



Restoring the Chesapeake


One Agreement at a Time

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EARLY HISTORY

The Chesapeake Bay Restoration A History of Key Events

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2000

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM “born”

Governor of MD



Governor of VA



Governor of PA



Executive Council



Chesapeake Bay Program

EPA Administrator



Chair of Chesapeake
Bay Commission




Mayor of DC



EVOLVING POLICY HISTORY


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MORE POLICY HISTORY

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1960s

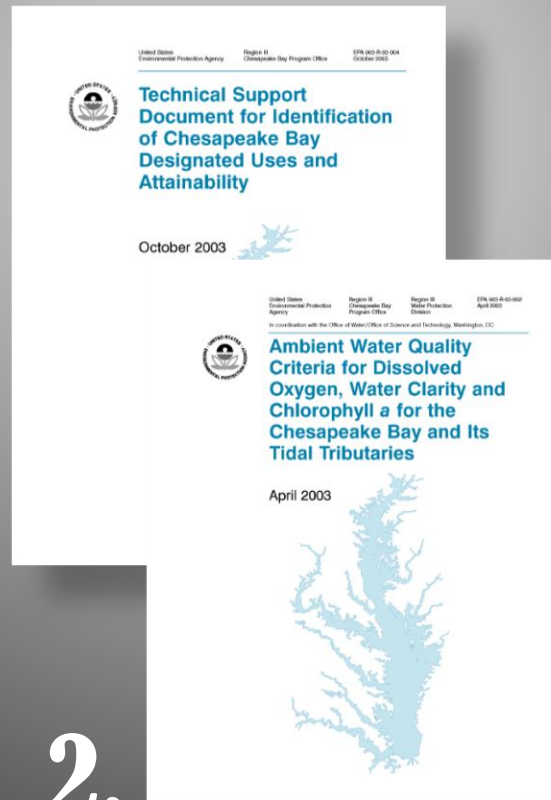
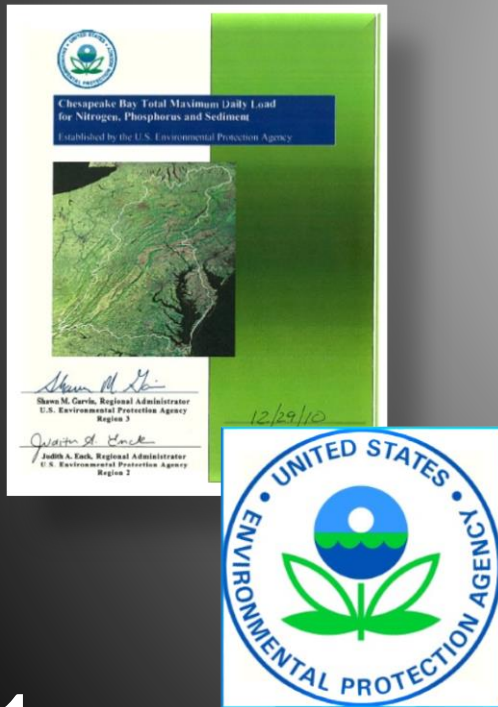
2011

C2K Game Changers

Threat of Regulatory
Bay-wide TMDL

Water Quality
Standards

Rising Costs &
Recession



1.

2.

3.

TMDL applies
WATERSHED-WIDE

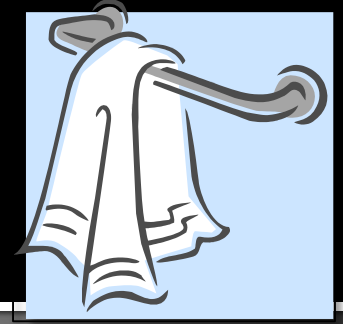
C2K begins to
bring in the
headwater
states:

- ✓ New York
- ✓ Delaware
- ✓ West Virginia

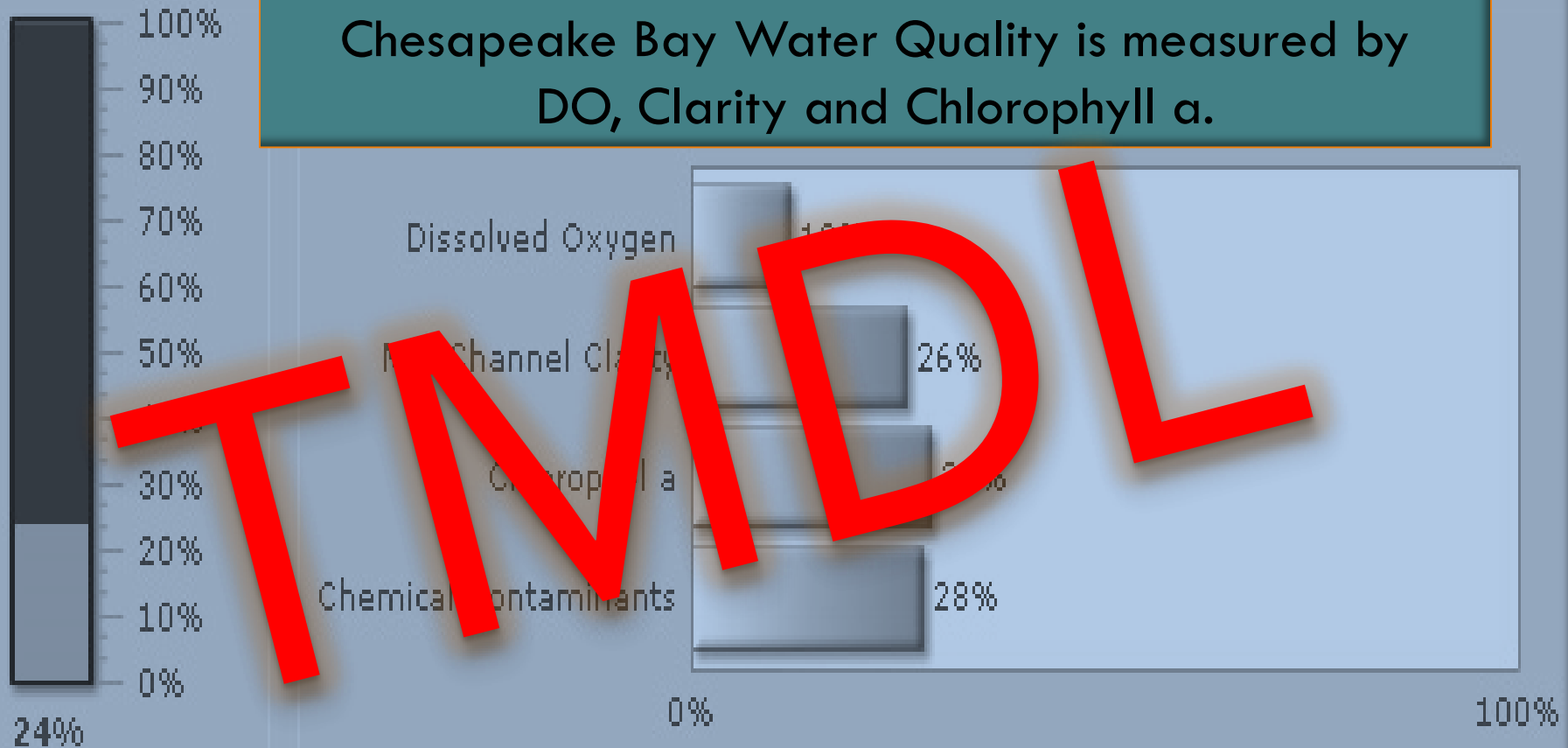


2008 WATER QUALITY:

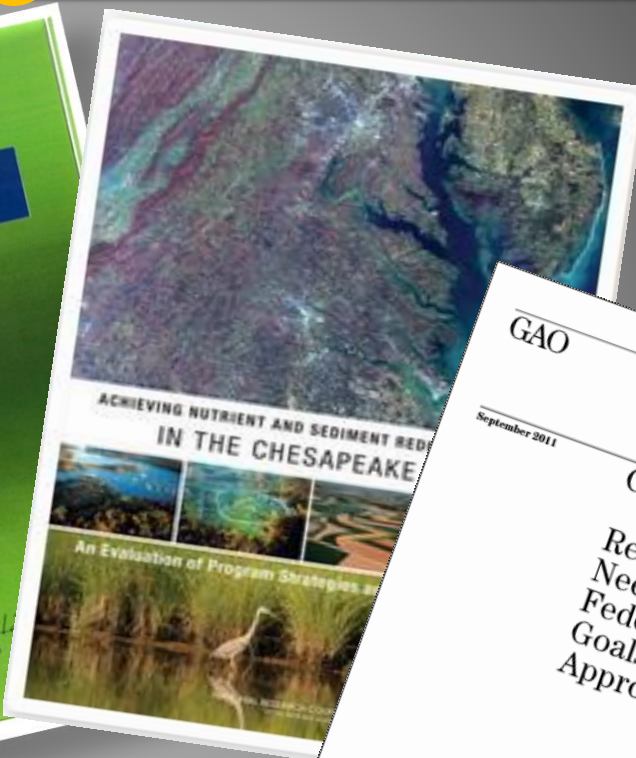
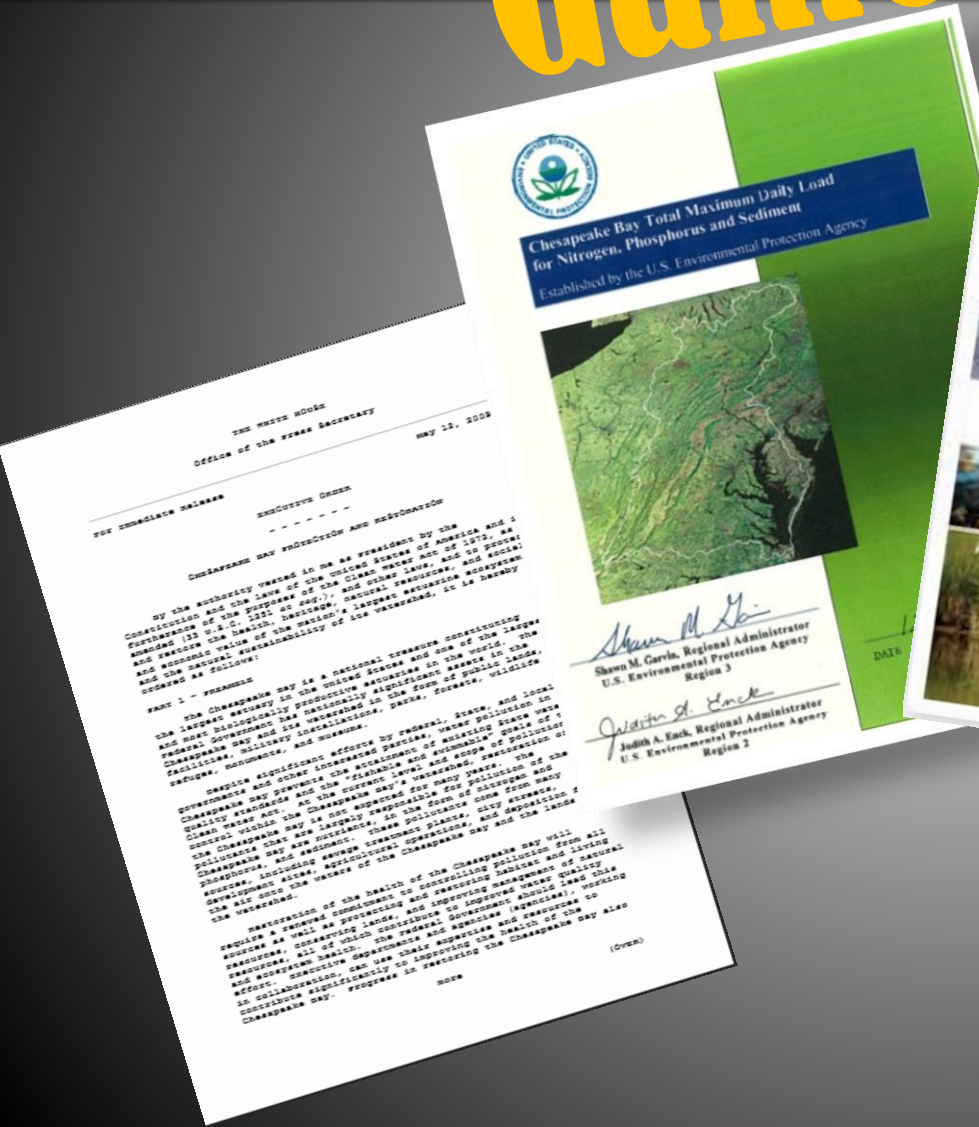
Inadequate by any measure



Chesapeake Bay Water Quality is measured by
DO, Clarity and Chlorophyll a.




Post-C2K Game Changers



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The Chesapeake Bay Restoration : A 50-Year History with a future

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 - 2014 **Fourth Bay Agreement** – Measurable & Flexible
 - 2017 60% of TMDL implemented
 - 2025 TMDL practices fully implemented

2025

2014 Agreement

THEMES

- The Do-able
- Management Strategies
- 2-year Incremental Achievement
- Adaptive Management



