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Dr. Benham's integrated extension and research program at Virginia Tech strives to develop and disseminate knowledge that promotes effective water resources management to improve water quality. He works with state and federal agencies, and citizens to develop watershed management plans that, when implemented, reduce the level of pollution in surface waters. He also educates home owners reliant on private water supplies (wells, springs, and cisterns) about how to better care for and maintain their private water supply systems to improve the quality of their drinking water and protect groundwater quality. Dr. Benham joined the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) in 2010 and became chair in September 2017. He has experienced the partnership in a variety of roles, most recently convening and conducting expert panels to assess and develop performance assessments for best management practices (BMPs) for which jurisdictions can receive credit toward meeting the Bay TMDL.

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