



Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
May 22-23, 2024

Merriweather Lakehouse Hotel

**10209 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044**

Hybrid Meeting Access
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting Objectives:

- (1) Engage with Chesapeake Bay Program leadership around Stakeholders' Committee priority topics.**
- (2) Delve into the Stakeholders' Conservation & Land Use Subcommittee priority: Understand the history of the Chesapeake Bay Program's role in land use planning and decisions as a foundation for effective approaches in conserving land, forests and wetlands beyond 2025.**
- (3) Learn and discuss updates on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee in preparation for Stakeholders' Committee feedback.**

Day 1: Wednesday, May 22 - Room Lakeside A

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Chuck Herrick, Chair**
- Member Introductions and Ice-Breaker
 - Introduction of Guests
- 11:15 a.m. Business Meeting**
- Chair Opening Remarks and Updates
 - Overview of meeting agenda and objectives
 - Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - Committee Activities: completed, in process, and on the horizon
 - March Principals' Staff Committee meeting
 - Joint Advisory Committee letters to the PSC
 - Subcommittee Chairs' Reports: 5 minute updates on activities since the February meeting
 - Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Action Team Updates
 - Agriculture Advisory Committee (Matt Ehrhart)
 - Beyond 2025 Steering Committee (Julie Patton Lawson)
 - Recent Beyond 2025 email updates and potential Committee working group (Chuck)
 - Announcement: [2024 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week](#) June 1-June 9, 2024

12:00 p.m. Lunch

**1:00 p.m. Conversation with the Principals' Staff Committee Chair.....[Secretary Josh Kurtz](#)
Department of Natural Resources**

Maryland Governor Moore's Administration is chairing the 2024 Executive Council. Secretary Kurtz will share his vision of leadership of the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) and the Beyond 2025 effort, discuss PSC topics of focus, ideas for engagement with the Advisory Committees at the Chesapeake Bay Program, and discuss the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee's priorities including the role the partnership has in land use decision-making.

**2:00 p.m. Conversation with EPA Regional 3 Administrator.....[Administrator Adam Ortiz](#)
U.S. EPA Office of the Administrator**

Administrator Ortiz will share his thoughts on Beyond 2025 with a focus on the Bay TMDL and discuss the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee's priorities including DEIJ at the Chesapeake Bay Program at the role the partnership has in land use decision-making.

3:00 p.m. Break

**3:15 p.m. Conservation and Land Use Subcommittee Panel:
Understanding the history of Chesapeake Bay Program's role in conservation and land use decisions**

The success of many clean water and living resources goals will depend on maintaining healthy habitats with conserved lands protected from future development, its associated harmful levels of impervious surfaces, and the prevention of forests and wetlands loss.

Over the years, the Chesapeake Bay Program has included goals related to land use decision-making. Of the 100+ Goals in the *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement* (C2K) approximately 25 goals were related to Watershed Protection, Sound Land Use, Development, Redevelopment, and Transportation. Of the 31 Outcomes in the *2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*, approximately 4 are related to Sustaining Healthy Watersheds and Land Conservation.

This panel is the first in a series focused on how the CBP partnership incorporates land use decision making. In this panel, we seek to understand past successes and shortcomings as well as current approaches and resources. The panel series aims to help inform members' thinking on how a multi-jurisdictional, voluntary partnership can effectively influence environmentally-friendly state and local land use decisions beyond 2025.

Panelists will offer opening remarks followed by Q&A with the members.

Carin Bisland, retired EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

- *Chesapeake 2000 Agreement* goals
 - Big ideas that the CBP tried
 - what worked, what didn't, and why
- Scaled back approach for *2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*
 - Conversations around land use issues when the Agreement was being developed
 - Challenges with implementation
 - Opportunities for beyond 2025

**Jason Dubow, Vice Chair, Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team (GIT)
Director, Research, Review and Policy Division, MD Department of Planning**

- Overview and progress of the current 2014 Agreement land use and land conservation outcomes
- Insights on their collective successes, barriers, and challenges
- Opportunities for beyond 2025

Laura Cattell Noll, LGAC Coordinator, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

- Insights from LGAC, Local Leadership Workgroup members and local government round table discussions
 - Economic drivers
 - Challenges and successes around land use decisions
- Complexity
 - Differences in local governments across the watershed
- Trusted sources approach
 - What is it, Who is it, and Why
 - Overview of the resources available to local governments
 - Opportunities for beyond 2025

5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess

6:30 p.m. Dinner: onsite at the hotel, Lak Restaurant

Day 2: Thursday, May 23 - Room Lakeside A

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

8:30 a.m. Reconvene and Reflections

Members will share their reflections on the previous day's discussion.

**9:00 a.m. Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Updates.....[Anna Killius](#)
Executive Director, [Chesapeake Bay Commission](#)
Co-Chair, Beyond 2025 Steering Committee**

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee is working on a report of recommendations for the 2024 Executive Council (EC) meeting. In Phase One of this multi-year effort, the EC is expected to receive recommendations on a path forward for the Watershed Agreement and the CBP Partnership. Anna will outline the current thinking on elements of the report and provide updates on the timeline, expectations for public feedback, and draft activities for near future phases.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee Break-out Sessions

- Members discuss progress on their priority topic, reflect on discussions with CBP leadership, and begin to frame their ideas for an annual recommendation.
- Select a member who can serve on a Stakeholders' Beyond 2025 working group

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee Reports

5-minute reports followed by 10-minute Q&A with full membership

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

11:30 a.m. Committee Discussion

- Action Items
- Wrap-up
- Closing Remarks

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Stakeholders' Committee 2024 Meetings

September 18-19 (Pennsylvania)

December 12-13 (TBD)