

# GOALS & OUTCOMES

## ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

The well-being of the Chesapeake Bay watershed will soon rest in the hands of its youngest citizens—the more than three million students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Establishing strong, targeted environmental education programs now provides a vital foundation for these future watershed stewards.



**GOAL:** Enable every student in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed.

### Student Outcome



Continually increase students' age-appropriate understanding of the watershed through participation in teacher-supported, meaningful watershed educational experiences and rigorous, inquiry-based instruction, with a target of at least one meaningful watershed educational experience in elementary, middle and high school depending on available resources.

### Sustainable Schools Outcome



Continually increase the number of schools in the region that reduce the impact of their buildings and grounds on their local watershed, environment and human health through best practices, including student-led protection and restoration projects.

### Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome



Each participating Bay jurisdiction should develop a comprehensive and systemic approach to environmental literacy for all students in the region that includes policies, practices and voluntary metrics that support the environmental literacy Goals and Outcomes of this Agreement.