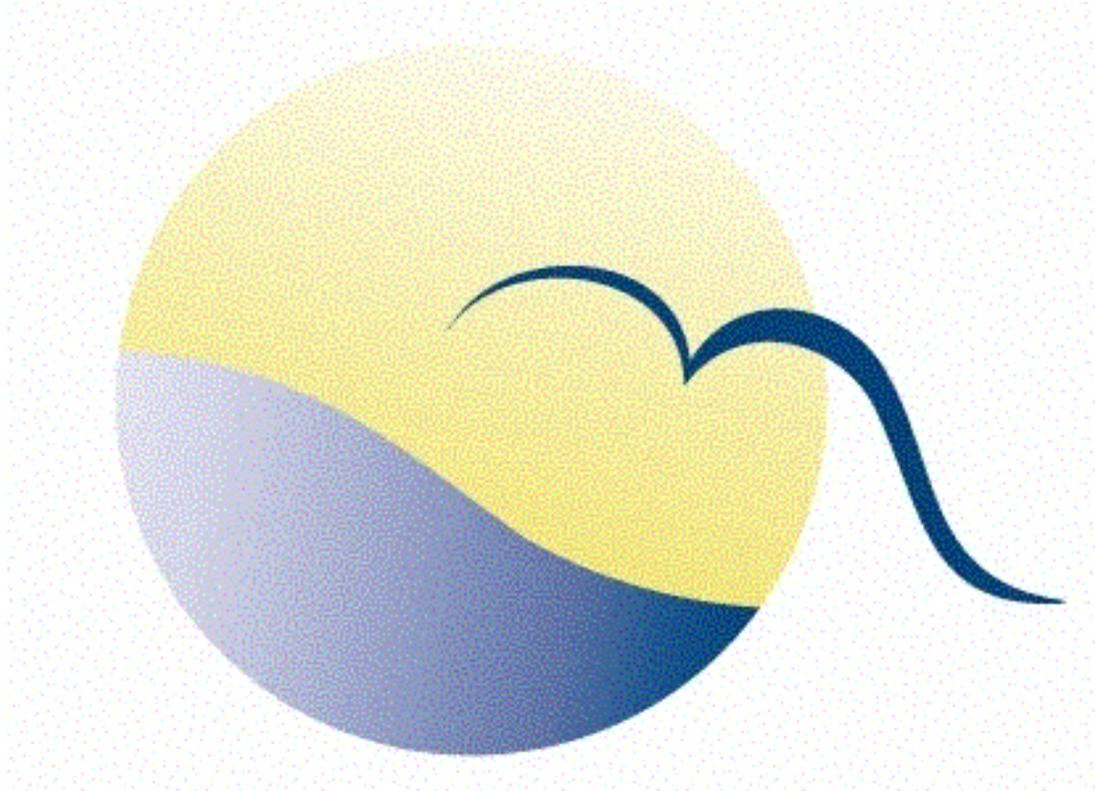


Citizens Advisory Committee TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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2006 Annual Report

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In 2006 the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council (CAC) has continued to sharpen its focus on overall funding for Bay restoration and progress on the Tributary Strategies and improved water quality as the starting point for a healthy Bay. Since the last Executive Council meeting ten months ago, CAC has convened panels on nutrient trading in Pennsylvania, oyster restoration and progress on the non-native oyster introduction Environmental Impact Study, and wetlands protection and restoration in Virginia. CAC has engaged Bay Program staff, technical committees, and numerous local stakeholders on these issues. The Committee has also met with staff of the Congressional Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force on federal funding and Bay Program Reauthorization bills. Based upon this work and internal CAC discussions, CAC is pleased to offer the following Executive Summary and Annual Report with specific recommendations to the Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council.

