

INTRO TO CHESAPEAKE BAY & WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE

CBPC Orientation

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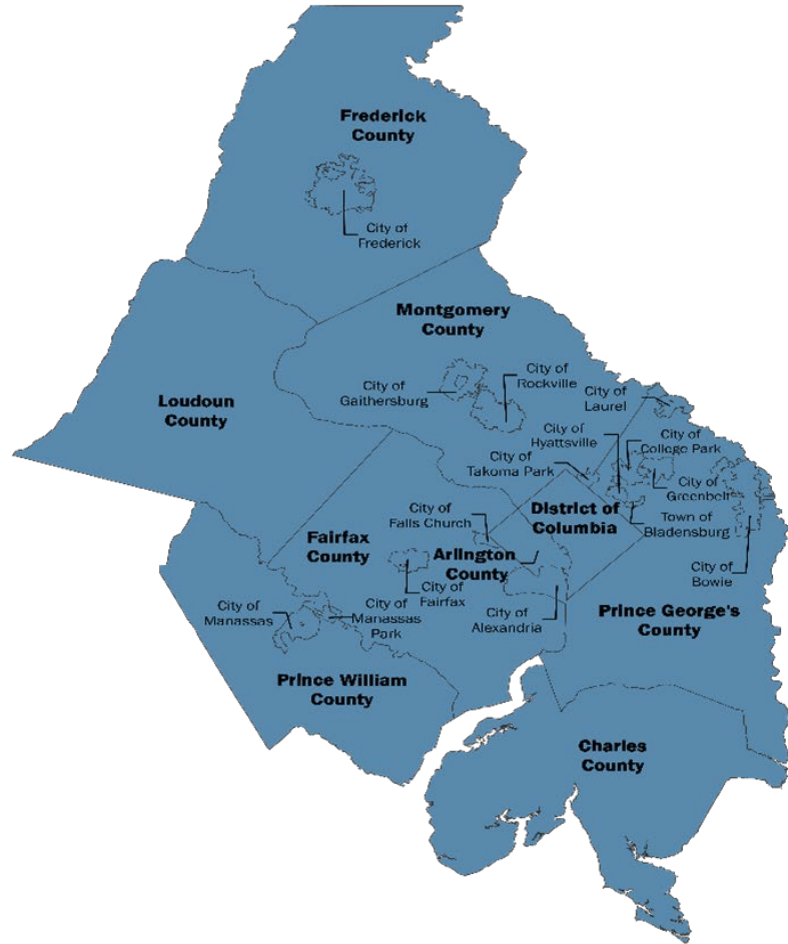
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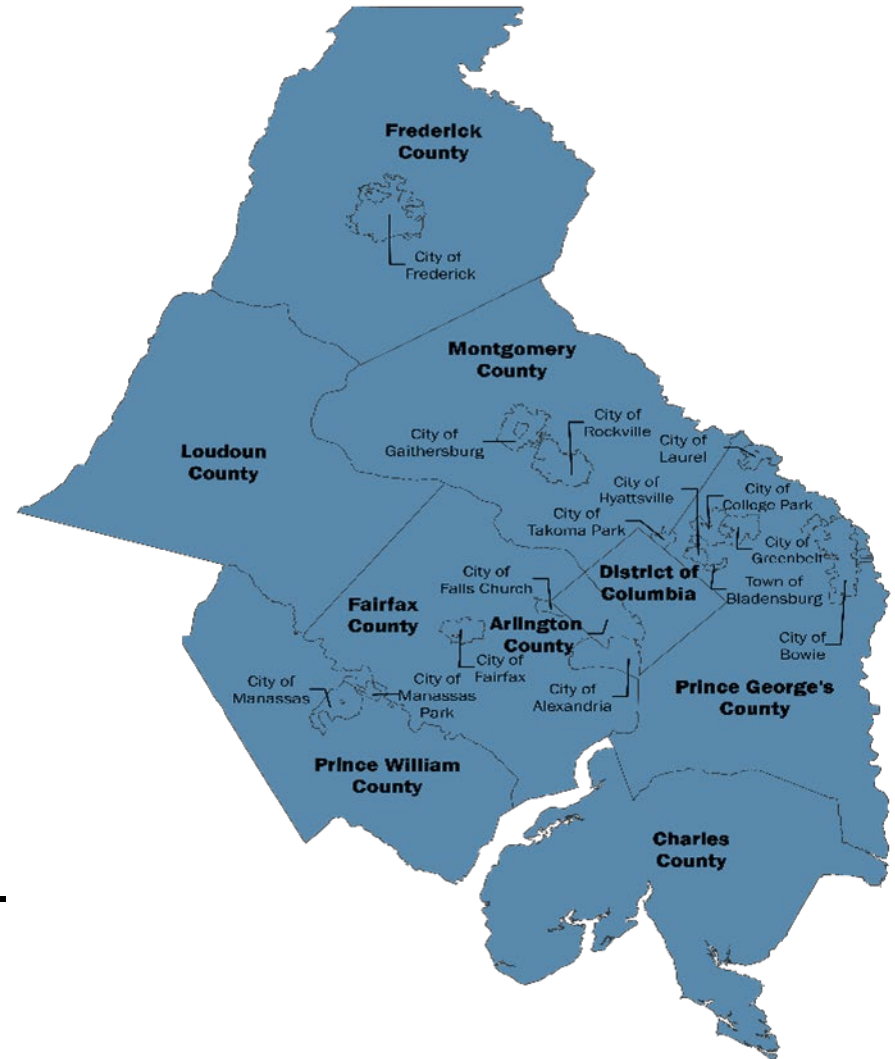
Outline

