

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE COALITION,

For me, the year 2022 will always feel like the moment we hit the restart button. For two years, the Coalition and its more than 275 member organizations across the Chesapeake Bay watershed have worked together to navigate very uncertain times. From virtual meetings and conferences, to socially distanced volunteer plantings and on the ground project installations, the environmental community adapted and continued to make progress toward our collective goals for clean water. And while some of these practices remain, we see a shift in the winds toward a pre-pandemic way of working.

For the first time since 2019, 200 members of the environmental community in the Chesapeake watershed gathered safely in-person in Richmond, Virginia for the Choose Clean Water Conference. For many attendees, this was the first time attending an in-person event since the pandemic began and the first time seeing some colleagues face-to-face. While the sessions and guest speakers were the highlight of the event, one of the biggest takeaways was how essential in-person networking is to our work.

With the help of our members, partners, funders, and stakeholders, the Coalition also took the opportunity this year to hit refresh on our strategic plan. After many months of surveys, interviews, and feedback, the Coalition released its new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The new plan reflects the intersectional nature of our work for clean water and our commitment to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. It is also designed with the looming Chesapeake Bay Program goal in mind–which states that all projects must be in place for us to achieve our clean water goals by 2025.

We recognize that the restoration effort is not on track to achieve all of our 2025 goals, especially those related to water quality. While this is disappointing, our members are ready to not only help bridge the gap, but also to collaborate on a way forward beyond the deadline. The work for clean water in all the rivers and streams throughout the Chesapeake watershed is not going to end in 2025–it never was. We will always need to adapt and evolve our work, especially to address long standing environmental justice issues, and account for climate change and population growth. We will always have a role to play for the members of the Coalition in this region and we are excited to see where the next few years take us.



As you will see in this year's Annual Report, we have accomplished so much together as a community and we have many exciting projects in store for 2023. We look forward to working with all of our members and partners on our shared goals for clean water and healthy communities.

For clean water,

KRISTIN REILLY Director

# ABOUT

The Choose Clean Water Coalition harnesses the collective power of more than 275 groups to advocate for clean rivers and streams in all communities in the Chesapeake Bay region. By mobilizing the advocacy community and coordinating policy, messaging, action, and accountability, the Coalition is able to speak louder with one voice toward our collective goal– **clean water.** 

# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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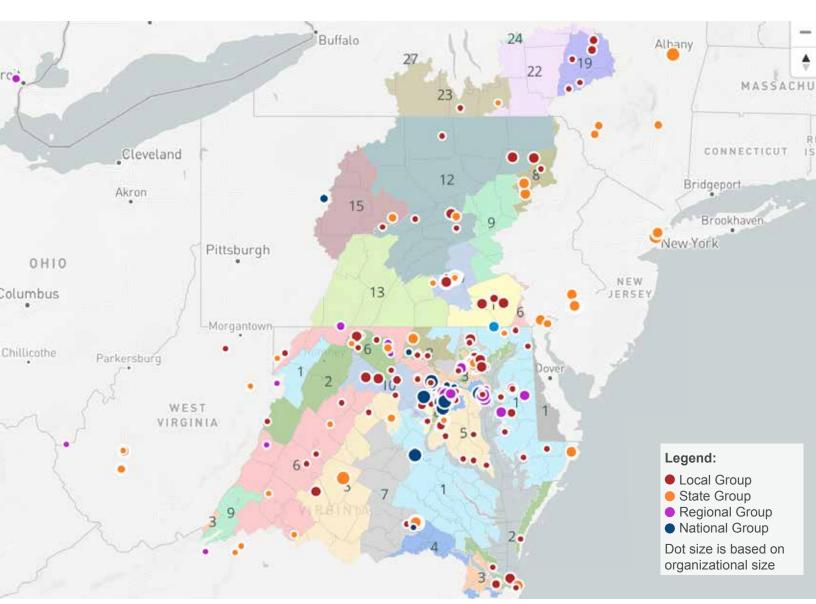
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# MEMBER MAP

The Coalition has more than 275 members that span the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed, with organizations in every state and the District of Columbia. To see full list of Coalition members visit: www.choosecleanwater.org/members.



