



**Stakeholders' Advisory Committee**  
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Stakeholders' Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**September 13-14, 2023**

**Courtyard Marriott**  
**620 Caroline Street**  
**Fredericksburg, VA 22401**

**Hybrid Meeting Access**  
**[Zoom Link](#)**

*This meeting will be recorded for internal use to assure the accuracy of the meeting notes.*

**Meeting Goal:** Develop annual Stakeholders' Advisory Committee recommendations for the Executive Council (due September 28th for the October 19th meeting in D.C.).

**Meeting Objectives:** Learn and discuss issues on Water Quality Subcommittee priority topic including: (1) Virginia's progress in the 2025 deadline for practices to meet the TMDL and key outcomes in the *Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*; (2) a briefing on 'Charting a Course to 2025' Report; (3) updates from Chesapeake Bay Program and the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.

**Day 1: Wednesday, September 13- Mary Washington Room**

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Julie Patton Lawson, Chair**
  - Introduction of members and guests
- 11:05 a.m. Business Meeting**
  - Chair Opening Remarks and Updates
    - PSC approved name change to Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
    - CBP Response to Stakeholders' Committee 2022 Recommendations
    - Bay State Agriculture Secretaries request the creation of a new CBP Agriculture Advisory Committee
    - Stipends Workgroup Updates (Vice Chair, Chuck Herrick)
  - Approval of May Meeting Minutes
  - May Action Items
  - Confirm 2024 Meeting Dates
- 11:30 a.m. Member Spotlights**  
10-minute presentation on a member's background, what they do, a highlighted project and what inspires or gives hope about their work.
  - Verna Harrison
  - Julie Patton Lawson
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. Virginia's Progress and Insights.....[Travis Voyles](#) (remote),  
Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources**

*In the 2022 Stakeholders' Committee report of recommendations to the Executive Council (EC), the Committee requested that the EC prioritize watershed recovery in the next two years. They recommended hiring additional agency staff to enforce existing regulations which are key to achieving the 2025 goals, verify BMPs to be sure they are achieving the expected pollution reductions, target priority practices which have co-benefits, and provide additional technical assistance to farmers, landowners and localities for implementation of best practices.*

- Are there new approaches, new staffing, funding, or targeting that VA anticipates undertaking in the near term to accelerate progress as the 2025 deadline nears?
- Can you provide an assessment of how realistic the 2025 deadline is for Virginia to meet or exceed VA's TMDL water quality targets?
- The 'Charting a Course to 2025' report states that the wetlands and forest buffers outcomes are off course. What challenges has Virginia experienced in advancing these outcomes and how does the Commonwealth anticipate addressing them?
- How does Virginia envision a *Watershed Agreement* beyond 2025?
  - Are there some elements that worked well that should be continued or some that didn't?
  - Which of the many commitments in the 2014 *Watershed Agreement* is Virginia most proud of having advanced or met? What contributed to those successes?

**2:00 p.m. [Charting a Course to 2025](#).....[Jeff Lerner](#)  
Acting Branch Chief, Partnership and Accountability,**

Chair, Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

[Rachel Felver](#), (remote) **CBP Communications Director**  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

- Important Successes and Common Challenges
- Focus on Outcomes and Directives:
  - TMDL Phase III WIPs
  - Forest Buffers and Wetlands
  - Climate Change
  - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ)
- Public Comments
- The Path Forward

**3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:15 p.m. Setting the Stage for the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee's Annual Recommendations**

- Review of Past Years' Meeting Priorities and Topics
- Elements of Effective Recommendations

**3:30 p.m. Subcommittee Break-out Sessions**

Discussion Questions based on annual priority topic:

Is your subcommittee prepared to offer a recommendation that...

- (a) the full Committee discussed this year, and
- (b) falls within the purview of the Bay Program leadership (EC/PSC), and
- (c) is actionable

- 4:30 p.m. **Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**
- 5:00 p.m. **Meeting Recess**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner- Brock’s Riverside Grill**  
Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:15pm to walk together as a group

**Day 2: Thursday, September 14 – Mary Washington Room**

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast in the meeting room**
- 8:30 a.m. **Meeting Reconvenes**  
Member Announcements and Reflections
- 8:45 a.m. **Chesapeake Bay Program Updates.....[Martha Shimkin](#) (remote)**  
**Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program**
  - CBP Response to CAC’s 2022 Recommendations
  - October 19th Executive Council Meeting
    - Public and Private Agendas
  - September PSC Agenda
  - EPA Response to the Inspector General’s Report:  
[The EPA Should Update Its Strategy, Goals, Deadlines, and Accountability Framework to Better Lead the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts](#)
  - Key current CBP Requests For Applications:
    - Chesapeake Bay Outreach and Engagement Support
    - Methodologies and Tools to Support Climate-Resilient Communities
    - Coordination of the Small Watershed Grants and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants
- 9:30 a.m. **Briefing on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.....[Anna Killius](#) (remote)**  
**Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission**  
**Co-Chair, Beyond 2025 Steering Committee**
  - Steering Committee Objectives
  - Contractor Role and Expected Outcome
  - Timeline
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - Stakeholders’ Committee feedback on Beyond 2025 Scope of Work
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Water Quality Subcommittee Discussion**  
Recent Chesapeake Bay Reports and Implications
  - Reflections on:
    - Short-Term: ‘Charting a Course to 2025’
    - Long-Term: Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR)
    - Underlying: Inspector General Report
- 11:15 a.m. **Committee Discussion**  
Consensus and Refinement of Stakeholders’ Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Executive Council
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Stakeholders’ Committee 2023 Next Meeting**  
*December 6-7, Western MD*