



Diversity Outcome

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Through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the Chesapeake Bay Program has committed to...

Goal: Stewardship

Outcome:

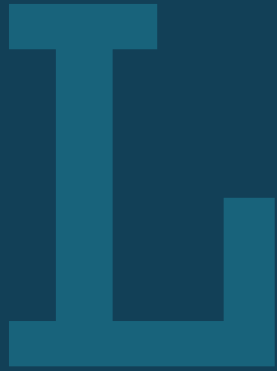
Identify stakeholder groups that are not currently represented in the leadership, decision making and implementation of conservation and restoration activities, and create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage them in the partnership's efforts.



How You Can Help



- **Off-track**
- Making a lot of **progress** in some areas, less in others
- **Need:** support to integrate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in the CBP



Learn

What have we learned in the last two years?



Successes and Challenges

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SUCCESSES

- **Established a Diversity Indicator**

- To increase POC in the CBP to 25%, with 15% in leadership by 2025

- **Relationships**

- MOUs with Bowie State & Virginia State University
- Career fairs & events: most at HBCU's

- **Conducted a DEI Readiness Assessment**

- Carried out by Skeo Solutions to assess the environment of DEI at CBP



Successes and Challenges

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DEI Readiness Assessment

- Survey results show that **88-97%** of survey respondents from across the organization **believe that DEI practices will benefit CBP.**
- However, respondents are not yet convinced that CBP is actively demonstrating a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
 - **Only 25-35%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with those statements.



Successes and Challenges

What have we learned in the last two years?

CHALLENGES

- **Funding:** lacking, prevents meaningful engagement
- **Employment:** internships and entry-level, low or unpaid
- **Organizational Culture:** lack of diversity, perceived lack of control
- **Ownership:** staff transitions, lack of ownership over workplan actions, disconnect to Bay Program
- **Tracking & Measurement:** need to define success



What is our Expected and Actual Progress?

% People of color	2016	2019	2025 Goal
In CBP	13.7	14.6	25
In CBP leadership	9.1	10.3	15



What is our Expected and Actual Progress?





On the Horizon

What developments will influence our work over the next two years?

- **Funding**

- Equitable distribution; Career/intern programs

- **Employment**

- Federal employees approaching retirement; Employment practices are changing.

- **Organizational Culture**

- Institutionalizing DEIJ; CBP DEI Strategy



Adapt

How does all of this impact our work?



**Based on what we
learned, we plan to ...**

- **Implement Skeo's Phase 1 Recommendations**

- Review internal processes and governance documents
- Make changes to reflect DEIJ values

- **Streamline management strategy and actions to more directly address barriers and gaps**

- The barriers; funding, employment, and organizational culture will be at the forefront of our next 2 years of work



Help

*How can the Management Board
lead the Program to adapt?*



Help Needed

1. Endorse DEI Strategy
2. Adopt DEIJ Statement for CBP
3. Commit to Cultural Competency trainings



Help Needed

4. Create space; increase opportunities for underrepresented groups to participate in CBP
5. Promote equitable access to funding



Discussion



Definitions

Diversity The demographic mix of a specific collection of people, taking into account elements of human difference. For example: racial and ethnic groups, income, spectrum of built environment settings (rural to urban), faith communities, LGBTQ+ populations, people with disabilities, gender, relationship to the natural environment.

Equity Improving equity is to promote justice, impartiality and fairness within the procedures, processes, and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the underlying or root causes of disparities within our society.



Definitions

Inclusion Refers to the degree to which diverse individuals are able to participate fully in the decision-making processes within an organization or group. While a truly “inclusive” group is necessarily diverse, a “diverse” group may or may not be “inclusive.”

Justice The quality of being just, impartial, or fair.

Environmental Justice The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies, and refers to “decisions [that] support sustainable communities where people can interact with confidence that their environment is safe, nurturing, and productive...”