

A large suspension bridge, likely the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, spans across a body of water. The sun is setting behind the bridge's towers, creating a warm, golden glow in the sky and reflecting on the water. The bridge's structure is silhouetted against the bright sky.

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

Priorities and Activities

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COG Board
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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

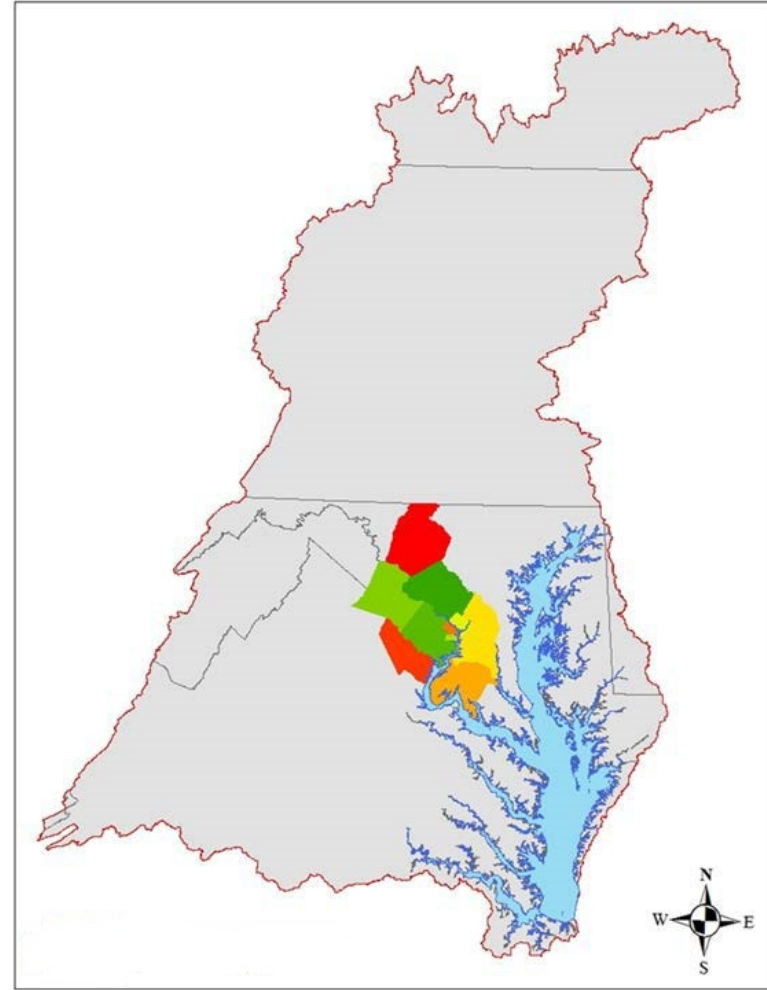
- Established by COG Board in 1998 to specifically advise on Chesapeake Bay Program efforts
- Now reflecting our broader mission, called the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee
- Holistically addresses & advises on water quality & infrastructure issues



CBPC Principles

Principles

- Value of Water
 - Protect public health
 - Support our economy
 - Ensure quality of life
- Water Infrastructure Funding
- Use of Sound Science & Equity
- Ensure Local Voice



Regional Successes & Challenges

Investments in state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plants

- Achieved plant nitrogen reductions 10 years before Bay 2025 deadline
- Documented improvements to Potomac River water quality & living resources
- National leaders in innovation



Need to

- Maintain successes and support regional growth
- Fund aging infrastructure
- Protect investments (e.g., 'wipes' legislation)



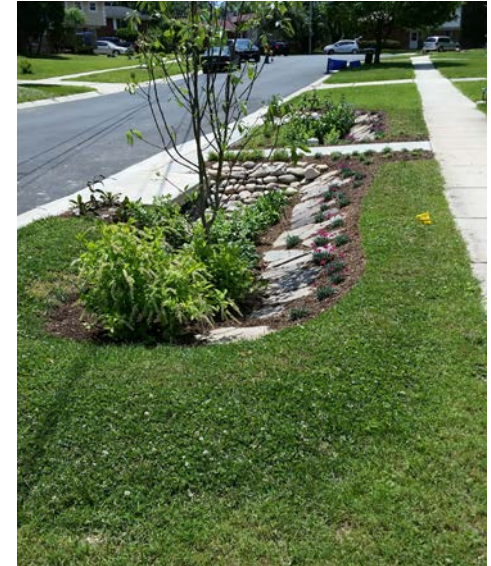
Regional Successes & Challenges

Stormwater Management

- Region is innovation leader in Bay & nationally
- Improvements are being seen at local scale & in local waters

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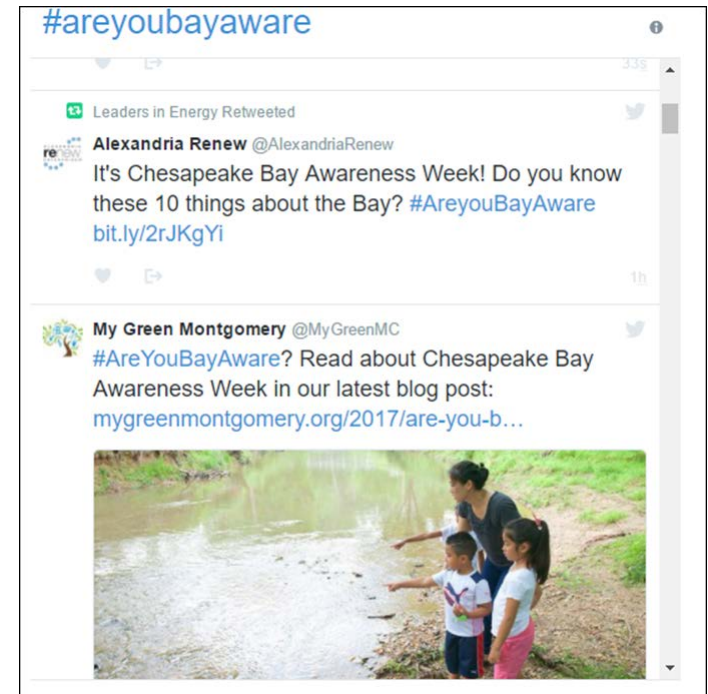
- Reduce implementation costs
- Meet stringent regulatory requirements
- Integrate practices into existing/built communities
- Share 'best practices' (e.g., recent tour)
- Ensure continued funding to implement & maintain investments



CBPC Outreach & Advocacy

Activities

- Legislative input
- Bay Journal Article – June 2016
- Washington Post Op-Ed – April 20th
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week – 2nd week in June
- Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals Day (Virginia) - June 30



CBPC Outreach & Advocacy

EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program

- Federal/state/local partnership
- Provides critical technical resources & science
- Ensures coordination, equity & accountability

7th Annual Bay & Water Quality Forum - Sept. 15th

- Federal & state rep's
- Forum for local voice
- Stress sound science, equity, flexibility



CBPC Outreach & Advocacy

- CBPC recommends adoption of Board Resolution R35-2017
 - Recognizes benefits of the Chesapeake Bay
 - Reinforces the direct federal interest in the health of the Bay
 - Supports the continued partnership & funding for federal Bay restoration efforts



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