Executive Summary

- **Agricultural partnerships are critical to the Bay restoration effort.** Supporting agricultural lands implementing Best Management Practices remains the most effective means of controlling nutrient and sediment loading to the Bay and achieving the C2K water quality objectives. CAC commends the Executive Council for fostering agricultural partnerships during 2006, through participation of US Department of Agriculture resources across the Bay Program, and engagement of the agricultural community in tributary strategy implementation. CAC believes the 2007 Farm Bill represents a key tool to help achieve a healthy Chesapeake Bay. We urge the Executive Council to work aggressively with federal legislative partners toward a Farm Bill which supports Chesapeake restoration goals. We urge enhanced agricultural support directly within each of the jurisdictions to foster ongoing agricultural viability. We encourage each jurisdiction to continue, and grow, state-level funding for initiatives to implement agricultural best practices while leveraging available federal agricultural funding.
- **We must grow in a way that leads to a healthy and restored Chesapeake Bay.** Despite efforts to accommodate growth in a more sustainable manner, the pattern of growth across the Chesapeake Bay region has continued to challenge Bay restoration results. CAC believes current growth patterns, if continued, will significantly increase the costs of Bay recovery and may negate the steps currently being taken to improve water quality and living resources. We encourage the Executive Council to provide planning authorities with additional tools and resources to improve growth patterns for Bay protection. CAC recommends the Executive Council increase support for agricultural and forest land preservation, including financial and local government technical support for growth planning and high priority land conservation. We reinforce the importance of a viable agricultural economy in supporting land preservation efforts. Finally, we encourage implementation of additional actions for stormwater management, particularly in new development, to encourage most cost effective practices to reduce stormwater nutrient and sediment loading.
- **Tributary Strategy implementation plans must accelerate.** We are rapidly approaching the 2010 goal to meet water quality improvement targets. CAC continues to view the Tributary Strategies as the most crucial element of the Bay restoration effort. While there has been progress in 2006, much remains to be done. We encourage further use of the Chesapeake Bay Commission's "Cost- Effective Strategies for the Bay," to target tributary strategy spending. We believe measurable progress on Tributary Strategy implementation is key to program accountability and continued public support. CAC acknowledges the Bay Program is evaluating a reorganization to assess how the Program can more effectively implement the C2K goals. CAC supports Bay Program reorganization if it will lead to focused and accelerated Tributary Strategy implementation.
- **Executive Council leadership remains essential.** The Chesapeake Bay Program faces growing pressures regarding funding, effectiveness, commitments, and measurable progress. We continue to see a strong desire for improvement in the health of this national treasure, and broad support for the *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement* goals. A restored Chesapeake Bay represents not only an ecological treasure, but a key to our regional "quality of life" – a clean

and productive Bay is good for human health, communities, and our regional economy. We encourage you to use your leadership to highlight the quality of life inherent to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and capitalize on this to build support and accelerate Bay restoration efforts. Well-managed growth, creative financing, priority setting innovative partnerships, and implementation of on-the-ground improvements require political will and leadership. With the continued challenges facing the Program as we approach 2010, strong and visible leadership from the Executive Council will be important to achieving the desired Bay restoration progress.

- CAC has been following oyster restoration efforts and the Federal Environmental Impact Study on potential introduction of a non-native oyster in the Chesapeake Bay environment. We are pleased the Executive Council continues to support the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) recommendations on the EIS process. The completion of a thorough Environmental Impact Study serves as a sound and prudent roadmap for success on this difficult policy question.
- CAC continues to believe a Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority, as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Finance Panel, will help leverage funding and ensure the limited funds available are directed toward the highest priority areas for Bay restoration. We are disappointed that this effort has not advanced significantly in 2006. Last year the Principals' Staff Committee directed the Bay Program to provide due diligence on a Financing Authority, and to date we have seen no indication of progress on this study. We look forward to advancement of a Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority out of the conceptual phase and into reality.

