

Executive Council Meeting

On December 15, the Executive Council meeting took place in Richmond, Virginia. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan was appointed as the Chair of the Executive Council. Executive Council members, designees and plus-one's had a private lunch with representatives from each Advisory Committee. During the public meeting, Executive Council members, designees and guest speakers discussed the [*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Implementation Plan Strategy*](#) and outcome attainability updates from the [*Bay Barometer: State of the Chesapeake Bay Program*](#).

- Access the press release:
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/celebrating_deij_and_climate_successes_with_the_chesapeake_bay_program
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- Access the Bay Barometer:
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/2021_State_of_the_Program.pdf

The following blogs were published in December:

- Wildlife managers race against the clock to protect centuries-old trees
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/wildlife_managers_race_against_the_clock_to_protect_centuries_old_trees
- The world's largest oyster restoration project is completed in Virginia
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/the_worlds_largest_oyster_restoration_project_is_completed_in_virginia
- West Virginia tourist town confronts flooding with green infrastructure
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/west_virginia_tourist_town_confronts_flooding_with_green_infrastructure
- Celebrating DEI and climate successes with the Chesapeake Bay Program
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/celebrating_deij_and_climate_successes_with_the_chesapeake_bay_program
- Maximizing a short supply of black duck habitat
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/maximizing_a_short_supply_of_black_duck_habitat
- The Chesapeake Bay Program's guide to reducing holiday waste
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/the_chesapeake_bay_programs_guide_to_reducing_holiday_waste
- The Chesapeake's stand-out stories of 2021
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/the_chesapeakes_stand_out_stories_of_2021
- Year in photos: The Chesapeake watershed in 2021
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/year_in_photos_the_chesapeake_watershed_in_2021