



Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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Stakeholders' Committee Coordinator's Report

December 11 - 12, 2025

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Coordinator's Report

Administrative Requests (Alex)

- new name tags, confirm contact info and emergency contacts/ medical alerts, submit travel reimbursements while here or by **Thurs, Dec 18**

End of Year Report

- Updates to Membership
- Snapshot of Activities

Advisory Committee Coordination

- Meetings among leadership

Opportunities for the near-term

- Linking Stakeholders' Committee to near-term priorities

Updates to Membership

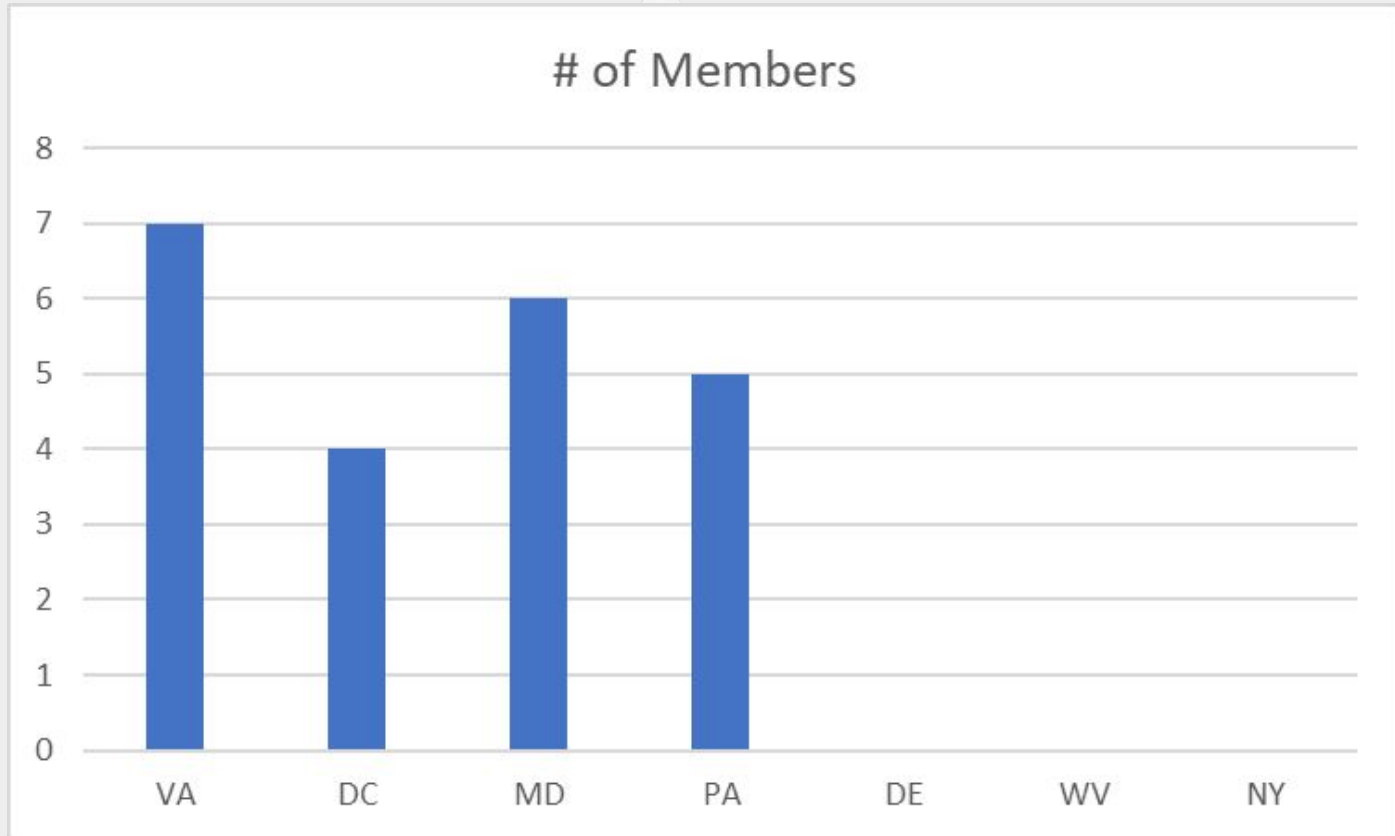
Welcomed

- Patrick McDonnell (PA)
- Bobby Hughes (PA)
- Doug Faulkner (VA)
- Mary Sketch Bryant (VA)