Points of Recommendation

The Citizens Advisory Committee acknowledges the scrutiny the Chesapeake Bay Program has faced during the past year, with numerous audits, oversight hearings, and media attention. We remain encouraged that the Bay Program is making progress in understanding and implementing needed restoration actions despite a significant gap between the available and required funding for full implementation of the C2K agreement. CAC also acknowledges the GAO recommendations, specifically in targeting greater priority effort and funding toward the “Keystone Commitments”, and setting goals more consistent with identified funding sources. While we align with the priority focus, particularly on Tributary Strategy implementation, as we have stated in the past, we do not recommend that Bay restoration objectives or strategies be limited to currently available resources. If we aim merely to do “what we can with what we can identify today”, we will have missed a leadership opportunity to foster creative approaches toward the real Chesapeake Bay Program objective – restoration of a healthy and productive Bay.

The Citizens Advisory Committee believes strongly in the goals and mission of the Bay Program. CAC also believes the Bay Program remains a global model of a partnership approach to complex ecosystem restoration. While there is still much more to be done, we highlight and commend the Bay Program staff, partners, volunteers, and individual jurisdictions for progress made this year towards Bay restoration:

- CAC recognizes Pennsylvania for broadened stakeholder engagement toward successful Tributary Strategy implementation, and especially the increased local government, municipal authority, and agricultural community engagement in the nutrient trading program. CAC has been closely following the development of this nutrient trading program and while there are still some questions concerning agricultural involvement, we believe the trading program holds promise for cost effectively meeting water quality goals in Pennsylvania’s rivers and streams.
- CAC commends Maryland for releasing a detailed tributary strategy implementation plan. Maryland’s use of Tributary Teams continues to be a sound model for effective stakeholder engagement. Additionally, we recognize the Bay Restoration Fund’s contribution to waste water treatment plant upgrades and funding committed toward this goal.
- CAC acknowledges the Virginia General Assembly House Bill 1150 that passed this session. The Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up and Oversight Act will generate a detailed implementation plan including specific cost estimates, priorities and completion dates for both point and nonpoint sources. The Bill’s charge to assess alternative funding mechanisms can help Virginia to build upon its progress.
- CAC recognizes the institution of the District of Columbia’s Department of Environment last year, and believes this was an important step forward in strengthening the District’s broad environmental leadership. We look forward to the continued development of this

Department to facilitate nonpoint source reductions in the District. We are also encouraged to see strong citizen engagement and the Anacostia partnerships that are being fostered as a model of urban / suburban waterway protection and restoration.

- CAC is also encouraged by the continued and greater participation of the Headwater states in various Bay protection programs.

As your citizen advisors, we continue to see a strong desire for improvement in the health of this national treasure, and broad support for Bay watershed restoration. We know a restored Chesapeake Bay represents not only an ecological treasure, but also a key to our regional “quality of life. The citizens are committed to Bay restoration. The Citizens Advisory Committee fully supports the Executive Council in its efforts to lead the Bay restoration to a higher level of achievement and we look forward to further real, measurable progress on the C2K goals.

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural partnerships remain critical to the Bay restoration effort.

Support for working agricultural lands implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) remains our most effective means of controlling nutrient and sediment loading to the Bay and achieving the C2K water quality objectives. CAC commends the Executive Council for fostering agricultural partnerships during 2006, both through broader participation of US Department of Agriculture resources across the Bay Program, and direct engagement of the agricultural community in tributary strategy refinement and implementation in each jurisdiction. We encourage the Executive Council to further strengthen collaborative relationships with our agricultural partners, including individual farmers and landowners, the agricultural business community, and state, local and federal agencies.

CAC strongly supports the Executive Council’s recommendations and priorities regarding Federal Farm Bill reform and strengthening the region’s agricultural economy as outlined in Executive Council Directive #06-1. We believe the 2007 Farm Bill, with the potential for additional targeted support for the region’s agricultural economic viability and enhanced conservation funding, remains a key part of achieving a long-term healthy Chesapeake Bay. We urge the Executive Council to work aggressively with federal legislative partners toward a Farm Bill which supports these goals.

