

Executive Council Meeting
Member Quotes
October 4, 2016

“EPA is proud to see the continued progress toward restoration of the Chesapeake Bay as the partners carry out the work plans in support of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. We fully endorse the resolution signed by the Executive Council to support local governments and commend them for their actions to date.”

- Administrator Gina McCarthy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

“A cleaner and healthier Bay is one of Maryland's top priorities, environmentally and economically. We will continue to press for innovative and collaborative solutions, upstream and throughout the entire watershed.”

- Governor Larry Hogan, State of Maryland

“We have made great strides in controlling pollution coming from our waste treatment plants. The bigger challenge, now, is to control runoff from our farms and urban areas. We must reach across state lines and across political aisles, so that we target our efforts where they are needed most. We must follow the longest standing Chesapeake Bay Commission member Bernie Fowler’s advice to “never, never, never give up.”

- Senator Thomas McLain ‘Mac’ Middleton, Chesapeake Bay Commission Chair

“The signs are showing up across the watershed that we are on the path to a healthier Bay, and that the ramped-up conservation efforts over the last decade are generating results. Voluntary conservation works, and in close collaboration with State governments and local partners, we are accelerating our efforts to target those critical areas where conservation investments in agriculture will pay the biggest dividends.”

- Under Secretary Robert Bonnie, U.S. Department of Agriculture

“Improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay is not possible without strong partnerships,” said Brig. Gen. William H. Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division commander. “We are all in this together - federal agencies, government officials, state agencies, local municipalities, watermen, oyster farmers and farmers, scientists and members of the public. Our partners and we look forward to continuing to keep an open dialogue with everyone who has a vested interest in issues that impact the largest estuary in our nation.”

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played a vital role in Chesapeake Bay restoration and protection efforts for decades through the dredging of waterways, ecosystem restoration projects like Poplar Island and Anacostia Watershed Restoration, comprehensive studies and one of the largest oyster restoration projects in the world.”

- Brigadier General William Graham, Commander and Division Engineer, North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers