



Established The Chesapeake Executive Council (EC) established the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee in 1984 to provide non-governmental perspective, advice and guidance to the leadership of the federal/state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. The proposal to create the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee was advanced by the Alliance for the Chesapeake during the formation of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Purpose The Stakeholders' Advisory Committee is the only "official" non-governmental voice within the formal structure of the Bay Program. They advise the EC (Governors, DC Mayor, EPA Administrator, and Chesapeake Bay Commission) and the Principals Staff Committee (appointed Environmental and Agriculture Secretaries and staff) on policies and programs impacting residents in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Membership The membership is 28 volunteers representing a sample of stakeholders including: restoration practitioners, farmers, retired government officials, environmental philanthropy, policy researchers and contractors, land conservationists, environmental justice advocates, community organizers, watershed organizations and educators.

12 gubernatorial appointments from the States of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania; 4 mayoral appointments from the District of Columbia; 9 At-Large appointments and one each from Delaware, West Virginia and New York by the Board of Directors of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Operations The Stakeholders' Advisory Committee meets quarterly, traveling around the watershed to learn about local successes and challenges to water quality, living resources and habitats, and stewardship and engagement around river restoration and protection. The Stakeholders' Committee submits an Annual Report of recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council. The Stakeholders' Committee engages Bay Program staff, State and local representatives, technical committees, and numerous stakeholders.

Priorities The Stakeholders' Advisory Committee focuses on monitoring the progress towards achieving the TMDL water quality goals and the outcomes in the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. In recent years the Stakeholders' Committee prioritized issues around accountability and transparency in restoration progress; agricultural challenges and opportunities; environmental education and literacy; public access to waterways; increasing stewardship and diversity; impacts of large-scale solar development; and equitable access to grants.

Webpage on the Chesapeake Bay Program website:
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/stakeholders-advisory-committee>

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