

Advisory Committees

Local Government Advisory Committee

Chair: Daniel Chao, Director of Congressional Leadership, U.S. House of Representatives

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) was created by the Chesapeake Executive Council through the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. The purpose of LGAC is to advise the Chesapeake Executive Council on how to effectively implement projects and engage the support of local governments to achieve the goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. LGAC's mission is to share the views and insights of local elected officials with state and federal decision-makers and to enhance the flow of information among local governments about the health and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

Chair: Larry Sanford, Ph.D., Vice-President for Education and Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) provides scientific and technical guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program on measures to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Since its creation in December 1984, the STAC has worked to enhance scientific communication and outreach throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed and beyond. The STAC provides independent scientific and technical advice in various ways, serves as a liaison between the region's scientific community and the Bay Program, and ensures close cooperation among and between the various research institutions and management agencies represented in the Bay watershed.

Stakeholders Advisory Committee

Chair: Julie Lawson

The Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) works to advise the leadership of the Chesapeake Bay Program by representing the residents and stakeholders of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, advocating for increased transparency and accountability, community engagement and education, and the independent evaluation of the restoration work of the partnership. The membership is broad-based with representatives from agricultural, urban agriculture, business, land conservation, environmental justice and poverty advocates, community engagement champions, watershed organizations and foundations. Since 1984, this group has provided a non- governmental perspective on the restoration effort, and on how Bay Program policies and programs impact people who live, work and recreate throughout the watershed.