Thanked

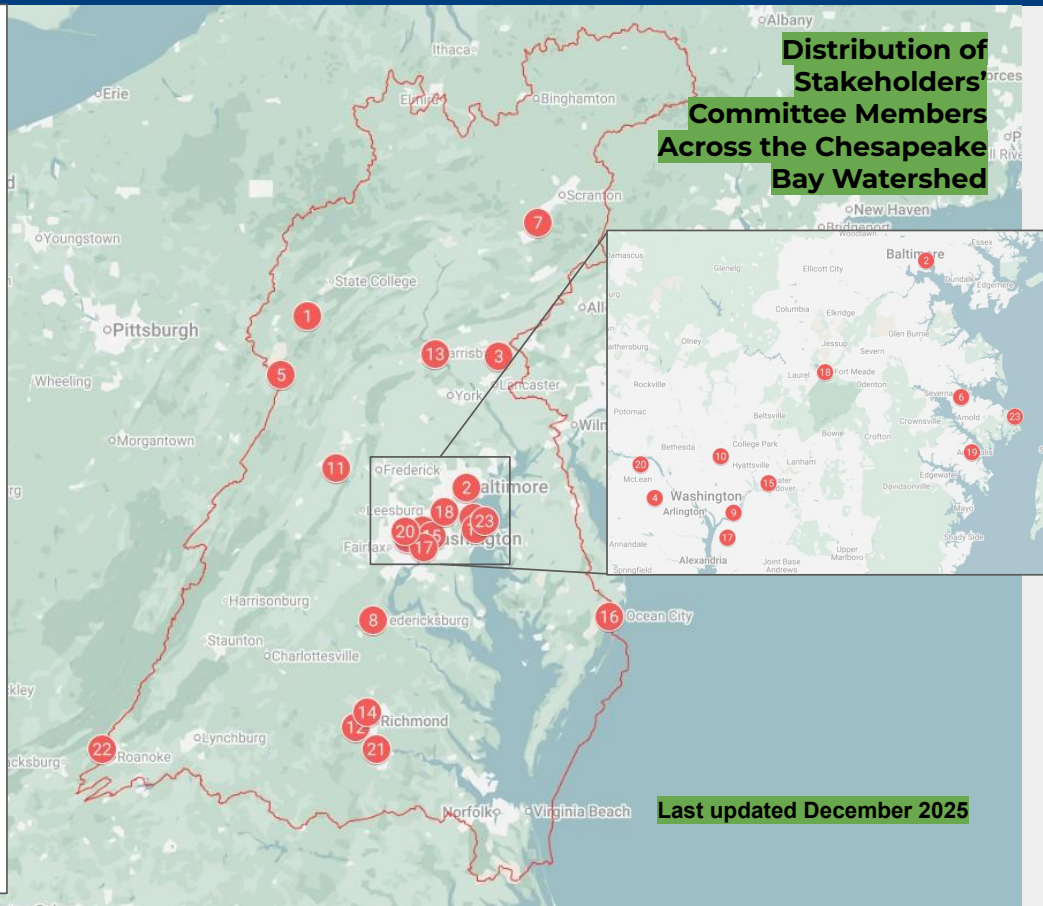
- Chuck Herrick (DC)
- Donna Harris-Aikens (VA)
- Dana Wiggins (VA)
- Daphne Pee (MD)
- David Lillard (WV)

Membership Geographical Distribution



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- 1 John Dawes
- 2 Andrew Der
- 3 Matt Ehrhart
- 4 Doug Faulkner
- 5 Bill Fink
- 6 Verna Harrison
- 7 Bobby Hughes
- 8 Ann Jurczyk
- 9 Hamid Karimi
- 10 Julie Patton Lawson
- 11 David Lillard
- 12 Joe Maroon
- 13 Patrick McDonnell
- 14 Bill Noftsinger
- 15 Abel Olivo
- 16 Kate Patton
- 17 Vaughn Perry
- 18 Alisonya Poole
- 19 Sara Ramotnik
- 20 Tim Rupli
- 21 BeKura Shabazz
- 22 Mary Sketch Bryant
- 23 Charlie Stek



Snapshot of Activities

Advised on the draft *Watershed Agreement*

- April: Joint Virtual Meeting with all of the Advisory Committees
- Letter of Comments

Issued 2 CBP Blogs Featuring

- Abel, Hamid

Discussed

- Sandboxing, Workforce Development, Indigenous Knowledge and Tribal sovereignty
- CBP Budget, Governance and Structure

Reworked Meeting Format

- 2 in-person, 2 virtual

Updated Member Expectations & Guidance document

- Added position descriptions, estimated time commitments

Advisory Committee Coordination

Leadership Met Thrice, All Members Met Once

- March- preparations for the Virtual Meeting with all Advisory Committees
- April: Joint Virtual Meeting with all of the Advisory Committees
 - Briefing and feedback on revised and new Watershed Agreement Outcomes
- October- welcomed Ag AC, build relationships among leadership, discussed budgets for the Advisory Committee, coordinated remarks for the Oct PSC
- November- prepared and coordinated remarks for the Executive Council meeting

Opportunities for the Near-Term

Alignment with CBP Priorities

- Developing the Management Strategies
- Governance and Structure framework
- EC Charge: Explore how to formally integrate Tribal Nations

Alignment with new Water Agreement Goals

- Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife
- Healthy Landscapes
- Clean Water
- Engaged Communities

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The Four Interconnected Goals of Watershed Restoration



Questions or Discussion?



