



Citizens Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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CAC Name Change - Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

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Citizens Advisory Committee Role

To provide the leadership of the Chesapeake Bay Program with informed, broad based stakeholders' perspectives on progress and approaches to meet the Agreement Goals.

Sustainable Fisheries Goal



- Blue Crab Abundance Outcome
- Blue Crab Management Outcome
- Oyster Outcome
- Forage Fish Outcome
- Fish Habitat Outcome

Vital Habitats Goal



- Wetlands Outcome
 - Black Duck
- Stream Health Outcome
 - Brook Trout
- Fish Passage Outcome
- SAV Outcome
- Forest Buffer Outcome
- Tree Canopy Outcome

Water Quality Goal



- 2017 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP) Outcome
- 2025 WIP Outcome
- Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome

Toxic Contaminants Goal



- Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome
- Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome

Healthy Watersheds Goal



- Healthy Waters Outcome

Stewardship Goal



- Citizen Stewardship Outcome
- Local Leadership Outcome
- Diversity Outcome

Land Conservation Goal



- Protected Lands Outcome
- Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome
- Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome

Public Access Goal



- Public Access Site Development Outcome

Environmental Literacy Goal



- Student Outcome
- Sustainable Schools Outcome
- Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome

Climate Resiliency Goal



- Monitoring and Assessment Outcome
- Adaptation Outcome



Restoration practitioners
Farmers
Retired government officials
Environmental philanthropy
Policy researchers and contractors

Land conservationists
EJ Advocates
Community organizers
Watershed organizations
Educators

The Proposed Change

- Change our committee's name to **Stakeholders' Advisory Committee**
- Definition of "stakeholder," from Cambridge Dictionary: "a person such as an employee, customer, or citizen who is involved with an organization, society, etc. and **therefore has responsibilities toward it and an interest in its success**"

Why we Request This Change

- CAC has held leadership and accountability roles in the Program's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice work.
- CAC's own membership has significantly diversified racially, culturally, geographically, and generationally in the past several years.
- With urging from the Stewardship Work Group, the Executive Council accepted revisions to the Watershed Agreement in 2022, removing or replacing the word "citizen."
- As the Program evolves beyond 2025, we expect a broader understanding of public involvement and the need to include a wider diversity of voices in our work.

The Process

- CAC members discussed this change over the course of a year and reached consensus in December 2022.
- The Executive Council must approved the new name before it can be officially adopted.
- CAC requests that this topic be included as an item in the Executive Council annual meeting in October 2023.

Questions?

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Thank you!

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