



Choose Clean Water  
COALITION

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE COALITION,

Growth. Change. Opportunity. Those are the three words that come to mind, for me, when I reflect on 2023. What is striking about those three words is that they often come together. Growth and change almost always go hand in hand—if you are growing, you are changing into something new. And while both of these can lead to uncertainty and fear, the Choose Clean Water Coalition has leaned into the opportunities that this moment holds for not only us, but the broader clean water and healthy watershed community.

The Coalition experienced an incredible amount of growth, both personally and professionally, in 2023. We welcomed two new staff to our team, who are helping to expand our communications and energy work. Additionally, we added two new organizations to our Steering Committee, Ducks Unlimited and South East Rural Community Assistance Project, to help advance the goals and objectives in our 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. We also added 20 new member organizations since last year, bringing our total membership to almost 300 nonprofits across the Chesapeake watershed. All of this while our staff welcomed new additions to their own growing families as well!

Our work has also changed this year. While we continue to coordinate and support our members on federal and state policy; communications; and diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice principles, much of our focus was on the approaching 2025 Chesapeake restoration deadline. Over the past 12 months, our Coalition members answered our call for advocacy and support, helping to draft numerous letters and comments to the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program on what the future of the restoration effort should look like. Together, our members have worked to create our own vision—one which centers people, innovation, climate change, living resources, and strong leadership and partnerships.

And this is just the beginning. Next year will be the biggest challenge, but also opportunity, for influencing the future of the Bay restoration effort in recent memory. We will advocate for embracing the findings of new science and research, as well as the recommendations presented by our members, who are implementing the on-the-ground restoration and community outreach work across the watershed. This is a chance to ensure that our work for clean water throughout the Chesapeake Bay region focuses on the issues that local communities value most.

As we embrace this historic opportunity, the Coalition looks forward to celebrating 15 years of advocacy and communication capacity building for the Bay region's nonprofit community in 2024. Our work not only supports our members to successfully advocate and communicate in their own organizations, but also for our collective clean water goals. This increased capacity has prepared us for this critical moment, when we will need to rely on all of our members, funders, and supporters to speak with one loud voice in support of growth and change. A unified front is critical if we are to rise above the barriers and fear, and instead seize the new opportunities that lie ahead.

As always, I am in awe as I look through this year's Annual Report and see all this Coalition and our members have accomplished. It is incredible what we can achieve when we work together, and I look forward to continuing this important work next year and beyond.



For clean water,

**KRISTIN REILLY**  
Director

## ABOUT

The Choose Clean Water Coalition harnesses the collective power of more than 290 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

**Agriculture**  
**Communications**  
**Energy**  
**Equity**

**Federal Affairs**  
**Stormwater**  
**TMDL**

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STATE AND OUTREACH LEADS:

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Marisa Olszewski (MD)  
Amy Wyant (NY)

