

Public Comments on the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*Revision Process

The following public comments were submitted to the Chesapeake Bay Program regarding the partnership's efforts to revise the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* and update the structure and process of the partnership.

Submitter: National Wildlife Federation

Date: December 12, 2024

Letter: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/images/2024-12-12-NW-CBT-Mgmt-Board-

Comments.pdf

Submitter: National Parks Conservation Association

Date: December 12, 2024

Letter: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/images/NPCA-Comments_CBP-MB-Dec2024.pdf

Submitter: Indigenous Conservation Council

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Letter: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/images/Signed_Final_Resolution_1-2025.pdf

Submitter: Bill Wilson **Date**: February 4, 2025

Letter:

Revising the old plan should not be the goal of the Executive Council. Rather, they should be developing a NEW plan.

The Total Maximum Load strategy did not prove effective as witnessed by the successive low grades, year in and year out. If the State of MD is not willing to take control of the chicken farming on the Eastern Shore, no progress should be expected in the Bay water quality.

The first step in planning should be to identify the major sources of nitrogen and phosphorous entering the Bay and focus on eliminating those sources. All the other activities for shore line protection, oyster restoration, under water grasses, etc are drops in the bucket.

Submitter: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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Letter: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/images/CBF-Comments-re-Outcome-Review-Part-

1-of-3-2.19.25.pdf



Submitter: National Park Service

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