We also urge enhanced agricultural support directly within each of the jurisdictions to foster strong BMP implementation, cost effective water quality improvements, and ongoing agricultural viability. We encourage each jurisdiction to continue, and grow, state-level funding for initiatives to implement agricultural best practices and agricultural land preservation while leveraging available federal agricultural funding.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Growth Management for a Healthy Bay

Despite efforts to accommodate growth in a more sustainable manner, the pattern of growth across the Chesapeake Bay region has continued to challenge Bay restoration results. CAC believes that current growth patterns and practices, if maintained, will significantly increase the costs of Bay recovery and may negate the important steps currently being taken to improve water quality and living resources. A 100,000-plus person population growth each year is in many ways a positive for the Bay region and its economy, and is an indication of the attractiveness of our region. However, there are downsides to stresses on water quality, habitats and living resources if we do not manage this growth effectively. Bay Program scientists have calculated that in recent years an 8% population growth resulted in a 41% increase in impervious surface. The Chesapeake Bay Program partners, including individual citizens, landowners, developers, planners, and local governments, must identify and implement ways to address the challenges associated with an above national average population growth and a stressed estuarine ecosystem. **We look to the Executive Council to make growth management a priority.**

CAC encourages the Executive Council to provide planning authorities with additional tools and resources to improve growth patterns for Bay protection. Responsible growth supports a viable agricultural community, preserves forests (the best land use for controlling nutrients and sediment) and helps limit water quality impacts from urban/suburban land uses. CAC offers the following specific recommendations to help address sound growth management in the Bay watershed:

- **Agricultural Land Preservation**

As the Chesapeake Bay Commission's report, "Cost-Effective Strategies for the Bay" concludes it is far more cost effective to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on farms, than to retrofit urban development in the watershed. A farm with BMPs is better equipped to control nutrient and sediment runoff as compared to urban land uses. Costly urban stormwater retrofits will have limited effects if we continue to transition high conservation value farm land to improperly planned development. The jurisdictions and EPA need to provide ways to deliver technical assistance to local governments, planning commissions and staff facing the challenges of local land use decisions. **We reinforce the importance of a viable agricultural economy in aiding the conservation aspect of growth planning, and encourage the Executive Council to provide further technical assistance and support to local governments on the mechanics and available funding sources for land preservation agreements and Purchase and/or Transfer of Development Rights programs.** We strongly support the Chesapeake Executive Council's 2006 Directive #06-1 and specific actions in support for economic viability of agriculture as an element of this work.

- **Forest Preservation**

Forests are the most beneficial land use for protecting water quality and absorbing air pollution that eventually is deposited back into the natural water system. We urge the Bay Program to target priority forest preservation areas toward Bay restoration objectives. 78% of the forests in the watershed are owned by families or businesses. **We encourage the Executive Council to**

provide financial incentives to land owners to preserve forested areas and other incentives that balance the inequities of private costs and public benefit. We applaud the Chesapeake Executive Council's 2006 Directive #06-2 with recognition of the importance of forest lands in achieving a restored Bay.

- **Stormwater Management**

Riparian and forest buffers are very effective in reducing nutrients loading to local streams. **We encourage the Executive Council to promote programs that drive cost effective stormwater pollution prevention, including lower impact development practices and maintenance of riparian and forest buffers as an element of the development process.** We support the continued efforts to address Combine Sewage Overflow issues and stormwater management in the most critical urban areas.

TRIBUTARY STRATEGIES

Tributary Strategy Priority Implementation

We are fast approaching the 2010 deadline to meet the goals the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, with advice from policy makers, scientists and stakeholders, agreed will lead us to a healthy watershed and Chesapeake Bay. CAC continues to view the Tributary Strategies as the most crucial element of the Bay restoration effort – without significantly improving water quality we will continue to face issue with harmful algae blooms, impaired habitat, stressed living resources and unacceptable Bay health. While we have seen positive advances in the jurisdictions' Tributary Strategies implementation plans during 2006, the plans continue to reveal significant funding gaps and slower than desired progress for water quality improvement. Bay watershed restoration competes for funding among other government responsibilities from the national level down to the local. But our commitment to the *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement* remains.

