

The Chesapeake Bay Program has received the following letter from 4 stakeholders across the watershed.

Dear Chesapeake Bay Program,

Thank you for working to keep chemicals and litter out of our water, and protecting wildlife. Your organization has always done good work protecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay. BUT, From now on, I want you to do more to protect the health of my community.

Here are some ways to make this happen:

- **Environmental Jobs and Education**-continue funding programs that expose students to naturally beautiful landscapes in the Chesapeake Bay, and help guide these students to future training and higher educational opportunities leading to careers, not just jobs, in natural science.
- **Healthy Food**-actively support urban farms that hire local residents, and support urban farms that supply fresh food to surrounding communities that don't have many healthy food markets.
- **Urban Blight**-include urban blight (abandoned housing, illegal dumping, broken pavement etc.) as a concept in your policies, along with your traditional concepts to save trees and streams. People in my community love the parks and the Bay, BUT we also love our neighborhoods.

Please, include these comments in your Management Strategies. Thank you.

Yours Truly,

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