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2020 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the [Chesapeake Executive Council](#) will hold a public meeting and press event during which they will set goals and provide guidance for the Chesapeake Bay Program. The council, established by the Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983, meets on an annual basis.

During the meeting, the council will announce the adoption of a diversity, equity, inclusion and justice statement for the Chesapeake Bay Program and hear remarks from Dr. Janice Underwood, chief diversity, equity, inclusion and justice officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, members of the Executive Council will have the opportunity to give remarks about how Bay restoration can be used to address challenges they are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. More detailed information can be found on the [2020 Executive Council meeting](#) website.

Who

- The Honorable Larry J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, State of Maryland (Executive Council Chair)
- The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
- The Honorable Gene Yaw, Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission
- The Honorable Douglas Benevento, Associate Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- The Honorable Austin Caperton, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of West Virginia
- The Honorable Shawn Garvin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, State of Delaware
- The Honorable Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- The Honorable Basil Seggos, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York
- The Honorable Tommy Wells, Director, Department of Energy and Environment, District of Columbia

When

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. ET

Where

Virtual—please join via this link: www.meetingtomorrow.com/webcast/2020executivecouncil
(meeting room will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting)

Media RSVP by August 14, 2020

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The Chesapeake Bay Program is a regional partnership that has coordinated and conducted the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay for over 35 years, since its formation in 1983. Partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; the states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tristate legislative body; and advisory groups of citizens, scientists and local government officials.