Michael Mehrazar (PA)  
Pat Calvert (VA)  
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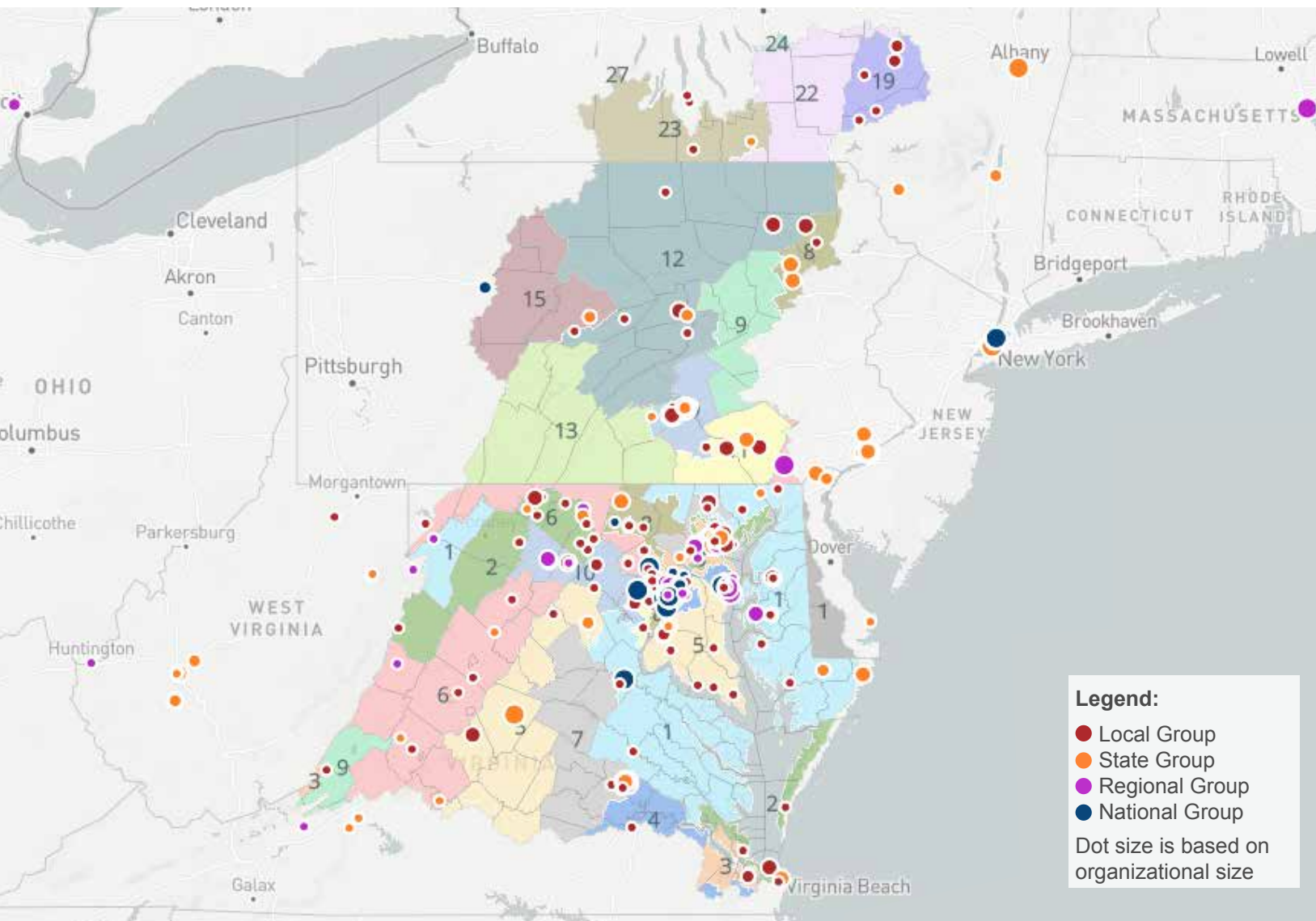
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# MEMBER MAP

The Coalition has more than 290 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](http://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+
- Ducks Unlimited
- 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
- Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
- Virginia Conservation Network+
- Waterkeepers Chesapeake
- West Virginia Rivers Coalition+



# A WATCHDOG FOR CLEAN WATER

Since our inception, the Coalition has worked to ensure steady progress toward the Bay Program’s goals and outcomes codified in the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement*. In October 2022, the Executive Council of the Bay Program directed the partnership’s leadership to create two documents; one that laid out a plan for accelerating progress on restoration goals before the *Bay Agreement’s* 2025 deadline, and another that provided recommendations on how the work of the Bay Program should move forward beyond the 2025 deadline. **The Coalition engaged in both processes this year, with Coalition staff and members serving in various roles.**

This summer, the Coalition engaged in the Bay Program’s Reaching 2025 Steering Committee, which was created to accomplish the Executive Council’s first directive on accelerating progress. With both staff and members participating on the committee, the Coalition directly influenced the discussion and elevated the views of the nonprofit community. The Coalition also submitted more than 16 pages of comments to the Steering Committee’s draft *Charting a Course to 2025* report, which was approved by the Executive Council in October 2023. The abbreviated comment period provided by the Bay Program made this comment letter challenging, but the Coalition reviewed the report, drafted comments, and circulated our comment letter for signatures in just 20 days. Ultimately, an impressive 88 members of the Coalition signed onto the letter, which focused on the outcomes of the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement* that we will not meet by 2025. **It was extremely important that the Coalition organized this letter, as we were one of the only nonprofits that submitted comments in time.**

After the recommendations were finalized, the Bay Program shifted its focus to drafting the

recommendations for the work of the Bay Program partnership beyond 2025. This included the creation of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, consisting of state and federal agency representatives and two members of the public. The Coalition advocated for the inclusion of the public members and secured one of the seats. This allows us to represent our Coalition member interests and puts us in a position to ensure broad public engagement throughout the process.

Next year, the Coalition staff will provide opportunities for our members to participate directly in the recommendation drafting process through our existing policy workgroups, our state-level convenings, webinars with Steering Committee leadership, formal sign on letters, and our annual Choose Clean Water Conference, which is gathering in Ellicott City, Maryland at the end of May 2024. **At this critical moment for the Bay restoration effort, we are committed to staying engaged in this process and holding the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program accountable.** We look forward to the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee presenting its recommendations to the Executive Council of the Bay Program at the end of 2024, and ensuring there’s a strong path forward to provide clean water to all in the Bay region.

**If we are to reach our goals for a healthy Chesapeake, we must pull in new voices and ideas. The Coalition plays a critical role harnessing the power and perspectives of nonprofit organizations working throughout the Bay watershed as we shape the present and future of Bay restoration.**

**-Anna Killius, Chesapeake Bay Commission**



# EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

*The Coalition's Young Professionals of Color Mentorship Program met for its first in-person training in March 2023.*

The Coalition's Young Professionals of Color (YPC) Mentorship Program supports and retains Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in the Chesapeake Bay community. Since 2016, we have provided free mentorship and professional development to more than 200 BIPOC professionals throughout the region, while connecting them with mentors that help foster their future career goals.

**Over the last seven years, the program has grown from an informal mentorship program to a carefully crafted professional development training series that provides meaningful tools, trainings, and support to emerging leaders and professionals.** YPC is among few free mentorship and professional development opportunities that exist within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are specifically designed for BIPOC environmental professionals. And the program provides countless benefits to current and past YPC participants, including increased knowledge to build their network, a stronger skillset to apply for and secure new positions, boosted their morale, greater self-confidence, and much more.

One of the biggest benefits of joining YPC is the customized trainings BIPOC professionals receive early in their careers. This year's training topics included: Making the Most of Your Mentorship Journey, Radical Rest, Overcoming Imposture Syndrome, and Naming My Needs-Overcoming Conflict Within Self + Difficult Conversation.

In addition to these virtual trainings, YPC held its first ever in-person training and reception. Hosted on the grounds of Coalition member Nature Forward, the training drew 22 mentees and mentors, exploring the topic of using the power of storytelling to improve confidence and self-advocacy. A networking reception followed the

training, which featured a poetry slam and YPC panel. During the panel, YPC mentees and mentors shared their experiences, the impact on their personal and professional development, and ongoing challenges faced by BIPOC communities. Joining us at the reception were current and former YPC members, funders, partners, and supporters of YPC. Leadership staff from the Chesapeake Bay Program and the National Park Service were also in attendance.

**YPC enables BIPOC leaders to navigate unique barriers and challenges they experience in the workplace and their everyday lives. Through this work, we are minimizing the racial gaps that prevent us from advancing well-rounded and informed decisions to reach and sustain water quality goals.** The Coalition is committed to supporting young professionals of color and equipping them to achieve their personal professional goals, while furthering their organizational missions. Through this program, we are cultivating healthier and more inclusive work environments, and growing a sustainable pipeline of diverse leaders committed to advancing our regional watershed goals.

