



Chesapeake Bay Commission

Overview & Federal Update

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Chesapeake Bay Commission

Tri-State Legislative Commission

- Established by state law in 1980s
 - MD, VA, PA
 - 7 Members from each State
 - 2 Senators, 3 Delegates
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- Translate Science Into Federal & State Policy
 - Serve as a Legislative Voice within Bay Program
 - Coordinate Policy Interests with Congress



State & Federal Highlights - 2024

Across the Board

- Pay for Performance / Pay for Outcome Programs in all 3 Jurisdictions
- State-Funded Agriculture Cost-Share Programs in all 3 Jurisdictions

In Pennsylvania

- **\$50 M / year** in dedicated funding for **Clean Streams Fund**
- **Four streams delisted** through targeted restoration

In Virginia

- Record **Ag Cost Share** funding
- New **Pay for Outcomes** pilot program
- Statewide **invasive species management** program

In Maryland

- **Whole Watershed Act**
- **Clean Water Commerce Act** updates
- **PFAS** mitigation and prevention

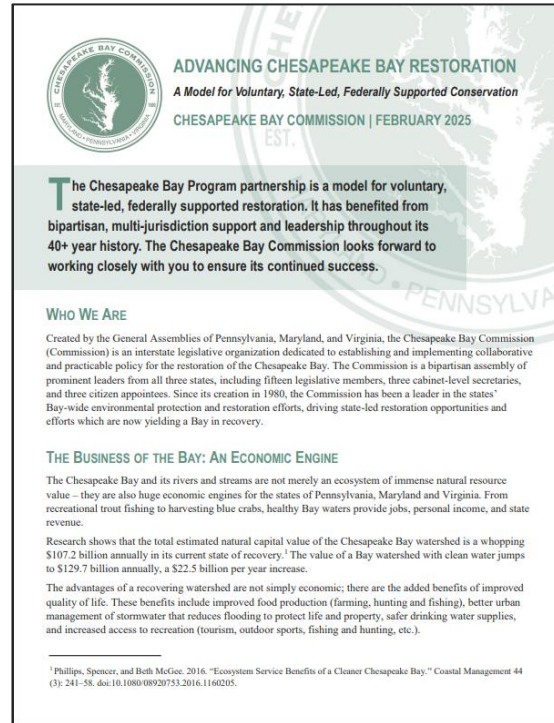
In Washington, DC

- **5-year reauthorizations**
- **NDAA Stormwater** authorities
- Continued **FY25** and **Farm Bill** advocacy

Commission Publications - 2025



2024 Bay Commission
Annual Report
February 2025



Bay Restoration
Federal Memo
February 2025



Federal Agency
Budget Request FY2026
April 2025

Federal Budget

	<i>Expected</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>Impact</i>
FY 2025 Continuing Resolution	--	March 15th	Continuation of FY24 spending levels through end of FY25
Agency Reduction in Force and Reorganization plans (ARRP)	Phase 1 plan: March 13 Phase 2 plan: April 15	Implementation by end of FY25	Plans for attrition, layoffs, reorganization, office closures
FY 2025 Agency Spending Plans	April 25	?	Agencies disclose FY25 spending plans to Congress.
FY 2025 Rescissions Package	Week of April 18	?	President's request to rescind previously appropriated funds.
Budget Reconciliation bill	House: Memorial Day Senate: July 4	?	Mandatory spending cuts and tax cuts
FY 2026 President's Budget	Skinny: April 28 Full: Memorial Day	Skinny: May 2	OMB/Agency budget proposal to Congress for FY26
FY 2026 Congressional Appropriations process	Bills: March-June Floor votes: July-Oct	In progress	Appropriations Committees hold hearings, receive Member requests, draft and mark-up bills for floor votes.

Federal Policy

- America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Reauthorization Act (2025)
 - 5-year reauthorizations (through FY 2030) of Chesapeake Bay Program, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, and Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense Act.
- Farm Bill Reauthorization (2025?)
 - Second 1-year extension of 2018 Farm Bill passed in December 2024.
 - Future funding levels for Conservation title (through FY 2031) included in House Agriculture Committee's Reconciliation bill.