2014 Agreement By The Numbers

9 Signatories

10 Goals

31 Outcomes

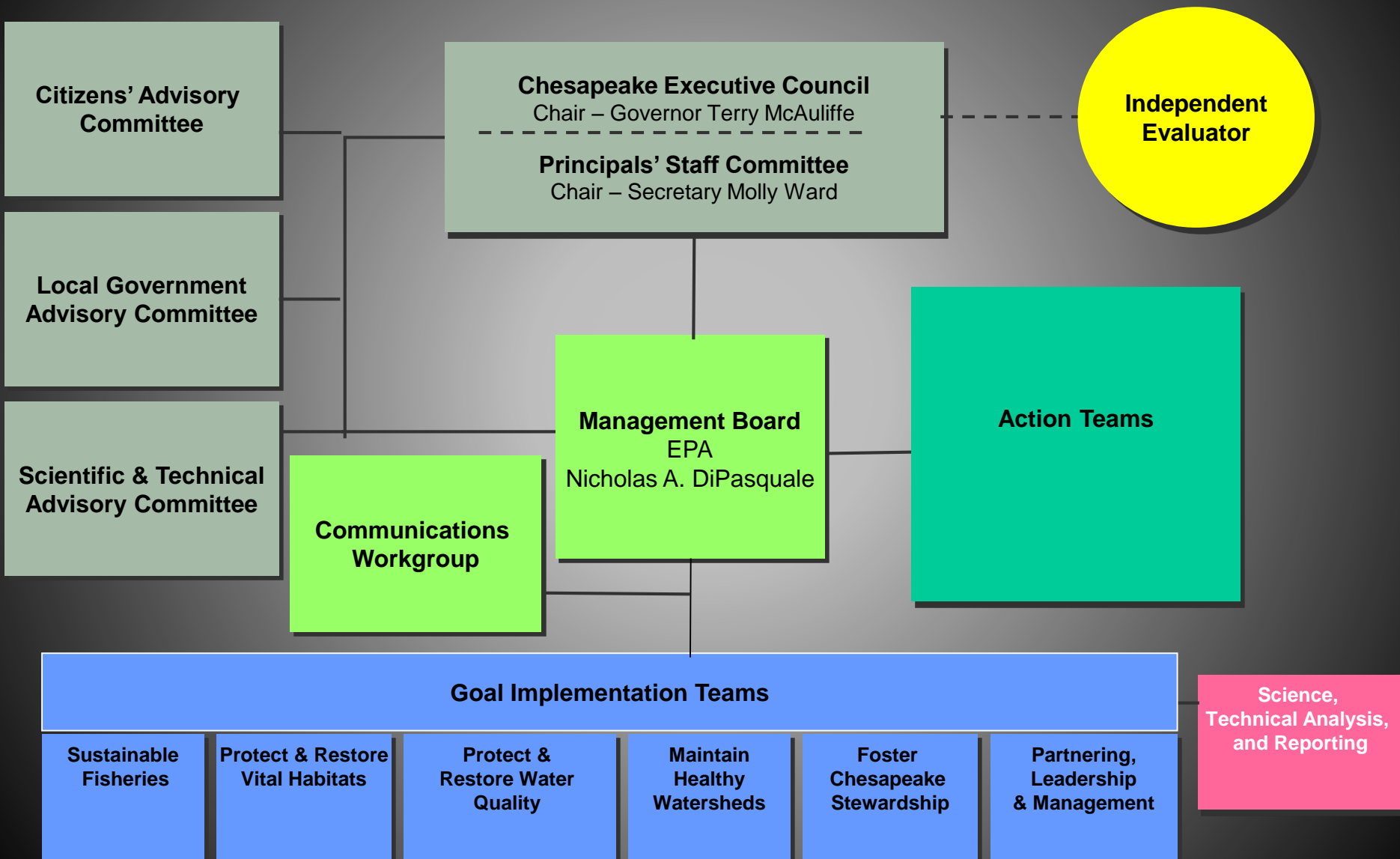
1800 Local
Governments

17.5 m
residents

2017/2025



CBP Organizational Structure





The Chesapeake Bay Program

A Watershed PARTNERSHIP

Signatories

Chesapeake Bay Commission
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Virginia
District of Columbia
State of Maryland
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
State of Delaware
State of New York
State of West Virginia

Federal Agency Partners

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Postal Service (USPS)
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
National Capital Planning Commission

Academic Partners

Academy of Natural Sciences
Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC)
College of William and Mary
Cornell Cooperative Extension (New York)
Old Dominion University (ODU)
Pennsylvania State University (Penn State)
Smithsonian Institution

University of Delaware Cooperative Extension
University of the District of Columbia (UDC)
University of Maryland
University of Pennsylvania
University of Virginia (UVa)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Va Tech)
West Virginia University

Other Partners

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB)
American Forests
Anacostia Watershed Society
Center for Chesapeake Communities (CCC)
Center for Watershed Protection (CWP)
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)
Chesapeake Bay Trust
Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network
Ducks Unlimited
Ecosystem Solutions
International City/County Management Association
Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN)
Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB)
Low Impact Development Center
Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG)
Montgomery County Environmental Protection
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Potomac Conservancy
Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)
Upper Susquehanna Coalition
World Resources Institute

Thank you!

Any questions?

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