**I am so reinvigorated after YPC trainings! So much connection, joy, and love in one space. I'm eternally grateful for how YPC and the Coalition have supported my personal growth and development.**

**- Jamoni Overby, Nature Forward**



# CAPITOL HILL WATER WINS

*Coalition staff and Coalition staff and members joined Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) to tour conservation practices on a farm in Dorchester County, MD in August 2023.*

Thanks to the effective advocacy of the Coalition's member organizations and the bipartisan support for clean water from the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Congressional Delegation, we had several victories at the federal level. Federal Fiscal Year 2023 got off to a great start with the President signing into law an omnibus funding bill. This bill set historic high funding levels for a number of Chesapeake-specific programs, including the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program (\$92 million), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Chesapeake WILD (\$8 million), U.S. Geological Survey Chesapeake Science and Monitoring (\$17.5 million), and the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways (\$3 million). The bill also included a few key community funding projects for the Chesapeake, including for Coalition members Upper Susquehanna Coalition and the Elizabeth River Project.

**A highlight of our federal work was convening more than 100 members of the Coalition for our first in-person Chesapeake Bay Day on Capitol Hill (aka Lobby Day) since 2020.** We met with 38 members of Congress and their staff, advocating for investments and policies critical to meeting our clean water goals.

We saw some of the fruit of our efforts in 2023, with a number of programs putting restoration dollars on the ground to improve water quality and wildlife habitat throughout the watershed. During the summer the Coalition partnered with Federal agencies and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to take members of Congress, including Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (R-VA), out to see some of the first Chesapeake WILD grants at work. The Coalition also worked with partners in the Anacostia River watershed to give the staff of Congressman Glenn Ivey (D-MD) a tour of multiple Chesapeake Small Watershed Grant stormwater improvement projects in Prince George's County.

**There were also key new pieces of Chesapeake legislation introduced in the summer of 2023 that were several years in the making.** The Chesapeake National Recreation Area was introduced by Senator Chris Van Hollen, Congressman John Sarbanes (D-MD), and others, to establish a unit of the National Park Service focused on the Chesapeake. On the agriculture front, Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), Congressman Rob Wittman (R-VA), and others, introduced the Chesapeake Bay Conservation Acceleration Act—also known as the Chesapeake Farm Bill. With the Federal Farm Bill extended for another year, action has been delayed until 2024.

Looking to the Second Session of the 118th Congress in 2024, the Coalition will focus on pushing our priority bills across the finish line while maintaining or increasing the historic funding gains that are key to reaching our clean water goals.

**The Chesapeake Bay is an invaluable part of our everyday lives as coastal Virginians. From our vibrant aquaculture to our bustling tourism industry, our Commonwealth relies so much on our coast and coastal waterways. I'm proud to work with my Congressional colleagues, the Choose Clean Water Coalition, and other great local and national organizations to champion efforts to conserve and protect this very important national treasure.**

**- Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA)**



# WINS AROUND THE WATERSHED

*The Coalition's State Leads are instrumental in guiding our local and state policy wins throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.*

Working together at the state and local levels across the Chesapeake Bay watershed is critical in the fight for clean water. **The Coalition works closely with a lead in each Bay state—Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, and Delaware—to share information about state-specific threats and to engage the Coalition members around clean water issues.**

This year, there were significant wins for conservation throughout the watershed.

In Maryland, the General Assembly updated the Forest Conservation Act to address forest loss and fragmentation. It also passed the Maryland the Beautiful Act, which established a goal of 40 percent land conserved by 2040. Last, but not least, the newly-elected Governor Moore became Chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council.

North of the Mason-Dixon line, Coalition members assisted Pennsylvania farmers with applying for new funding in the Commonwealth's historic Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program. The funding is vital to get more critical conservation practices on-the-ground. Members from the Choose Clean Water Coalition and the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed also met with 23 state legislators in Harrisburg to discuss clean water funding and policies.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth of Virginia protected one million acres through the Land Preservation Tax Credit and invested a billion dollars to clean up rivers and streams. It is also preparing to move forward with the largest offshore wind project in the country.

The West Virginia state legislature passed the PFAS Protection Act, and many West Virginia members of the Coalition and the West Virginia Rivers Coalition were awarded an environmental justice grant from the EPA to

address PFAS in waterways. The West Virginia Rivers Coalition also recognized the town of Harpers Ferry with a Source Water Community award for actively protecting its drinking water source.