# **STEERING COMMITTEE**

\*Co-Chair | +State or Outreach Lead Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley Anacostia Watershed Society **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** Conservation Voters of PA Delaware Nature Society+ James River Association Maryland League of Conservation Voters+ National Aquarium National Parks Conservation Association\*

National Wildlife Federation\* Nature Forward Piedmont Environmental Council PennFuture+\* Potomac Conservancy Virginia Conservation Network+ Waterkeepers Chesapeake West Virginia Rivers Coalition+



**MISSION:** Together, we create a more inclusive and powerful network of advocates championing effective and equitable water policies.

**VISION:** A diverse movement that ensures clean water for people, communities, and wildlife throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**WE BELIEVE:** We believe in a more just, equitable, and inclusive society where access to clean water is a fundamental right. We are committed to:

- Authentic partnerships
- Collaborative action
- Power-building
- Collective impact
- Equitable outcomes

The Coalition's 12-year history contains many successes in our work for clean water. We have consistently increased funding for on-the-ground restoration work around the Chesapeake watershed, provided communications and advocacy capacity for our members, and led the region's effort to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our region. But much work remains and some of our toughest challenges still lie ahead.

The Chesapeake Bay restoration effort is not on track to meet all of its clean water and restoration goals by the 2025 deadline, climate change is impacting the lives of the millions of people who live in the region, and our community has failed to adequately address the impact that pollution has on environmental justice communities across the watershed. While this may seem daunting, our new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan will help guide our collective work toward clean water and resilient communities.

With guidance from our members, partners, funders, and stakeholders, the Coalition's new roadmap identifies three priorities: 1) Grow and mobilize a more inclusive movement of clean water champions, 2) expand the capacity of Coalition members to serve as strong advocates for clean water and resilient communities, and 3) advance equitable policies and ensure accountability through 2025 and beyond.

The plan is also designed with the looming 2025 Chesapeake Bay Program goal in mind. The strategies within the plan help move our movement closer to achieving our goals, including fostering relationship building and collaboration among stakeholders, amplifying local voices and stories to advance state and federal policy, and holding decision-makers accountable to our progress. It is also intentional that this plan takes the Coalition beyond the 2025 deadline, as our work will not end that year, but rather evolve.

The Coalition's years of success is due to the collective power of the more than 275 organizations in our membership. We look forward to working with them and our many partners to continue the development of a more inclusive and powerful network of advocates. **Together, we will forge ahead to restore clean water to all of the rivers and streams throughout the Chesapeake watershed.** 



The Coalition is a recognized leader in the Bay nonprofit community on advancing goals related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ). Despite our progress, our strategic planning process revealed the need to incorporate DEIJ principles into our work for clean water event further. Our updated mission and vision statement represent our commitment to fostering a more inclusive movement, while advancing our collective goals for equitable clean water policies. **But we know we cannot accomplish our DEIJ goals alone.** 

This year, we launched a Racial Equity and Inclusion learning series in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Bay Funders Network. With the help of ThirdSpace Action Lab, the series included 15 trainings that allowed participants to undertake action planning within their own organizations and in collaboration with each other.

Our internal DEIJ work also included serving as a co-chair of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund's DEIJ Working Group. We played a key leadership role in this work and assisted the Chesapeake Stewardship Fund team to convene an external DEIJ Working Group composed of grantees, practitioners, and experts working locally, regionally, and nationally to advance DEIJ outcomes in environmental programming and philanthropy. As a result, NFWF finalized their first ever DEIJ Interim Action Plan. One of the first outcomes of the plan was to remove federal match requirements from the 2022 Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed grant program for select projects. We hope this collective work can serve as a model for other funders to make their grants more accessible to frontline and under resourced communities.

Externally, the Coalition continued to advocate for policies that protect both water resources and vulnerable communities. For years, we worked with the late Congressman A. Donald McEachin (D-VA) on the development of the Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021). In July, the bill successfully passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee. If signed into law, this landmark legislation would provide a pathway toward environmental equity and addressing discriminatory patterns that plague the public health of communities of color. The Coalition is deeply saddened by the loss of Congressman McEachin, who was a tireless advocate for environmental justice. **We will continue to honor him in our fight to pass the Environmental Justice for All Act.** 

As a Co-Chair of the Coalition's Steering Committee, I'm proud of the Coalition's leadership in the DEIJ space. Personally, I valued my experience in the Racial Equity and Inclusion training series. The comprehensive training provided critical context and insights into how the work for clean water is inextricably connected to the fight for racial justice.

