

At-A-Glance Guide to Organizations and Agencies Presenting to the Citizens Advisory Committee February 2017

Blue Water Baltimore

<https://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org>

Blue Water Baltimore is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to restore the quality of Baltimore's rivers, streams and Harbor to foster a healthy environment, a strong economy, and thriving communities. We work toward a future when our streams, rivers and Harbor are healthy, thriving ecosystems that are accessible and safe for citizens, visitors and commerce. To achieve these goals, we monitor the Baltimore area waterways for pollution. We organize trash cleanups, plant trees on public land, and provide green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff. We advocate for stronger laws for clean water, both locally and statewide.

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

<http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org>

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will educate, support and inspire people and communities of faith to advocate for the waters of the Chesapeake through policies and practices that promote a healthier environment and healthier people. We care deeply about the Earth, all its people and life forms, but we focus on water, because water is the essence of all life. The purity of the water is the litmus test for the health of the world. Its health is determined by what we do, the patterns of our lives, the choices we make, the quality of the air, the health of soil. The welfare of all depends on the welfare of the earth's waters.

Through water, we are unmistakably interconnected. Thus, through our respect and stewardship of water, we demonstrate respect and love for each other and for future generations. We therefore believe that we must work through communities of faith to bring about a transformation of awareness and action that reflects respect for this interconnectedness and the need for restored balance. We are actively seeking opportunities to engage and involve more people and communities in this mission.

Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore

<http://baltimorewaterfront.com>

Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore is creating and managing a world-class destination at Baltimore's Waterfront while inspiring a cleaner, greener future for our neighborhoods, streams, and harbor.

We're a non-profit organization known for getting things done around the Waterfront. We oversee the Waterfront Management Authority (WMA), a business improvement district dedicated to improved maintenance, beautification, and visitor services for Baltimore's signature asset—the Waterfront. Our Clean, Green, Hospitality, and Safety teams work tirelessly to provide a friendly face, a welcoming hand, and a watchful eye. We ensure the Promenade is clean and shiny, and that the landscape is always lush and colorful. We oversee the Waterfront parks, which provide places for family fun and activity, special events, and relaxation. We also manage free and low-cost attractions such as the Inner Harbor Ice Rink, Walter Sondheim Fountain, and award-winning Pierce's Park.

In 2009, we set out to make the harbor swimmable and fishable by 2020. To accomplish this goal, we have several innovative efforts under way, including the installation of the Inner Harbor Water Wheel Trash Inceptor, the launch of the Greater Baltimore Oyster Partnership, planting floating wetlands, water quality monitoring for our annual report card, and much more.

Parks & People Foundation

<http://www.parksandpeople.org>

For more than 30 years, Parks & People has revitalized neighborhoods through hands-on cleaning and greening, the building of partnerships to sustain green spaces, and programs that help children to learn, grow, and explore their

natural environment. The Mission is: Uniting Baltimore through parks. The Vision is: Everyone in Baltimore is connected to nature, their community and each other through vibrant parks and green spaces.

Baltimore Center for Green Careers

<http://baltimoregreencareers.civicworks.com>

The mission of Civic Works' Baltimore Center for Green Careers is to make Baltimore's economy more equitable and sustainable by training residents for jobs in the emerging green economy. Since 2003, the combination of meaningful employment, a living wage, and marketable trade skills has proven powerfully successful.

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net>

The Chesapeake Bay Program is a unique regional partnership that has led and directed the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983. The Chesapeake Bay Program partners include the states of [Maryland](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Delaware](#), [New York](#), [West Virginia](#) and [Virginia](#); the [District of Columbia](#); the [Chesapeake Bay Commission](#), a tri-state legislative body; the [Environmental Protection Agency](#), representing the federal government; and participating citizen advisory groups. The leadership of the Chesapeake Bay Program is the Executive Council which includes the Governors of the partnership's states, Mayor of DC, EPA Administrator and the Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Choose Clean Water Coalition

<http://choosecleanwater.org>

MISSION-To serve as a strong, united, effective advocate for restoring the thousands of streams and rivers flowing to the Chesapeake Bay by coordinating policy, message action and accountability for clean water at the federal, state and local levels.

Organizations in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia create the community of the Choose Clean Water Coalition. More than 200 members strong, we are the committed advocate and one voice to restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its thousands of rivers and streams.

Maryland Department of the Environment

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/Pages/Home.aspx>

In 1987, the Maryland Department of the Environment was created to protect and preserve the state's air, water and land resources and safeguard the environmental health of Maryland's citizens. The mission is to protect and restore the environment for the health and well-being of all Marylanders. MDE's duties also encompass enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, long-term planning and research. MDE provides technical assistance to Maryland industry and communities for pollution and growth issues and environmental emergencies.

Chesapeake Bay Commission

<http://www.chesbay.us>

The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a policy leader in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. As a tri-state legislative assembly representing Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, the Commission's leadership covers a full spectrum of Bay issues: from managing living resources and conserving land, to protecting water quality. By combining its unique access to both the legislative and executive branches of each Bay state with well-honed skills in research, policy-development and consensus building, the Commission has achieved consistently strong and effective results in pursuit of Bay restoration goals.

Twenty-one members from three states define the Commission's identity and its workload. Fifteen are legislators, five each from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, who are responsible for identifying the needs of the Bay, hearing the wishes of their constituents and determining actions that make better stewards of all of us. Completing their ranks are the governors of each state, represented by cabinet members who are directly responsible for managing their states' natural resources, as well as three citizen representatives who bring with them a unique perspective and expertise.