Refreshing Subcommittees

Part One: Background, Context, Brainstorming Interests

- Observations and Opportunities
- Mentimeter polls: What are you interested in?
- Pulse Check to narrow down the topics

Part Two: Refining the Focus

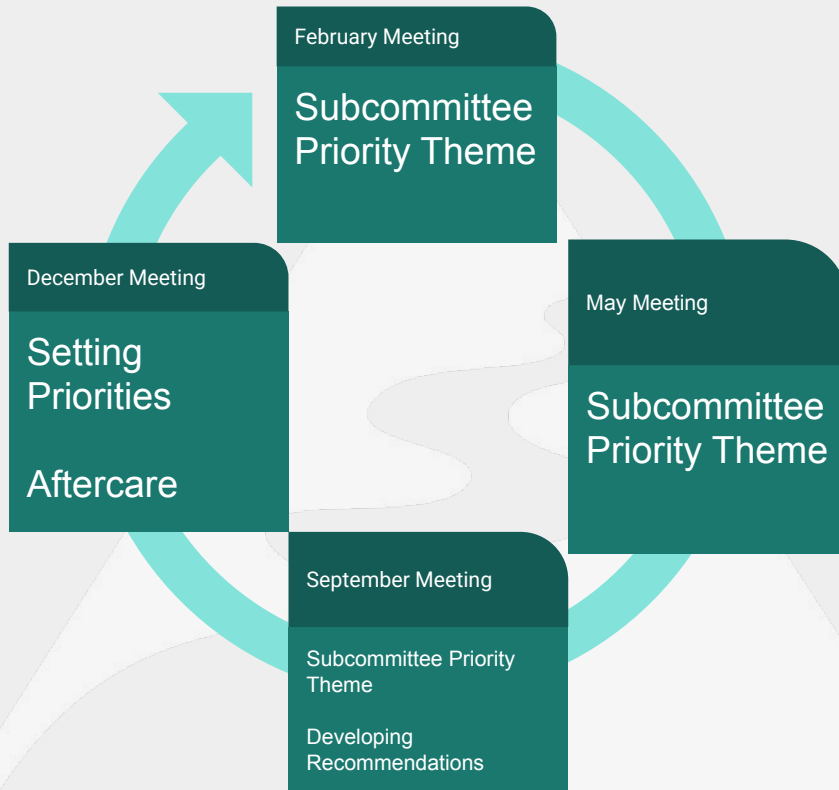
- Present the case: relay why you selected your priority topic
- Relevance and Alignment
- Final Vote for top 3 on flip charts

Part Three: Break-outs into new groups

- Name
- Elect Chairs/Co-Chairs

Annual Meeting Cycle

Subcommittee priorities drive the Quarterly Meetings Agendas.



Quarterly Meeting Agendas drive the Annual Recommendations.

Current Subcommittees

Background and Context

- Bylaws call for standing committees
 - Executive Committee can create short-term workgroups
 - Example, Beyond 2025 workgroup
- Members determine and gather around their interests
- Allows for deep dive and strategy
- Update interests every 4-5 years
 - Last developed in May 2021

Current Subcommittees & 2014 Goals

Water Quality Subcommittee

- Agreement Goal: Water Quality
- Topics: TMDL, WIPs, Ag, Conowingo Dam

● ***Conservation & Land Use***

- Agreement Goals: Healthy Watersheds, Land Conservation, Vital Habitats
- Topics: role of CBP in land conservation, forests and wetlands, solar, data centers, impervious surface

● ***Stewardship & Engagement***

- Agreement Goals: Stewardship, Env Literacy, Public Access
- Topics: volunteer stipends, DEIJ, Equitable Access to Grants

Observations & Opportunities

Imbalance of member distribution

- Membership changes



Rebalance

Recurring calls for topics

- living resources
- toxics contaminants



Assess New Interests

Siloing of subcommittees and issues



Cross-subcommittee discussion

New Quarterly Meeting Format

- 2 in-person meetings, 2 virtual



Adapt: Pair Topics with Format

No Jurisdiction Delegation Mtgs



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Agreement Goals & Outcomes

Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife

Blue Crabs
Brook Trout
Fish Passage
Oysters
Stream Health
SAV
Wetlands

Health Landscapes

Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions
Forests & Trees
Land Use Planning and Decision Support
Protected Lands

Clean Water

Reducing Excess N,P, S
Toxics & Emerging Contaminants
Water Quality Standards & Monitoring

Engaged Communities

Local Gov't Leadership
Public Access
School District Env Literacy
Stewardship
Student Env. Experiences
Workforce

Subcommittee Break-out Questions

Select the Subcommittee Name

Elect chair/co-chairs

Further articulate

(1) relevance, (2) CBP alignment, and (3) the specific aim.

Determine initial inquiry

- What background information do you need to get started?
- Are there opportunities to collaborate with other Advisory Committees?