- Pam Goddard, National Parks Conservation Association



Coalition staff and members joined Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) to tour conservation practices on a farm in Centre County, PA in August 2022

Despite a turbulent economic environment and many competing priorities in Washington, programs to improve water quality throughout the Chesapeake Bay region saw many wins in 2022. In March, President Biden's FY23 budget proposed funding EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program at more than \$90 million, the highest amount of funding ever requested for the Bay Program. This funding level reflects the request the Coalition made to the Biden Administration in the fall of 2021 and is in addition to the annual \$47.6 million allocated to the Bay Program from the bipartisan infrastructure bill signed into law in November 2021.

Also in March, more than 70 members of the Choose Clean Water Coalition met with their members of Congress and staff to urge support for the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. **Despite going to a virtual format for the second consecutive year, the Coalition's tenth annual Chesapeake Bay Day on Capitol Hill was well attended, with 46 meetings with members of Congress and their staff and 162 organizations signing the Coalition's appropriations request letters.** 

On May 2, six members of Congress joined EPA officials on the shores of the Bay in Baltimore to announce EPA's first year allocation of Chesapeake funds from the bipartisan infrastructure law. The Coalition encouraged EPA to allocate the vast majority of the funds to shovel ready projects that will quickly make a difference on the ground and in the water. EPA did just that, and committed 84 percent of these funds for projects, such as through the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants.

Later that same week, on May 6, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the new Chesapeake Bay States' Partnership Initiative (C-SPI). C-SPI directs an additional \$22.5 million to help farmers in the watershed adopt conservation practices that improve water quality in the Bay and its tributaries. The Coalition and others are working to ensure that C-SPI continues and grows. In August, the President signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law. This historic legislation was partly designed to fight climate change, and a centerpiece of that effort includes nearly \$20 billion to USDA to support climatesmart agricultural conservation practices. Though there are no designations yet specifically for agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the Coalition and our partners are urging USDA to devote these new funds to get projects on the ground as soon as possible.

The year ended on a positive note, with the passage of the FY23 Omnibus Bill further increasing support for Bay restoration. The bill set a record-high funding level of \$92 million for EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program and also included record-high funding for other Chesapeake programs, such as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Chesapeake WILD Program and U.S. Geological Survey Chesapeake Science and Monitoring.

Looking to 2023, the Coalition is ready to go to work again in Washington. With strong bipartisan support for clean water, we are eager to advocate for strong funding levels in the next iteration of the Farm Bill, the passage of the Environmental Justice for All Act, and the speedy allocation of dedicated funds toward projects that will protect and restore our rivers and streams.

A healthy Bay Watershed is essential to our region's environmental well-being and the success of key parts of our regional economy. With the critical federal investments we fought to include for an array of programs, we are better equipped than ever to protect and preserve one of the world's greatest treasures.

- Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

# PREVAILING IN PENNSYLVANIA

While advocacy efforts at the federal level are a key component of the Coalition's work, the halls of state legislatures throughout the Bay watershed are some of the most important places in our work for clean water. **Investments and policies at the state level have a tremendous impact on all of the rivers and streams that feed the Chesapeake Bay.** Of all the issues plaguing the Bay's waterways, it is widely recognized that agriculture is the leading cause of pollution. And nowhere is this more the case than in Pennsylvania.

Despite the heavy levels of pollutants washing off farmlands into local waterways, Pennsylvania was the only state in the Bay watershed without a state agricultural cost-share program to help farmers implement more conservation practices on their land.

For years, the Coalition worked closely with partners and our state lead organization PennFuture to educate legislators on the many benefits of implementing conservation practices on farms and the strong need for a state agricultural cost-share program. This included creating two award-winning videos, convening educational webinars, and placing multiple op-eds in the local newspapers of key decisionmakers.

Thanks to these efforts and new federal funding from the American Rescue Plan, the Pennsylvania legislature passed the Clean Streams Fund as part of their state budget in June. **Included in this historic bipartisan**  legislation is \$125 million for the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program which will put funding directly in the hands of farmers to implement conservation practices on their land. These practices include planting forested buffers, fencing cattle out of streams, and updating manure storage facilities. Projects such as these have many environmental benefits, but also have many other positive ripple effects such as improving farmers' bottom lines and stimulating local economies.

Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program

The Coalition and our partners are now working to encourage and equip farmers to apply for cost-share funding once it becomes available in early 2023. In the longer term, we are already developing plans to find a permanent source of funding for the state agricultural cost-share program beyond the current support from the American Rescue Plan.

