



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Technical Edits

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- **Preamble, first paragraph:** *As the nation's largest and one of the most productive estuaries in the world, the Chesapeake Bay and its vast network of more than ~~180,000~~ 200,000 miles of streams, creeks and rivers holds tremendous ecological, cultural, economic, historic and recreational value for the more than 18 million people who live, work and play in the region.*
- Changed per the [updated Hydrography dataset](#), released in June.

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- **Wetlands Outcome:** *Restore, create, enhance and protect wetlands to support people and living resources, including waterbirds and fish, and provide water quality, flood and erosion protection, recreation and other valuable benefits to people.*

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- **Health Forests and Trees Outcome:** Achieve a net gain in forests over the long-term by reducing the rate of forest conversion to other land uses by 33%, permanently protecting a total of 8.6 nine million acres of forested land (~~nine million acres by 2040~~), and planting, maintaining and managing 202,000 acres of new forests by 2040.

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- **School District Environmental Literacy Planning Target:** *By 2040, reach all jurisdictional targets for the number of public school districts that are well prepared to deliver a comprehensive and system-wide approach to environmental literacy.*
- **Student Environmental Literacy Experiences Target:** By 2040, reach state jurisdictional targets to result in at least 75% of public school students being enrolled in a school district that offers a MWEE for all students.