Up in the headwaters, New York held a successful statewide listening tour for the \$4.2-billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The Upper Susquehanna Coalition also held the Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum in-person for the first time since 2019.

Over in the First State, Delaware passed the Climate Change Solutions Act and plans on net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The state also passed a ban on the use of polystyrene in food service establishments, which should help keep poly out of landfills and waterways.

The Coalition's state leads program is critical in forming our inclusive and powerful network of advocates, and these wins around the watershed prove just how hard our members are fighting for clean water. **Together, we can continue to weather challenges, share in successes, and spread information and ideas in the years to come.**

**Delaware passed the Climate Change Solutions Act, which puts the state in the lead of climate planning by establishing goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions—net zero by 2050. The bill requires regular updates of the state's Climate Action Plan, and compels state agencies to factor climate effects into coordinated planning and procurement decisions.**

- Mark Nardone, Delaware Nature Society



# GATHERING TOGETHER

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There's a certain magic when individuals throughout the Coalition's membership meet in-person. While our work continued virtually throughout the pandemic, we were thrilled in 2023 to meet with members again throughout the watershed. **There is simply no substitute for the powerful experience of launching and fostering relationships with peers who are engaged in the fight for clean water.** Inevitably, discussions ensue on confronting similar challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities for collaboration. And our gatherings yield many other benefits in addition to the gains from networking.

Look no further than our Chesapeake Bay Day on Capitol Hill. Meeting in Washington, D.C. for the first time since March 2020, our members felt right back at home walking the halls of the Capitol. More than 100 individuals in the Coalition met with the offices of 38 members of Congress, asking legislators to maintain, and in some instances, increase funding for programs that are critical to attaining clean water.



**A Keystone Moment:  
Our Collective Future**

Our next large gathering was our annual conference, which visited the Keystone State for the first time since 2018. Meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the conference explored the theme "A Keystone Moment: Our Collective Future," and provided the

platform to highlight the challenges, opportunities, and lessons headwater states have to inform us in our work for clean water. **Like all our conferences, we hope the sharing of new tools, resources, and experiences—all while building and cultivating critical relationships—helped equip and inspire conference attendees to accelerate their work for clean water.**

Following the conference, several of our state leads organized state meetings, gathering members for a day of policy debriefs, strategic planning, and networking.

The first in-person state meetings since the pandemic, these gatherings allowed members to focus on local issues and identify opportunities for collaboration. The fall featured more in-person gatherings, including retreats with our Steering Committee and state leads, tours of restoration projects with members of Congress, and several conferences hosted by partner organizations.

The resumption of in-person meetings was very timely. With the 2025 deadline rapidly approaching to have all pollution reduction practices in place as part of the Bay restoration effort, now is a critical time in the restoration effort of the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers and streams that feed it. **Now more than ever, it is vital that we connect with colleagues and partners throughout the watershed, building and fostering relationships that are the foundation to our success in reaching our clean water goals.**

We look forward to another year of in-person meetings and seeing the extraordinary benefits when we gather together.

**The Choose Clean Water Conference is one of my favorite conferences to attend every year. The programming is always relevant and the networking opportunities are so valuable. I plan on budgeting for my entire staff to attend next year and will urge other supervisors in my organization to do the same.**

- Anna Mudd, Potomac Conservancy





# A TIME OF TRANSITION

*We were thrilled to honor the Chesapeake Bay Program's Carin Bisland at our conference for her decades of leadership for clean water.*

Beyond the changes that the Coalition saw within its staff and membership this year, the Chesapeake restoration community experienced a lot of transition. Two new gubernatorial administrations commenced within the watershed, with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland and Governor Justin Shapiro of Pennsylvania taking office early in the year. Governor Moore also took on a new leadership role within the Chesapeake restoration effort, becoming the new chair of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council. These two new leaders and their administrations present an opportunity to make new connections and embrace innovative approaches to the restoration effort.

