http://stat.chesapeakebay.net

Why ChesapeakeStat?
The Chesapeake Bay Program partners want a transparent way to report on restoration activities and funding, assess progress toward goals, better coordinate efforts and adapt strategies as needed. Governor O'Malley established an excellent model to follow with Maryland's BayStat. At the May 2009 Executive Council Meeting, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson announced, "Governor O'Malley's leadership in developing BayStat has inspired work on a similar effort at the Chesapeake Bay Program to improve decision-making and convey important information to the public. We're looking forward to the creation of a similar program … to guide the partnership's work in the watershed."

What is ChesapeakeStat?
- A systematic process of analyzing information to continually assess progress towards goals and adapt strategies when needed.
- A public website that promotes improved accountability through transparency by sharing information on activities, funding and goals.

Our Progress
ChesapeakeStat brings together, for the first time, information on health and restoration progress and funding to support Bay watershed restoration work. ChesapeakeStat is designed to help CBP partners and the public assess and understand our performance related to the health of the Bay and completion of on-the-ground restoration actions.

A key feature of ChesapeakeStat is summary Performance Overview pages presented for five goal areas. The five goal areas address the most important aspects of Bay restoration and protection. The first three goal areas – fisheries, habitats and water quality – are key environmental outcomes related to the vision of a restored Bay. It is strategically important that the areas of the Bay watershed that are healthy remain protected, which is the focus of the fourth goal area. To achieve these outcomes, it is necessary to build capacity for stewardship and improved resource management by organizations and individuals across the Bay watershed and this need creates the focus for the fifth goal area.

About Bay Funding
Funding information displayed in ChesapeakeStat is reported voluntarily by CBP partners during an annual data call. Partners enter their data into the Chesapeake Registry, an online catalog of reported projects and associated funding being planned or put in place by CBP partners to protect and restore the Bay and its watershed. Funding is presented for each of CBP's five goal areas. Information can be sorted by year, location, source of funding, goal and topics within goals. CBP is committed to improving the completeness of the data over time.

Get Involved
ChesapeakeStat includes a Get Involved page, where the public can upload restoration activity photos to the map, view videos of others restoring the watershed, upload and view upcoming events, find a local watershed group, and discuss how the ChesapeakeStat website should evolve. CBP wants to incorporate valuable information from the public in ChesapeakeStat and is running a pilot project from June 3 to August 3 for the public to contribute restoration photos and videos to the map.

What's Next for ChesapeakeStat?
This is the first version of ChesapeakeStat. CBP will continue to improve ChesapeakeStat in an open and transparent way. CBP also aims to provide data for reuse by others and improve data sharing across the partnership. As it improves and is fully utilized by CBP, ChesapeakeStat will enable partners to coordinate activities, identify gaps, target restoration and improve the ability to implement an adaptive management process.