



Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
December 12-13, 2024**

DoubleTree Hotel
8777 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Hybrid Meeting Access
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Meeting Objectives:

- (1) Debrief on the Executive Council Meeting and update on Beyond 2025 Phase 2.**
- (2) Receive a Chesapeake Bay Program budget briefing.**
- (3) Learn from some key federal agencies in the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership.**
- (4) Finalize 2025 priorities.**

Day 1: Thursday, December 12, 2024- 4th Floor Elm Rooms 1 & 2

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Chuck Herrick, Chair**
- Member Introductions
 - Name, City, State, and current or past Professional Affiliation
 - Introduction of Guests
- 11:20 a.m. Business Meeting**
- Chair Opening Remarks and Updates
 - Overview of meeting agenda and objectives
 - Approval of draft September 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - Chair's report:
 - Executive Council meeting actions and debrief
 - Coordinator's Report:
 - Advisory Committee Coordination
 - Recent Activities and Future Opportunities
 - Cross-Committee working groups
 - Member Ambassadors
 - 2025 Learning Session Topics
 - Member Updates and Announcements
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch: catered onsite**
- 1:00 p.m. Chesapeake Bay Program Budget Briefings**
- Part One: Congressional Authorizations and Appropriations.....[Peter Marx](#)**
Federal Affairs, Choose Clean Water Coalition
- Overview across the federal agencies in the Bay Program partnership

Part Two: EPA CBP Office Budget Allocations.....[Autumn Rose](#)
Administrative and Operations Team Lead
EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

- EPA Chesapeake Bay Budget
 - Grants to states and other entities
 - Comparison over the years
 - Program Operations & Support
- *Resource:* [Chesapeake Progress CBARA funding report](#)
 - [Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act \(CBARA\)](#) requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to submit an annual report on federal and state funding toward environmental restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
 - In December of 2023, the OMB issued its eighth [Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Crosscut](#) report, which indicates state and federal partners budgeted about \$2.2 billion for watershed restoration in fiscal 2023, including \$231 million in Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) funds.

2:00 p.m. Chesapeake Bay Program Federal Agency Panel

Representatives of federal agency Bay offices will share their perspectives on:

- Their agencies' roles in the Chesapeake Bay Program including *Watershed Agreement* Outcomes they champion and help to advance
- Thoughts on Beyond 2025 Phase 2 effort: *Watershed Agreement* outcome revisions
- Current issues of the Federal Office Directors (FOD)
(*Excerpts from September 2024 CBP updates presentation*)
 - Members include directors of federal program offices;
 - Formed to foster coordinated interagency planning and decision-making for federal protection and restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed;
 - Primary coordination mechanism for ensuring EPA is fully aware of, knowledgeable about, and a strong advocate for individual and collective agency positions on policy and other matters of importance to all federal agencies;
 - de facto principal body under the the Federal Leadership Committee (FLC) and Federal Leadership Committee Designees (FLC-D) established by the May 2009 [Executive Order 13508: Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration](#)
- Overarching ideas on how the Stakeholders' Committee can engage and advise

Panel Members:

[Wendy O'Sullivan](#), Superintendent, National Park Service (NPS)

[Kevin Schabow](#) Acting Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Chesapeake Bay Office

[Katie Brownson](#), U.S. Forest Service Liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program

[Chris Guy](#), Habitat Goal Implementation Team Coordinator and Service liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

[Ken Hyer](#), Associate Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Beyond 2025 Phase 2- Outcome Assessment and Watershed Agreement Revision
Overview of plan and timeline.....[Lee McDonnell](#)
Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch
EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

4:20 p.m. Member Discussion on Beyond 2025 Phase 2

- Briefing and reflections on [Dec 12 Management Board Meeting](#)...**Julie Patton Lawson**
 - Two parallel tracks
 - Outcome Assessment
 - 1st step in *Watershed Agreement* revision
 - Three Management Board (MB) meetings Feb-March
 - Priority Projects
 - moving select Phase 1 findings to action
 - [Sec Kurtz Memo to MB & PSC](#)
 - Phase 2 Engagement Strategy
 - PSC & MB discussion
 - public comments during MB meeting
- Reconvening the Committee's B25 working group
 - Call for additional volunteers
 - current members: Julie, Chuck, Matt, Joe, Sara, and Daphne
 - Opportunities and ideas for Stakeholders' Advisory Committee engagement

5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess

6:30 p.m. Dinner: All Set Restaurant

Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:20pm to walk together as a group

Day 2: Friday, December 13, 2024- 4th Floor Elm Rooms 1 & 2

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the meeting room

8:30 a.m. Reconvene: Reflections on Potential Action Items

Members share ideas for Committee positions and actions based on the previous day's presentations and discussions

9:00 a.m. Stakeholders' Committee Officer Elections

Process briefing and presentation of slate of officers.....**Julie Patton Lawson**
Nominations Chair, Stakeholders' Advisory Committee

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee Break-out Sessions

- Elect Subcommittee Chair / Co-Chairs
- Annual Priority topic
 - Is your priority topic related to the *Watershed Agreement* and planned 2025 revision of outcomes?
 - What is the challenge around your topic?
 - Does the issue fall under CBP purview?
 - What does the inquiry seek to uncover?
 - Will your priority be a panel or speaker series?
 - Will your priority involve other partners? If so, how?
 - What is the timeframe? Quarterly meeting: Feb, May, or Sept
 - What experts and practitioners should be invited to speak?

10:30 a.m. Break

Final call to check-out of hotel room

10:45 a.m. Subcommittee Reports and Committee Discussion

Subcommittee Chairs report on their election results and 2025 priority. Members are encouraged to ask questions and enhance common understanding of the issues and planned activities.

- Conservation & Land Use
- Stewardship & Engagement
- Water Quality

11:45 a.m. Wrap Up and Action Items

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Stakeholders' Advisory Committee 2025 Meeting Dates

February 20-21, TBD

May 21-22, Harrisonburg, VA (overlaps with CCWC Conference)

September 17-18, PA

December 11-12 (potentially WV @ National Conservation & Training Center (NCTC))