**While we are welcoming these new clean water supporters, champions of the Chesapeake have started to move on.** This year marked the announcement of many retirements of clean water leaders in the Chesapeake Bay region, including Chesapeake Bay Program's Carin Bisland, U.S. Geological Survey's Scott Phillips, and Chesapeake Bay Commission's Ann Swanson. We are also seeing transition within the Chesapeake Congressional Delegation, as Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Congressman John Sarbanes (D-MD), and Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (D-VA) have all announced their retirement. Also, with Congressman Trone (D-MD) running for Senate and Congresswoman Spanberger (D-VA) running for Governor, their seats will soon be open to new leadership.



Dr. Beth McGee

Find your passion, make it your job, and you'll never work another day in your life!



Ridge Hall

The energy level of the younger generation gives me hope that we'll meet the challenges facing the Bay and its rivers and streams. Whether it's the younger staffers

working in the Coalition's member organizations, or even kids in college right now, this generation is deeply concerned with the environment, climate change, and of course, clean water. I think they are going to pick up the baton.

The Coalition also lost two incredible members this year: Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Senior Scientist Beth McGee and Chesapeake Legal Alliance co-founder Ridge Hall. Both Beth and Ridge dedicated their careers to the environment—with much of their recent history here in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. They were both active members of the Coalition's TMDL workgroup, authored several Coalition sign on letters, attended many meetings with members of Congress, and were regularly tapped for their expertise and knowledge by Coalition members. **The gap that they leave behind is substantial, but their passion for this work, and the Coalition, continues to motivate us to accomplish our goals.**

All of this transition presents a variety of challenges and comes at a time when having strong voices for clean water and healthy communities is critical. **However, these changes have created the opportunity to learn from our past and to start a new era for our clean water work.** Together with our member organizations, the Coalition is committed to capitalizing on this opportunity and leaving a legacy of clean water to future generations.



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# A 2024 PREVIEW

## GATHERINGS

March 6, 2024:

### CHESAPEAKE BAY DAY

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

May 20-22, 2024:

### 2024 CHOOSE CLEAN WATER CONFERENCE

The Coalition is headed to Ellicott City, Maryland for the 2024 Choose Clean Water Conference. As we near the 2025 deadline to have clean water protections in place as part of the Bay restoration effort, we are



excited to discuss how we can enter a new era for clean water, accelerating progress by developing new goals and strategies.

## WE'RE TURNING 15!

The Coalition is thrilled to celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2024. We're eager to tell the many stories of all we have achieved to support our amazing member organizations while elevating the need for collaboration and partnership as the Bay restoration effort reaches a critical juncture.



## VOTE FOR CLEAN WATER

As we enter an important election year, we will continue our critical work to educate, inspire, and equip Coalition organizations to actively engage their members in the electoral process. While the Coalition is strictly nonpartisan, it is imperative that elected officials know their constituents care about clean water.

## MUCH MORE!

The Coalition has many more projects in the works for 2024. These include coordinating our member organizations on the upcoming 2025 restoration deadline, continuing our work to improve the collective capacity of the Chesapeake Bay's NGO community, and celebrating the imminent addition of our 300th member organization. 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

## INTERNATIONAL

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## NATIONAL

American Battlefield Trust  
American Canoe Association  
American Rivers  
Center for Progressive Reform  
Clean Water Action  
The Commons  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Ducks Unlimited  
Earth Force  
Earthworks  
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  
LightHawk  
National Aquarium  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature Abounds  
Pasa Sustainable Agriculture  
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  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
Audubon Mid-Atlantic  
Canaan Valley Institute  
Casey Trees  
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  
The Opequon Watershed, Inc.  
Potomac Conservancy  
Potomac Riverkeeper  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network  
Rock Creek Conservancy  
Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
The Sludge Hub & Company  
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 Interfaith Power & Light  
Delaware Nature Society  
Sussex Preservation Coalition

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Anacostia Parks & Community Collaborative  
DC Environmental Network  
Earth Conservation Corps  
Institute for Local Self Reliance  
Surfrider Foundation—DC Chapter