In light especially of the continued funding challenges, we encourage further use of the Chesapeake Bay Commission's "Cost- Effective Strategies for the Bay," to target Tributary Strategy spending within each jurisdiction. We believe early, measurable progress on Tributary Strategy implementation, and resulting quantifiable water quality improvement, is key to program accountability and continued public support. We must show we are good stewards of the funds we have received from the citizens of our jurisdictions and beyond, even to the extent of reducing spending on other important programs. **CAC encourages the Executive Council and Chesapeake Bay Program staff to drive strategic Tributary Strategy implementation to those areas and priorities where, significant progress can be most effectively demonstrated.**

CAC acknowledges the Bay Program is considering a reorganization to assess how the Program can more effectively implement the C2K goals. CAC supports Bay Program reorganization if it will lead to accelerating implementation of top priority Tributary Strategies.

LEADERSHIP

Executive Council leadership remains essential.

The Chesapeake Bay Program faces growing pressures regarding funding, effectiveness, commitments, and measurable progress. As criticism of restoration spending, progress, measurement and success reporting is made, it would be easy to abandon the challenging vision, plans, and goals established for the Bay. Yet we continue to see a strong desire for improvement in the health of this national treasure, and broad support for the *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement* goals. A restored Chesapeake Bay represents not only an ecological treasure, but also a key element in our regional “quality of life” – a clean and productive Bay is good for human health, communities, and economy. The symbols of the Chesapeake Bay watershed- the blue crab, oysters, shad, pristine streams, healthy farms and wonderful recreational opportunities - contribute to the attraction of the Bay region and are integral to the cultural identification of its people. We also think it is important to acknowledge, and perhaps sell, the economic benefit of a healthy watershed, and to reinforce that it is more financially responsible to protect than to restore. We encourage you to use your leadership role to highlight the quality of life associated with a healthy Chesapeake Bay watershed, and capitalize on this to build support and accelerate Bay restoration efforts.

As we have previously communicated, CAC does not believe re-setting of Chesapeake Bay restoration goals to reflect currently available funding, is appropriate today. Recent US EPA strategic plan projections indicating significantly longer timeframes to achieve Bay restoration goals could be useful if viewed as a “call to arms”, further clarifying the actions and resources needed to maintain progress toward the C2K commitments. However, we view EPA’s strategic targets well beyond 2010 as unacceptable progress towards achieving the Bay watershed water quality and living resources goals.

Well-managed growth, creative financing, priority setting innovative partnerships, and implementation of on-the-ground improvements require strong political will and leadership. With the continued challenges facing the Program sustained and visible leadership from the Executive Council will be important to achieving the desired Bay restoration progress.

As a follow-up from CAC’s recommendations from last year we reinforce the importance of two significant Chesapeake Bay policy issues:

OYSTERS

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FINANCE AUTHORITY

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CONCLUSION

We represent a diverse group of your constituents - our Committee represents business, industry, finance, farmers, educators, the building community, recreation and environmental interests. As your citizen advisors we are involved and dedicated to monitoring progress on watershed restoration and offering citizen perspective, advice and help. CAC fully supports the Executive Council in its efforts to lead the Bay restoration effort to a higher level of achievement and we look forward to real, measurable progress on the C2K goals. We offer the enclosed recommendations and our availability to brief the EC members, members of Congress or General Assembly during the course of the year. We look forward to an active and successful 2007.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) BACKGROUND

In November 1984 the EC announced the appointment of 25 members to a new Citizens Advisory Committee. These appointments gave substance to the commitment made by the EC at its initial meeting, in January 1984, to emphasize citizen involvement in the implementation phase of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

CAC meets quarterly throughout the Bay Watershed in each signatory jurisdiction. CAC provides assistance to the EC, Principals' Staff Committee, Implementation Committee and all Bay Program subcommittees, as needed in implementing Chesapeake Bay agreements. Members communicate with their constituencies to increase understanding of the agreements and programs to restore and protect the Bay. The membership is broad-based with representatives from agriculture, academia, business, conservation, industry, builders and civic groups.

