
Planning for the 2023 Executive Council Meeting and the Chesapeake Bay Program's 40th Anniversary

PRINCIPALS' STAFF COMMITTEE

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Executive Council Meeting Planning

- Looking at dates in October.
- To be held within the Washington, D.C. region (preferably in the District).

2023 Executive Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Michael Regan (Chair)	Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Muriel Bowser	Mayor, District of Columbia
John Carney	Governor, State of Delaware
Kathy Hochul	Governor, State of New York
Jim Justice	Governor, State of West Virginia
Scott Martin	Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Wes Moore	Governor, State of Maryland
Josh Shapiro	Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Glenn Youngkin	Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

EC Charge from 2022 Meeting

Science

- *Identify new and emerging scientific data and studies which could modify our progress reporting and adaptive management approach, as well as the goals and outcomes under the Watershed Agreement.*
- *Enhance our monitoring and reporting capabilities to improve our understanding of existing conditions and trends.*
- *Define the existing and emerging challenges (e.g., climate change conditions, increasing growth, diversity, equity, inclusion and justice considerations) to accomplishing the partnership's work under the Watershed Agreement, and how **addressing those challenges might alter our collective restoration priorities**, including the **possibility of extending the target date for completing restoration of water quality beyond 2025**.*
- *Identify opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement.*

Restoration

- *Develop and begin to implement a **communication strategy that identifies key partnership successes, associated ecosystem improvements and areas where more effort is needed**.*
- *Provide **snapshots of outcome attainability** under the Agreement (e.g., which outcomes are likely to be met by the date(s) set by the partnership, which won't, and why) and **options for communicating these snapshots to demonstrate progress in achieving our outcomes and the remaining work to be done, including gaps to be addressed**.*



Potential Meeting Topics

- Approve change of name for the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Advisory committee reports.
- Elect 2024 chair.
- **For discussion: What other topics should be discussed at the meeting?**

<u>PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)</u>	<u>ENTITY</u>
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Cassie Davis	Department of Environmental Conservation, New York
Jill Whitcomb, Kristen Wolf	Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania
Jutta Schneider	Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia
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Jennifer Starr	Coordinator, Local Government Advisory Committee
Meg Cole	Coordinator, Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

Questions?



Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

Chesapeake Bay Program 40th Anniversary



1983 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement

- The first *Chesapeake Watershed Agreement* was signed on December 9, 1983 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.
- Signatories included the Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the federal government, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- Established the Chesapeake Bay Program.

40th Anniversary Campaign

Celebrating the successes of the partnership over its 40-year history and progress toward meeting the goals and outcomes of the most recent *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.

Comprehensive content calendar for the entire year highlighting individual jurisdictional and federal agency priorities and successes.

Two events during Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.

40th Anniversary website.

Special logo and virtual meeting backgrounds.

Toolkit for partner events and outreach.

Media toolkit.

Content Plan

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PARTNER</u>
March	Accomplishments over past 40 years	U.S. Geological Survey
April	Wildlife management success stories over past 40 years	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
	Interview with Jim Seif	Pennsylvania
May	Defending the Bay: How DOD contributes to Bay restoration	Department of Defense
	Advancing oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed	NOAA
June	Wastewater treatment plant upgrade successes	Virginia
	TBD	National Park Service
July	How CBP science has informed CBC's efforts to identify cost-effective strategies	Chesapeake Bay Commission
August	TBD	TBD
September	Bringing the Chesapeake Bay to classrooms and classrooms to the Chesapeake Bay	NOAA
October	Oyster restoration in Maryland	Maryland
November	TBD	West Virginia
December	TBD	TBD



Chesapeake Bay Awareness Theme

- June 3-11, 2023
- Theme will be celebrating the goals and outcomes of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.
- Two events will be held in collaboration with NFWF to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.
 - One near Lancaster, Pa.
 - One in Baltimore, Md.
 - Stay tuned for more details!

Highlights over the past 40- years

- 1985: Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program established.
- 1986: First nutrient management plans created.
- 1989: Phosphate detergent banned.
- 1989: First Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan developed.
- 1994: Executive Council signs first forest buffer directive.
- 1995: Striped bass fishery declared restored.
- 1998: Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network established.
- 2016: First high-resolution land cover/land use dataset released.
- 2016: Goal for reducing nitrogen pollution from wastewater treatment plants met a decade early.
- 2020: Executive Council signs diversity, equity, inclusion and justice directive.
- 2022: World's largest oyster restoration project completed.

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