

**Citizens Advisory Committee 2012 Recommendations to the
Chesapeake Executive Council
CAC Recommendations**

1. Citizen Engagement – Educate Our Youth	a. Every State and the District of Columbia approve an environmental literacy graduation requirement, ensuring that every watershed student receives a comprehensive, diverse environmental education before graduation from high school
	b. Establish two year milestones for achieving the environmental literacy for all students in the watershed.
	c. Encourage the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education to sign a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bay Program to actively support the environmental education efforts of the State and local education agencies in the watershed
	d. Support the Mid-Atlantic Elementary and Secondary Environmental Literacy Strategy, developed by NOAA in partnership with the States
	e. Bay Program partners support the Land and Water Conservation Fund Landscape Collaborative and funding in the federal Fiscal 2014 budget to support landscape-level conservation in the watershed
	f. Establish an MOU with the Bay Program and the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining
2. Citizen Engagement – Public Access to the Bay and Rivers	We encourage you to expand upon the current 2 percent of the watershed's shoreline which is publicly accessible and establish new goals for land conservation and public access
3. Accountability – Nutrient Trading	a. Recommend full transparency, verification and public involvement in the jurisdictions' water quality nutrient trading programs
	b. Use the two-year milestones and/or the annual EC meetings to report on progress made to address the issues included in the EPA reviews of the state's trading programs as well as other issues (such as local water quality protection) raised by numerous stakeholders
4. Accountability – WIPs and 2 Year Milestones	<p>Each partner provide a short summary at each Executive Council meeting of its progress in meeting reductions of pollution from their top five loading sources. The summary should include areas where jurisdictions are falling short of their goals along with an explanation of measures that will be pursued to address the gaps.</p> <p>(Include specific mention of ways jurisdictions are improving the enforcement component of their work.)</p>
5. Communications – Beyond Water Quality	The General Public Care about Clean Water for Drinking, Swimming and Fishing – NOT TMDLs and WIPs: The jurisdictions should set goals for restoration of fisheries, living resources and habitats, and stewardship.

**6. Communications –
Conowingo Dam**

Remember Hurricane Agnes and consider the cost of inaction in addressing sediment storage behind the Conowingo Dam.