Since 1984, CAC has provided a non-governmental perspective on the Bay cleanup effort and on how Bay Program policies affect citizens who live and work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. CAC is composed of 12 gubernatorial appointments from the States of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania; 4 mayoral appointments from the District of Columbia; and 9 At-Large appointments made by the Board of Directors of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. This ensures diversity among our membership.

CAC was actively involved in the drafting of the *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement (C2K)*. The EC endorsed this Agreement on June 28, 2000. CAC participated throughout the drafting process, focusing on the importance of addressing land conservation. CAC has placed a similar priority on monitoring the progress towards achieving the goals within the C2K, by actively participating in the establishment of Keystone Commitments and tracking the progress of the Tributary Strategies.

In 2001, CAC invited four young, non-voting, delegates to participate in CAC. Each signatory jurisdiction is responsible for selecting a young individual to bring a new perspective on Bay issues. The Delegates contribute to CAC deliberations, as well as periodically complete a specific project of their own, focused on a Bay priority. CAC believes the Young Delegate program introduces restoration and protection of the Chesapeake to a generation that will inherit the Bay. The program has been very successful, and past Young Delegates have gone on to work in a variety of activities contributing to Bay restoration.

While the membership of CAC has evolved through the years, the message remains consistent: The Citizens of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed are concerned with the health of the Bay and insist that resources be allocated to meet the goals of the C2K.

2006 CAC MEMBERSHIP

MARYLAND

Robert J. Etgen: Rob is Executive Director of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, a regional land conservancy which has protected over 35,000 acres of Chesapeake Bay landscapes. Rob has been active in Maryland land preservation since the mid - 1980's and is currently on the Boards of Scenic Maryland and Maryland Nonprofits where he serves as Public Policy Committee Co-Chair.

Kathleen W. Glaser: Kathleen is a professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Verna Harrison: Verna serves as the Executive Director of the Keith Campbell Foundation in Annapolis. She retired from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources after serving as Assistant Secretary for 20 years. Verna serves on the Executive Committee of CAC.

Kathleen L. Maloney: Katie is the Executive Vice President and Legislative Affairs Director for the MD State Builders Association. She currently handles policy priorities for the building industry in the legislative and regulatory agencies. She lives in Annapolis where she enjoys sailing and running. Katie serves on the Executive Committee of CAC.

Beth McGee: Beth is the senior water quality scientist at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She coordinates CBF's agricultural initiatives and provides technical expertise on water quality and contaminant issues.

Steele Phillips: A retired farmer from Dorchester County, Steele has been an at-large appointee since 1991. He is a Supervisor of the Dorchester Soil and Water Conservation District, and on the President's Advisory Council and a former Trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Steele also sits on the Board of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Board. Steele represents CAC on the Bay Program's Nutrient Subcommittee.

Richard Seibert: Dick is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Annapolis Center, a national non-profit educational organization. Dick has also served as the vice president for the Resources, Environment and Regulation Department of the National Association of Manufacturers; has worked for the State of Louisiana in the offices of Camp and Barsh. He worked in the Federal Energy Administration. Dick resides in Annapolis and is an avid sailor.

William S. Shepard: Bill lives in Oxford, Maryland. He was the Republican nominee for Governor of Maryland in 1990, and was a career Foreign Service Officer from 1964 to 1985. He has served as National Security Advisor to Senator Robert Dole. He writes on national security topics, and has also started a series of mystery novels. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and a Fulbright grantee.

There is one gubernatorial Maryland Vacancy.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bill Achor: An at-large appointee from Pennsylvania, Bill is the Environmental Coordinator for Wenger's Feed Mill, Inc., a family owned and operated feed mill with locations in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Wenger's serves the poultry and swine industry and was the first feed mill in the Mid-Atlantic to incorporate the use of Phytase in their animal diets. Bill is very active in nutrient and renewable energy advisory groups throughout the Bay watershed. Bill is a past recipient of the Businesses for the Bay Mentor of the Year Award, and served on the Executive Committee of CAC. In May, Bill retired from CAC to focus on his work in Pennsylvania.

John Dawes: John is the administrator for the Western PA Watershed Program. He served as an alternate Commissioner on Governor Ridge's 21st Century Commission on the Environment and was part of a policy team for the Heinz Endowments Environmental Program. He currently serves as President of the Board of POWR – the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers. John is also an Angus breeder on his Huntingdon County farm.

Jim Elliott: Jim serves in an At-Large capacity. He is an attorney with Hunton and Williams in Washington, DC, specializing in environmental law. Jim lives in Pennsylvania and serves on the Bay Program's Budget Steering Committee.

C. Victor Funk: C. Victor Funk is a retired Chief of the Nonpoint Source Management Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Chesapeake Bay Executive Council awarded Mr. Funk the "Unsung Hero" award in 1992 for his support to the Bay Program and for promoting cooperation between agencies.

John (Drew) Hadley, Chair: A resident of Tunkhannock, Drew is the Global Environmental Manager for the Procter and Gamble Paper Products Company. Previously, Drew was the Site Environmental Leader for the Procter and Gamble Paper Products plant in Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, and he has been active in water and air quality issues in PA for the past 20 years. Drew serves as the CAC Chair.

Patricia Levin: Dr. Levin is a Registered Nurse, Folklorist and Genealogist. Pat is currently an Adjunct Professor in American Studies at Franklin & Marshall College. An at-large appointment, she is active in planning and community issues in Lancaster County.

Betsy Quant: Betsy is a family business operator, serving as Office Manager, Accountant, and Chief On-Site Assistant for Canoe Susquehanna, and Ironwood, an electrical, plumbing and heating firm.

There is currently one At-Large Pennsylvania Vacancy.

VIRGINIA

Nancy L. Alexander: Ms. Alexander is an Assistant Vice President at SunTrust Bank, as a systems analyst, residing in Chesterfield County. She is a graduate of William & Mary with a BS in Biology. Her volunteer work with Ducks Unlimited and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation keeps her active in wetland conservation.

Andrew Protogyrou: Mr. Protogyrou is an attorney and partner in the firm of Protogyrou & Rigney. He resides in Norfolk.

John E. Tankard III: Ed is Vice-President and Co-Owner of Tankard Nurseries in Exmore. He resides in Eastville. In July Ed retired from CAC and accepting an appointment on the VA Marine Resources Commission.

William J. Whitney: Jack has served as an At-Large appointment since 1989. Jack was formerly the chief environmental planner for Virginia Beach and is now Director of the Virginia Beach Department of Agriculture. Jack is a past Chair of CAC, and currently serves on CAC's Executive Committee.

There are two gubernatorial Virginia Vacancies.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Carl Cole: Serving as an appointee of the District of Columbia, Carl is a Management Consultant for small and minority owned businesses. He is the former Director of the Climate Institute.

William Martin, Jr.: Appointed by the District of Columbia, Bill is a retired Patent Agent with the US Patent Office. He is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. A boat owner, Bill is active in boating, fishing and golf.

Jack Nelson: Jack is a Program Manager with the Employment Compliance Technical Assistance Division of the US Department of Agriculture. A District appointment since 1991, Jack is active with the Highland Beach & Venice Beach Citizens Associations.

John McNeill (Neil) Wilkie, Vice-Chair: An appointment of the District of Columbia, Neil is Managing Director of the Davidson Capital Group, LLC. Prior positions since retiring as Vice Chairman of Morgan Guaranty International Bank include serving as Washington Area Managing Partner of Tatum CFO Partners and CEO of Eurotech, Ltd., a DC based public company involved in nuclear waste remediation. Neil serves as Vice-Chair of CAC and served as a Vice-Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Blue Ribbon Finance Panel.

CAC YOUNG DELEGATES

Maryland: **Jeremy Rothwell**, Washington College

Virginia: **Lynn Walker**, James Madison University

In the coming months CAC will be selecting Young Delegates for Pennsylvania and DC.

CAC is staffed by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

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