



# 2022 State of the Program

**A Report to the Chesapeake  
Executive Council on the State  
of the Chesapeake Bay  
Program**

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# Observations





# Achievements

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Science:  
Modeling

A rural landscape featuring a pond in the foreground with two people wading in the water. The background shows a green field, a red barn, and trees under an overcast sky. A white circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Science:  
Monitoring



**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

## Blue crab population in Chesapeake Bay hits record low

New survey shows number of blue crabs dropped to 227 million, marking a low point in 33 years of tracking the crustaceans.



**THE BALTIMORE SUN**

**This winter, Maryland's wild oyster harvest surged to its most plentiful since 1987. Can it be sustained?**



GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS  
**GAZETTE-JOURNAL**

*News and Information for Gloucester and Mathews, Virginia*

**Water quality throughout bay watershed shows mixed results**

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# RESTORATION

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PARTNERSHIP: WORKING  
TOGETHER

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PARTNERSHIP:  
BLUE CRABS





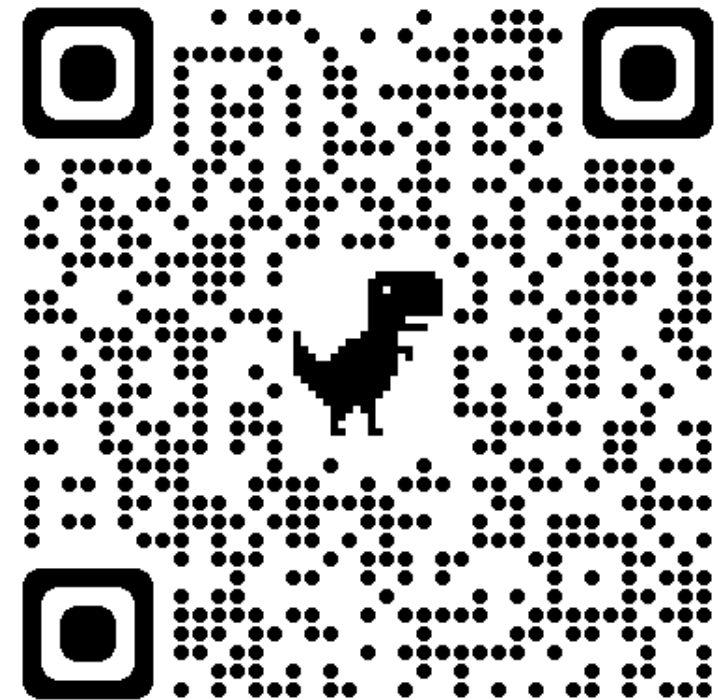
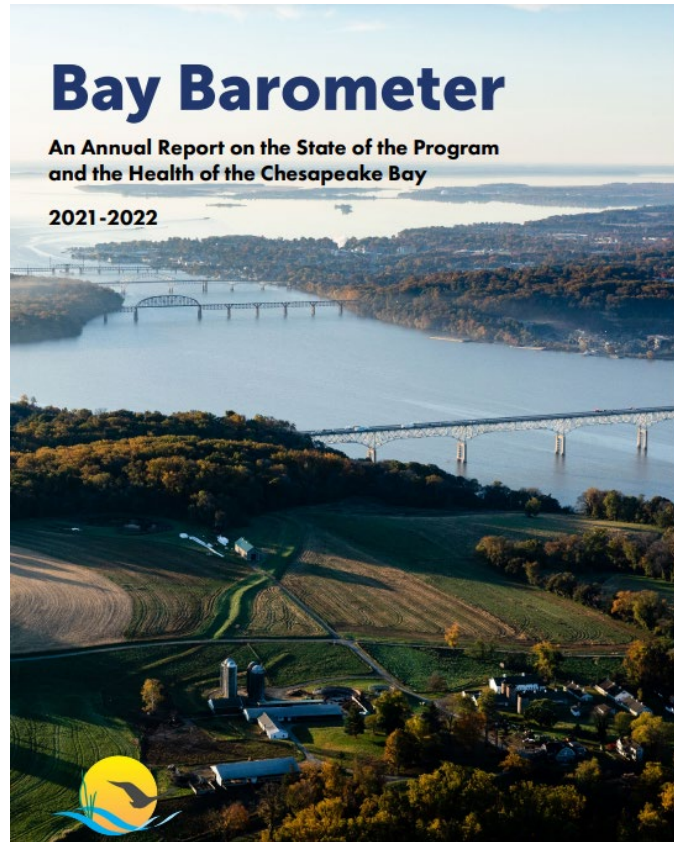


# PARTNERSHIP: FUNDING

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021:** *Provides \$238 million over five years.*
- **Inflation Reduction Act:** *Includes \$369 billion in federal authorizations to invest in clean energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest in climate resiliency.*
- **Chesapeake WILD Act:** *Created a new grant program within the U.S. Fish Wildlife Service to support habitat restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.*
- **America the Beautiful Initiative:** *Chesapeake Bay Program partners can apply for funding through this initiative annually to advance progress toward goals related to conservation and habitat for fish and wildlife.*

# 2021-2022 Bay Barometer

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