

40th Anniversary

This year, the Chesapeake Bay Program celebrates 40 years since the signing for the first Chesapeake Bay Agreement on December 9, 1983.

Original signatories of the Agreement included Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., the Chesapeake Bay Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency. Since then, the partnership has grown to include all states whose waters flow into the Bay, as well as various nonprofit, university, and state and federal partners.

PARTNERSHIP MILESTONES



1983 | The first Chesapeake Bay Agreement is signed



2010 | Partnership meets a 10-year riparian buffer goal



1985 | A leading water quality monitoring program is established



2014 | The *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* is signed



1987 | A new Chesapeake Bay Agreement is signed



2016 | Wastewater goals are met a decade early



1989 | Partner jurisdictions ban phosphate detergent



2016 | A groundbreaking land-use dataset is released



1995 | Partnership moratorium on commercial fishing allows striped bass to recover in the Bay



2022 | World's largest oyster restoration project completed