



**Stakeholders' Advisory Committee**  
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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# **Stakeholders' Committee Coordinator's Report**

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## Progress on Action Items

- Networks in the watershed
- Highlights of Stakeholders' Committee successes

## Takeaways from December Discussion

- Stakeholders' Subcommittees
- Stakeholders' Accountability Workgroup

# Progress on Dec 2025 Action Items

- ✓ Send transcript of CBP Office Director Dan Coogan's remarks during the Dec 2025 Meeting
- ✓ Gather and share research data on health benefits of trees
- ✓ Share the link to the organizations would receive capacity building grants

## **Next Slides**

- ✓ Gather and share a list of networks from across the watershed.

*In Progress:* Highlight Stakeholders' recommendations and impacts over the years, share with CBP Office Director

# Action: Networks in the Watershed

Many informal networks across the region

- defined differently
- No clearinghouse

Heard from 3 out of 5 supported by the Chesapeake Bay Trust multi-year grant

- Cacapon Watershed Collaborative
- Lancaster Clean Water Partners
- Alliance for the Shenandoah

Other resources:

- [CBP: Find a Bay Organization](#) (617 organizations)
- [CBP Chesapeake Steward Map](#) (hubs and networks in collaborative partnerships)
- [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) (320 member organization)

# Action: Letter on Committee Successes

## Next Steps:

- Continue to update Table of 17 years of Recommendations and Results
  - Cross-check with response letters
  - Confirm last few years of results with Bay Program
- Share Table with Members
  - Collect feedback on highlights you want to include in the letter
- Draft Letter for Executive Committee approval

# Highlights of Committee Successes

## Conowingo Dam (2009-2013)

- 2017 TMDL Midpoint Assessment
- 2021 separate WIP w/ 2-year milestones

## BMP Verification (2010-2018)

- 2013 Panel, 2014 final Framework
- 2018 state required BMP protocol compliance for model credit

## Environmental Education (various, 2008-2016)

- 2018 EC Directive failed, but high-level summit every 2 years continues

## Workforce Development (2018-2019)

- new Outcome in revised 2025 *Watershed Agreement*

## Chesapeake Bay Grants Access (2021)

- 2022 removed matching fund requirements in some grants- SWG, NPS, CBT

## Capacity Building (2022)

- EPA grants announced in Dec 2023

# Takeaways from Dec 2025 Discussion

## **Maintain 3 Topical Subcommittees**

Water Quality, Engaged Communities, (new) Living Resources

## **Create a Short-term Workgroup**

Accountability

## **Bring Back Member State Delegation Time**

In-person during meals: May & September

# Survey: Stakeholders' Subcommittees

## **Water Quality**- 14 members (doubled)

*Agreement:* 3 Outcomes

- Reducing Excess NPS, Toxics, WQ Standards Attainment & Monitoring

## **Engaged Communities**- 4 members (all serve on other subcommittees/workgroup)

*Agreement:* 6 Outcomes

- Local Gov't Leadership, Public Access, School Literacy Planning, Stewardship, Student Env Experiences, Workforce

## **Living Resources**- 6 members

*Agreement:* 8 Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife Outcomes

- Crabs, Brook Trout, Fish Habitat, Fish Passage, Oysters, Stream Health, SAV, Wetlands

*Agreement:* 4 Healthy Landscapes Outcomes

- Adapting to Changing Conditions, Health Forests & Trees, Land Use Decision Support, Protected Lands

# Accountability Workgroup

Measures: State Progress, Funding, Consequences

10 Members

## **Near-term CBP Decisions / Opportunities**

- Governance
- Structure
- Management Strategies (including engagement) and Workplans
- CBP Priorities- directed by EC charges/ PSC; how AC recommendations fit in

## **2-3 meetings before April 7th PSC Meeting**

- guest speakers for detailed briefings
- reports from Adv Comm liaison to Signatory Team

# Coordinator's Report

## Questions and Discussion

# February 2026 Meeting Action Items

- send an email gauging members' specific interest in the ongoing sewer issue in the potomac
- provide a list of what members belong to which subcommittee
- send out email with links that were posted in the chat
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