The passage of the Clean Streams Fund in Pennsylvania was a historic victory. With this legislation, farmers throughout the Keystone State now have the support they need to implement critical conservation practices on their land that will not only benefit their farms but also provide tremendous benefits to local waterways.

- Ezra Thrush, PennFuture



In 2022, for the first time in three long years, the Choose Clean Water Conference finally gathered in-person. Each year, the Coalition's Choose Clean Water Conference provides a two-day forum for participants to learn about the most important and up-to-date issues throughout the Chesapeake Bay region; network with fellow clean water supporters and activists; develop strategies to advance federal, regional, and local restoration goals; and learn from successes.

Exploring the theme, *Revive. Restore. Reimagine.*, we were excited to revive the energy of our Coalition, strengthen our resolve to restore our waterways, and reimagine our movement. And due to holding our first in-person conference since the beginning of the pandemic, we were pushed to reimagine our conference in many ways.

With hosting a safe and inclusive event our number one priority, the Coalition featured several COVID protocols to ensure an environment that protected the health of all attendees. Our protocols resulted in no reported cases of COVID from our conference, despite the conference occurring at a time of a local surge in cases. Beyond our protocols, we also livestreamed the conference for the first time. This allowed dozens of Coalition members to participate virtually, increasing our reach and ensuring all members had access to the conference.

A highlight of the conference was our evening reception on the first day, where we honored Hope Cupit of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project and the late Congressman A. Donald McEachin (D-VA) as Clean Water Champions. This award was presented to Hope and Rep. McEachin for exemplifying the values of the Coalition, championing clean water, and demonstrating a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

While the conference received high marks for the diversity of content covering issues ranging from agriculture and polluted runoff to public engagement and social marketing, the lasting memory from our 2022 conference was the joy of finally gathering in-person again. The knowledge sharing and learning between attendees, field trip experiences, and ample networking opportunities cannot be matched. We look forward to gathering again for our 2023 Conference in Harrisburg, PA, May 23-24.

The Choose Clean Water Conference is circled on my calendar every year! It was wonderful to finally gather in-person again and see so many colleagues. I left motivated and inspired, and was truly honored by the Coalition's recognition as a Clean Water Champion.

> - Hope Cupit, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

# DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

An active and engaged electorate is essential not only for democracy, but in order to reach our clean water goals. All eligible voters should have all the information and tools they need to exercise their constitutional rights at the voting booth. **But far too many nonprofits are unprepared or misinformed on how nonprofits can participate in elections.** 

This year, the Coalition continued its voter engagement efforts, educating our member organizations on the ways they can encourage and equip their members to vote for clean water. The Coalition developed a comprehensive toolkit featuring social media posts, engaging graphics, email templates, and more. Ultimately receiving more than 1,000 clicks, the toolkit was a collaborative effort with the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed.

With the toolkit in hand and added capacity on staff, we conducted more individual outreach on our civic engagement work than ever before, organizing a "Vote for Clean Water Cohort" that met regularly to exchange ideas and resources in the leadup to Election Day. The Coalition also recognized that success in this space requires strong communications skills. In response, we organized a communications training series focused on three key components on nonprofit communications– effective branding, developing an engaging website, and growing an active social media and email network. Drawing rave reviews, these trainings helped equip our members to more effectively reach their audience with our civic engagement resources.

From all these efforts, more than 100 nonprofit organizations attended our trainings or used our civic engagement resources to encourage their members to vote for clean water. This included several Coalition organizations who previously never participated in efforts to encourage their audience to vote.

Democracy isn't a spectator sport and we are committed to supporting our members to get in the game as we champion the Bay's rivers and streams.

It's critical that nonprofit organizations urge their members to vote. The Coalition's leadership on all things voting was incredibly valuable for us as we worked to cultivate an engaged electorate.

> -Jenna Dodson, West Virginia Rivers Coalition

# A 2023 PREVIEW

## GATHERINGS

### March 1, 2023:

## CHESAPEAKE BAY DAY

The Coalition and its members will gather in-person again to meet with members of Congress and their staff to advocate for clean water policies and investments throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

## May 23-24, 2023:

## 2023 CHOOSE CLEAN WATER CONFERENCE

The Coalition is headed to the Keystone State for the first time since 2018 for the 2023 Choose Clean Water Conference! Gathering in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the conference will explore the theme, *A Keystone Moment: Our Collective Future.* With the Bay restoration effort at a critical juncture, we are excited to explore the challenges and opportunities that we are facing in our work for clean water.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION**

Armed with our new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, we will begin implementation by growing and mobilizing a more inclusive movement of clean water champions, expanding the capacity of Coalition members to serve as strong advocates for clean water and resilient communities, advancing equitable policies, and ensure accountability through 2025 and beyond.

