



Chesapeake Bay Program

Chesapeake Executive Council

DECEMBER 8, 1998

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Community Watershed Initiative

In support of the [Community Watershed Initiative Directive \(97-3\)](#), we reaffirm our commitment to increase our emphasis on watershed restoration, planning and management at a small watershed scale and to promote integration of [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) restoration goals at that level.

WE REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT the cumulative benefits derived from many community-based watershed projects will mean continued progress toward a healthier bay.

WE RECOGNIZE the critical role of state and [local governments](#), soil and water conservation districts, watershed organizations and other organizations concerned with small watershed restoration and seek to ensure that resources are available to assist these efforts where they currently exist and where they may be needed. We further recognize that targeting limited resources based on available regional and state watershed planning and analysis will be necessary.

WE BELIEVE that the efforts of the Chesapeake Bay Program should not duplicate existing efforts that successfully address Program goals and objectives and that the Program and its partners should learn from those efforts and, where appropriate, interact with them. Likewise, we believe that community watershed organizations can learn from the work of the Chesapeake Bay Program and, where appropriate, modify their activities to effectively work in support of Chesapeake Bay Program goals and objectives.

WE BELIEVE that successful efforts at the community watershed scale should be recognized and promoted so that others can learn from them.

WE THEREFORE COMMIT to the implementation of the Community Watershed Initiative Strategy and will do that which is within our power to focus our individual efforts towards the goals of Directive 97-3.

WE DIRECT the Chesapeake Bay Program to establish a Community Watershed Task Force to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Community Watershed Strategy.

December 8, 1998

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, *James M. Seif, Secretary of PA DEP*

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *James S. Gilmore, III, Governor*

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