

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

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Policy Committee Overview

Mission:

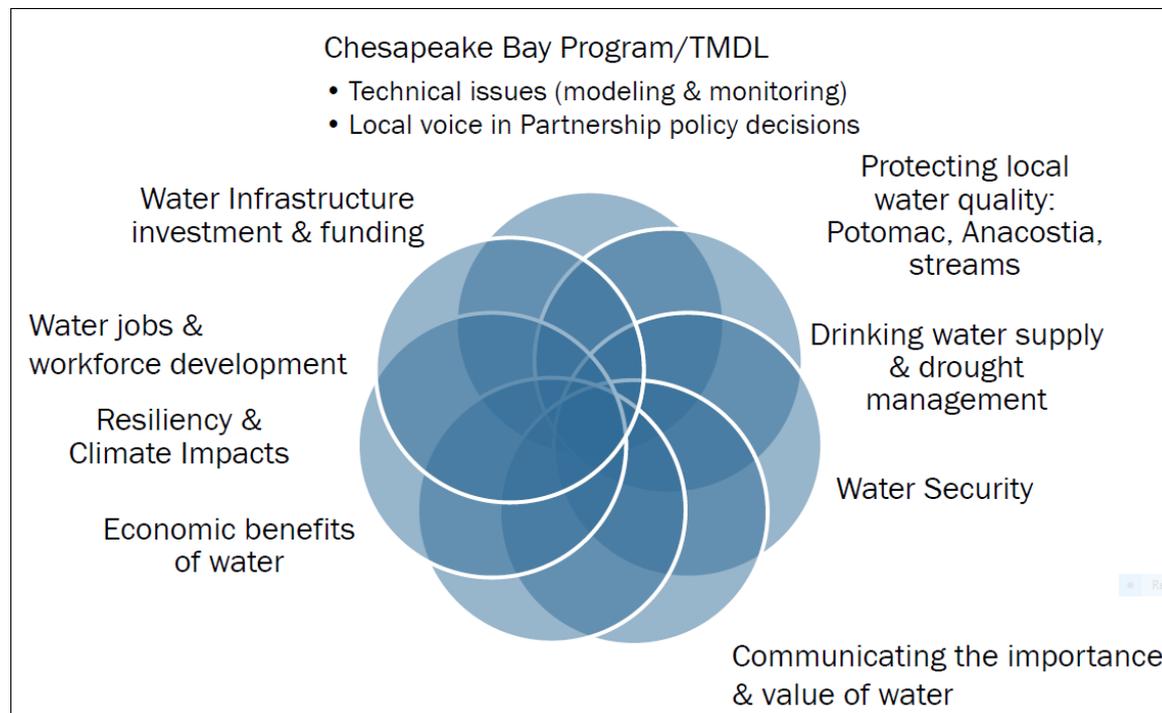
- Represents the region's interests before the Chesapeake Bay Program and provides a voice for local perspectives
- Conducts outreach about Bay restoration progress and water quality benefits
- Recommends water policy positions and actions to the COG Board
- Evaluates water quality, wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and climate resiliency issues, and their evolving science and policy

Membership:

- Members include elected officials and senior management from regional governments and water and wastewater utilities

2018 Focus and Priorities

- Contributions to Chesapeake Bay Program's Model and Bay TMDL Midpoint Assessment
- Outreach on Chesapeake Bay and local water quality issues
- Advocacy for water quality protection, and sound science



2018 Accomplishments

- **Chesapeake Bay Program**
 - Represented the region's wastewater and water quality programs on Chesapeake Bay Program's committees regarding the program mid-term assessment and setting revised targets
 - Held an engaging 8th Annual Bay & Water Quality Forum with EPA and state representatives
- **Outreach**
 - Year of the Anacostia (#YOTA)
 - National Infrastructure Week (May)
 - Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (June)
 - TapIt, Protect Your Pipes, and Drug Take Back Days
- **Advocacy**

Looking Ahead

- **Chesapeake Bay Program**
 - State Watershed Implementation Plans
 - Conowingo Dam Watershed Implementation Plans
 - Protect wastewater capacity and achievable stormwater management
 - Climate change
- **Outreach and Advocacy** – Regional outreach pertaining to Bay and local water quality
- **Support and promote local actions to improve water quality**
 - Investments in wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater
 - Water infrastructure resiliency to acute events and chronic stressors
 - Water's role in economic growth and water sector jobs
- **Approve the annual Regional Water Fund Work Program and Budget**

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