



Chesapeake Bay Program Advisory Committees

Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair: Paula Jasinski, Founder and President, Chesapeake Environmental Communications

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) provides advice to the Executive Council, the Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board and action teams in restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. The membership is broad-based with representatives from agricultural and homebuilding industries, business, conservation, environmental foundations and civic groups. Since 1984, this group has provided a non-governmental perspective on the Bay cleanup effort and on how Bay Program policies and programs affect citizens who live and work in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In 2001, CAC started its Young Delegates program to bring younger voices into the CAC dialogue. CAC wanted to hear perspectives from the next generation of watershed stewards who may be impacted by decisions made today that affect the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers in the long term. Representing each of the Bay Agreement signatory jurisdictions, the four non-voting delegates attend and participate in all CAC functions.

Local Government Advisory Committee

Chair: Bruce Williams, Former Mayor, Takoma Park, Maryland

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) was created by the Chesapeake Executive Council through the 1987 *Chesapeake Bay Agreement*. The committee is comprised of local government officials from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia who are appointed by their respective governors or mayor in the case of the District. The purpose of the LGAC is to advise the Executive Council on how to effectively, equitably and expeditiously implement projects and engage the support of local governments to achieve the goals of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

Chair: Dr. Brian Benham, Professor and Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech

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. This guidance includes identification, prioritization, coordination, evaluation and communication of issues and findings to the CBP, the broader community and STAC itself (as they represent the science community). STAC's value lies in its ability to garner the expertise needed to respond with expertise and guidance on particular issues as well as its ability to assess priority areas that require longer-term vision and research. Historically, STAC has also fostered open, collegial lines of communication between Bay researchers and managers.