

Summary of Proposed Chesapeake Bay Federal Legislation

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[S. 1490. Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Environmental Accountability Act of 2005](#)

Reauthorizes the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program at \$50 million for five years -- an increase over the current \$40 million authorization level. Requires environmental accountability and annual reporting on the health of the Bay and its tributaries and the state of the restoration.

Sponsor: Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA).

[S. 1491. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Removal Assistance Act](#)

Authorizes \$132 million annually for five years to fund nitrogen removal upgrades at the 310 major sewage treatment plants in the Bay watershed -- includes DC, DE, MD, NY, PA, VA, and WV.

Sponsor: Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA), Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA).

[S. 1492. Chesapeake Bay Environmental Education Pilot Program Act](#)

A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions for environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

Sponsor: Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA).

[S. 1493. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forestry Program Act](#)

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to restore and protect forests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The bill authorizes \$3.5 million annually for five years.

Sponsor: Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA), Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA).

[S. 1494. NOAA Chesapeake Bay Watershed Monitoring, Education, Training and Restoration Act](#)

Authorizes \$26 million annually for five years for the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office. This amount includes \$1 million to establish a Chesapeake Bay Integrated Observing System; \$6 million to continue the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education and Training Program; \$10 million to establish a Chesapeake Bay watershed stock enhancement and habitat restoration program aimed at restoring oysters and SAV; and \$1 million to promote Chesapeake Bay oyster and SAV aquaculture education.

Sponsor: Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA).

[H.R. 2509. Anacostia Watershed Initiative Act of 2005](#)

[S. 1472. Anacostia Watershed Initiative Act of 2005](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to provide for the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the Anacostia Watershed in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

H.R. 2509. Sponsor: Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC). **Cosponsors:** Rep. Robert A. Brady (D-PA), Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA), Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, (D-AZ), Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Rep. James P. Moran (D-VA), Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Rep. Albert Russell Wynn (D-MD).

S. 1472. Sponsor: Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). **Cosponsors:** Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA), Sen. George Allen (R-VA), Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-LA)