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## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION IN 1999

The 25-member Citizens Advisory Committee, formally established in 1985, provides advice and guidance on Chesapeake Bay restoration and protection activities to the policy-making body of the Chesapeake Bay Program—the Chesapeake Executive Council. The committee's other responsibilities include assisting Bay Program partners in implementing the 1987 *Chesapeake Bay Agreement*, its amendments and the directives signed by the Executive Council. The committee members also work with their constituencies to increase understanding and implementation of the agreement and the variety of programs in place to restore and protect the Bay and its rivers. The members come from a broad cross section of the public and include environmentalists, farmers, fishermen, representatives of business and industry, developers, academia, scientists and representatives of local and state government.

### OF NOTE:

► Citizens Advisory Committee members participated on the Bay Program's Nutrient Trading Negotiations Team; the Living Resources Subcommittee; the Toxics Subcommittee; the Budget Steering Committee; the Communications and Education Subcommittee; the Education Workgroup; and the Nutrient Subcommittee.

► The committee rounded out its membership in 1999 with the addition of the following members: Gary Baise of Virginia, a partner in the law firm of Baise, Miller & Freer; Jim Elliott of the District of Columbia, an attorney with Hunton and Williams; Kurt Erickson of Virginia, the Executive Director of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and immediate past president of the Virginia Conservation Network; Victor Funk, a retired chief of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection; Larry Herman, a regulatory policy specialist currently on leave of absence from Virginia's Office of the Attorney General on assignment with the Consumer Product Safety Commission; Ted Jackson of Virginia, who supervises six wastewater treatment plants in Loudon County; and John (Neil) Wilkie of the District of Columbia, a retired vice chairman of Morgan Guaranty Bank International.

### *Chesapeake 2000 is Top Priority*

During the past year, the Citizens Advisory Committee placed a high priority on the development of the renewed *Chesapeake Bay Agreement* through active participation on the renewal committees. The new agreement—*Chesapeake 2000*—is scheduled to be put in place by the Executive Council in mid-2000. The agreement will guide the Bay Program over the next ten to 15 years. As a participant in the year-long process, the committee conveyed the priorities that the public felt should be included in the agreement. To underscore its point, the committee released its statement of priorities for the new agreement in May. Those priorities, delivered to key decision makers throughout the region, included:

- Achieving and maintaining the 40% nutrient cap agreed to in the 1992 *Amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Agreement*;
- Addressing in a meaningful manner growth management and the challenges posed by increasing population trends and transportation needs in the Bay watershed; and
- Effectively engaging the public in Bay restoration efforts.

In order to enhance its knowledge of the public's priorities for the new agreement, the committee also participated in the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Renewal Project. As the Renewal Project and the agreement drafting process continue through 2000, the committee will make the development and implementation of the *Chesapeake 2000* agreement a high priority.

### Final Land Use Forum Held

In 1999, the Citizens Advisory Committee conducted the third in its series of successful land use forums held throughout the Bay region. The forums were designed to bring together professionals from the development and building communities to address issues, obstacles and problems that they face in moving toward more Bay-friendly development practices. The results of all three forums provide specific starting points for the committee and the Bay Program partners as they begin to work with local and state officials to remove obstacles to Bay-friendly development practices.

For more information on the Citizens Advisory Committee, go to  
[www.chesapeakebay.net/committee.htm](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/committee.htm)  
on the Bay Program website.