## **A NEW HOME**

The Coalition has moved! After 12 years at our office in West Annapolis, the Coalition staff is excited to gather again in our new offices in Annapolis' Arts District. We are sharing our new office suite with our close partners and friends at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. If you're in the area, come say hi!

151 West Street, Suite 101 Annapolis, MD

## **MUCH MORE!**

The Coalition has many more projects in the works for 2023. These include coordinating our more than 275 member organizations on the upcoming 2025 restoration deadline, beginning the next stage of our work to improve the collective capacity of the Chesapeake Bay's NGO community, and working to encourage and equip Pennsylvania farmers to apply for the state's new agricultural cost-share program. Throughout it all, we are committed to tackling all our work for clean water with a close focus on diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

# MEMBER LIST

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American Battlefield Trust American Canoe Association American Rivers Center for Progressive Reform **Clean Water Action** The Commons Defenders of Wildlife **Ducks Unlimited** Earth Force Farthworks **Environment America** Environmental Defense Fund Environmental Integrity Project Environmental Policy Innovation Center Environmental Working Group **Hispanic Access Foundation** Izaak Walton League of America Land Trust Alliance Latino Outdoors National Aquarium National Parks Conservation Association National Wildlife Federation Natural Resources Defense Council Nature Abounds Rachel Carson Council Restore America's Estuaries River Network Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Trout Unlimited WaterNow Alliance

#### REGIONAL

Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Anacostia Riverkeeper Anacostia Watershed Society Audubon Mid-Atlantic Canaan Valley Institute The Center for Water Security and Cooperation Chesapeake Bay Foundation Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund Chesapeake Conservancy Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council Chesapeake Foodshed Network Chesapeake Legal Alliance Chesapeake Stormwater Network Coalition for Smarter Growth Defensores de la Cuenca FracTracker Friends of the Nanticoke River GreenTrust Alliance Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA) Legacy Land & Water Partners Mid-Atlantic Council Trout Unlimited Mid Atlantic Youth Anglers & Outdoors Partners Nature Forward **Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition** Potomac Conservancy Potomac Riverkeeper Potomac Riverkeeper Network Rock Creek Conservancy Shenandoah Riverkeeper Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Southern Environmental Law Center SouthWings Sweet Springs Resort Park Foundation Inc The Dairy Alliance The Downstream Project Upper Potomac Riverkeeper Upstream Alliance Waterkeepers Chesapeake

#### DELAWARE

Delaware Center for Horticulture **Delaware Nature Society** 

#### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DC Environmental Network Earth Conservation Corps Institute for Local Self Reliance Surfrider Foundation – DC Chapter

#### MARYLAND

Alice Ferguson Foundation American Chestnut Land Trust Annapolis Green Arundel Rivers Federation Baltimore Green Space Baltimore Tree Trust Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group Blue Water Baltimore Catoctin Land Trust Cecil Land Use Association **Chapman Forest Foundation** Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek Clean Bread and Cheese Creek Cleanwater Linganore, Inc Conservation Montgomery Corsica River Conservancy Crab Creek Conservancy Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth Earth Forum of Howard County Eastern Shore Land Conservancy EcoLatinos **Environment Maryland** Environmental Concern Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland Environmental Justice Journalism Initiative Envision Frederick County Forever Maryland Friends of Cabin John Creek Friends of Frederick County Friends of Herring Run Parks Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek Friends of Quincy Run Friends of Sligo Creek Friends of St Clements Bay Friends of Ten Mile Creek Growth Action Network of Anne Arundel County Gunpowder Riverkeeper Harford Land Trust Healthy Soils Frederick League of Women Voters of Maryland Little Falls Watershed Alliance Lower Shore Land Trust Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Maritimas Maryland Academy of Science at Maryland Science Center

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Sierra Club - Maryland Chapter Southern Maryland Audubon Society Sparks-Glencoe Community Planning Council St. Mary's River Watershed Association Talbot Preservation Alliance Transition Howard County Trash Free Maryland Alliance University of Maryland Extension Howard County

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