## MARYLAND

The 6th Branch  
Alice Ferguson Foundation  
American Chestnut Land Trust  
Annapolis Green  
Arundel Rivers Federation  
Assateague Coastal Trust  
Backyard Basecamp  
Baltimore Green Space  
Baltimore Tree Trust  
Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group  
Blue Water Baltimore  
Catoclin 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  
Maryland Conservation Council  
Maryland League of Conservation Voters  
Maryland Native Plant Society  
Maryland Nonprofits  
Maryland Pesticide Education Network  
Mattawoman Watershed Society  
Minorities in Aquaculture  
Montgomery Countryside Alliance  
Muddy Branch Alliance  
Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards  
Neighbors of the Northwest Branch  
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County  
Parks and People Foundation  
Patapsco Heritage Greenway  
Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust  
Phillips Wharf Environmental Center  
Port Tobacco River Conservancy  
Preservation Maryland  
Queen Anne's Conservation Association  
Safe Healthy Playing Fields  
Scenic Rivers Land Trust  
Severn River Association  
Severn Riverkeeper  
ShoreRivers  
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  
Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc.  
Watts Branch Watershed Alliance  
West Montgomery County Citizens Association  
Wicomico Environmental Trust

## NEW YORK

Butternut Valley Alliance  
Catskill Mountainkeeper  
Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society  
Environment New York  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Friends of the Chemung River Watershed  
New York League of Conservation Voters  
New York State Council of Trout Unlimited  
Otsego County Conservation Association  
Otsego Land Trust  
Sidney Center Improvement Group  
The Wetland Conservancy, Inc.  
The Wetland Trust, Inc.  
Upper Susquehanna Coalition

## PENNSYLVANIA

10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania  
Action Together Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring  
Chestnut Hill United Church  
Clean Air Council  
ClearWater Conservancy  
Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association  
Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County  
Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania  
Countryside Conservancy  
Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation  
Envireoners, Inc.  
Lackawanna River Conservation Association  
Lancaster Clean Water Partners  
Lancaster Conservancy  
Lancaster Farmland Trust  
League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania  
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association  
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania  
Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association  
Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper  
Paxton Creek Watershed & Education Association  
PennEnvironment  
PennFuture  
Penns Valley Conservation Association  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited  
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light  
Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers  
Protecting Our Waters  
Rivertown Coalition for Clean Air and Clean Water  
Sierra Club - Pennsylvania Chapter  
Susquehanna Greenway Partnership  
Susquehanna National Heritage Area  
Watershed Alliance for York

## VIRGINIA

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley  
Appalachian Voices  
Audubon Society of Northern Virginia  
Capital Region Land Conservancy  
Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore  
Citizens for a Fort Monroe National Park  
Clean Fairfax Council  
Elizabeth River Project  
Environment Virginia  
Float Fisherman of Virginia  
Friends of Accotink Creek  
Friends of Dyke Marsh  
Friends of Little Hunting Creek  
Friends of the Lower Appomattox River  
Friends of Shenandoah Mountain  
Friends of the Middle River  
Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River  
Friends of the Rappahannock  
Friends of the Rivers of Virginia  
Friends of the Shenandoah River  
Goose Creek Association  
James River Association  
Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy  
Lynnhaven River NOW  
Partnership for Smarter Growth  
Piedmont Environmental Council  
Prince William Conservation Alliance  
Protect Hanover  
Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection  
Richmond Audubon Society  
Rivanna Conservation Alliance  
RIVERE  
Rockbridge Area Conservation Council  
Rockfish Valley Foundation  
Scenic Virginia  
Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
Sierra Club - Virginia Chapter  
Southside ReLeaf  
Surfrider Foundation- Virginia Chapter  
United Parents Against Lead & Other Environmental Hazards  
Virginia Association for Biological Farming  
Virginia Association for Environmental Education  
Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center  
Virginia Conservation Network  
Virginia Interfaith Power and Light  
Virginia League of Conservation Voters  
Virginia Organizing  
Virginia Wilderness Committee  
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