- Introduction to COG
- CBPC focus areas and actions
- Resources for more information



About COG

- An independent, nonprofit association founded in 1957.
- Brings leaders together to address regional issues.
- Membership comprised of 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress.
- 125+ staff.
- Region Forward [Framework](#) including equity emphasis areas.

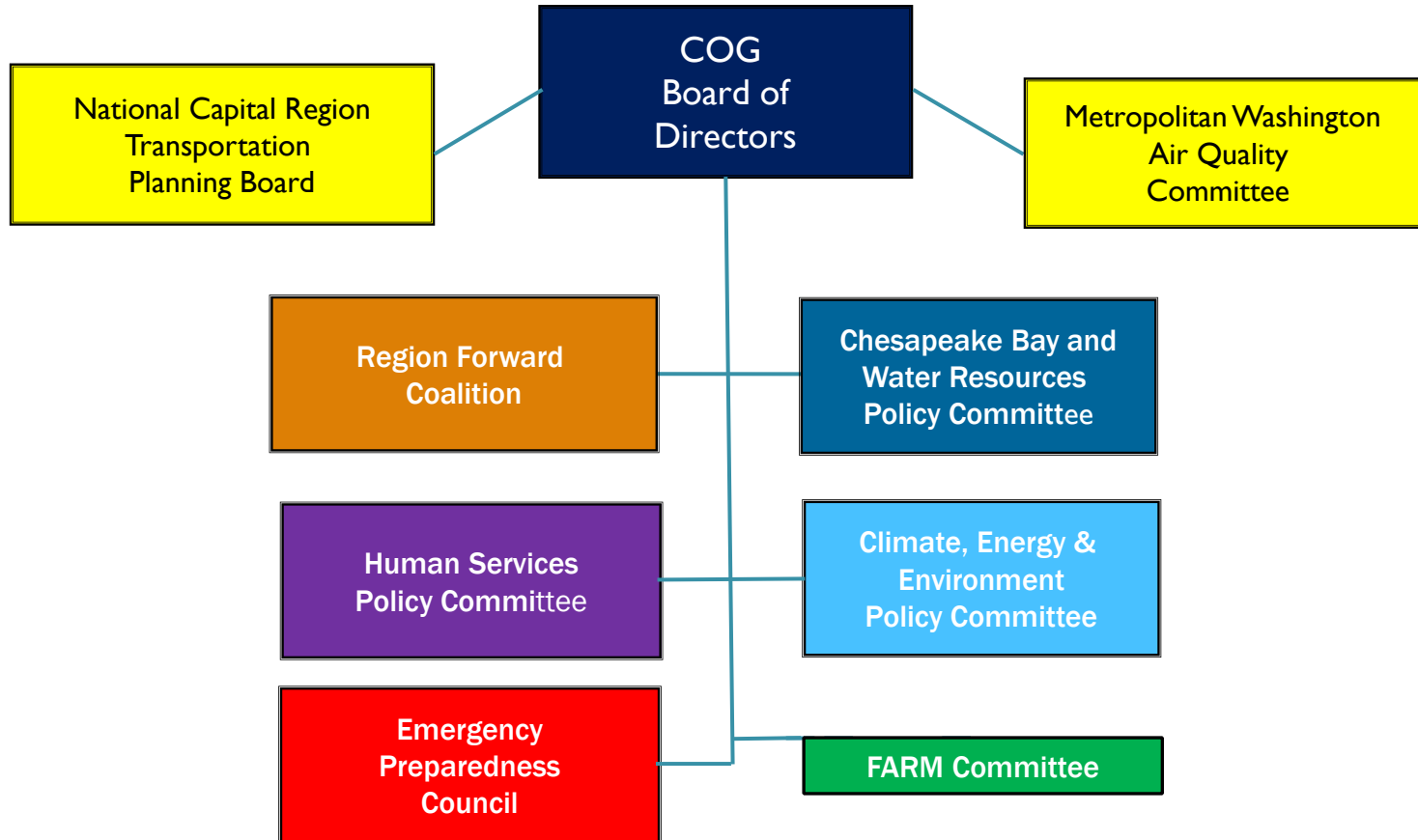


Hub for Regional Partnership

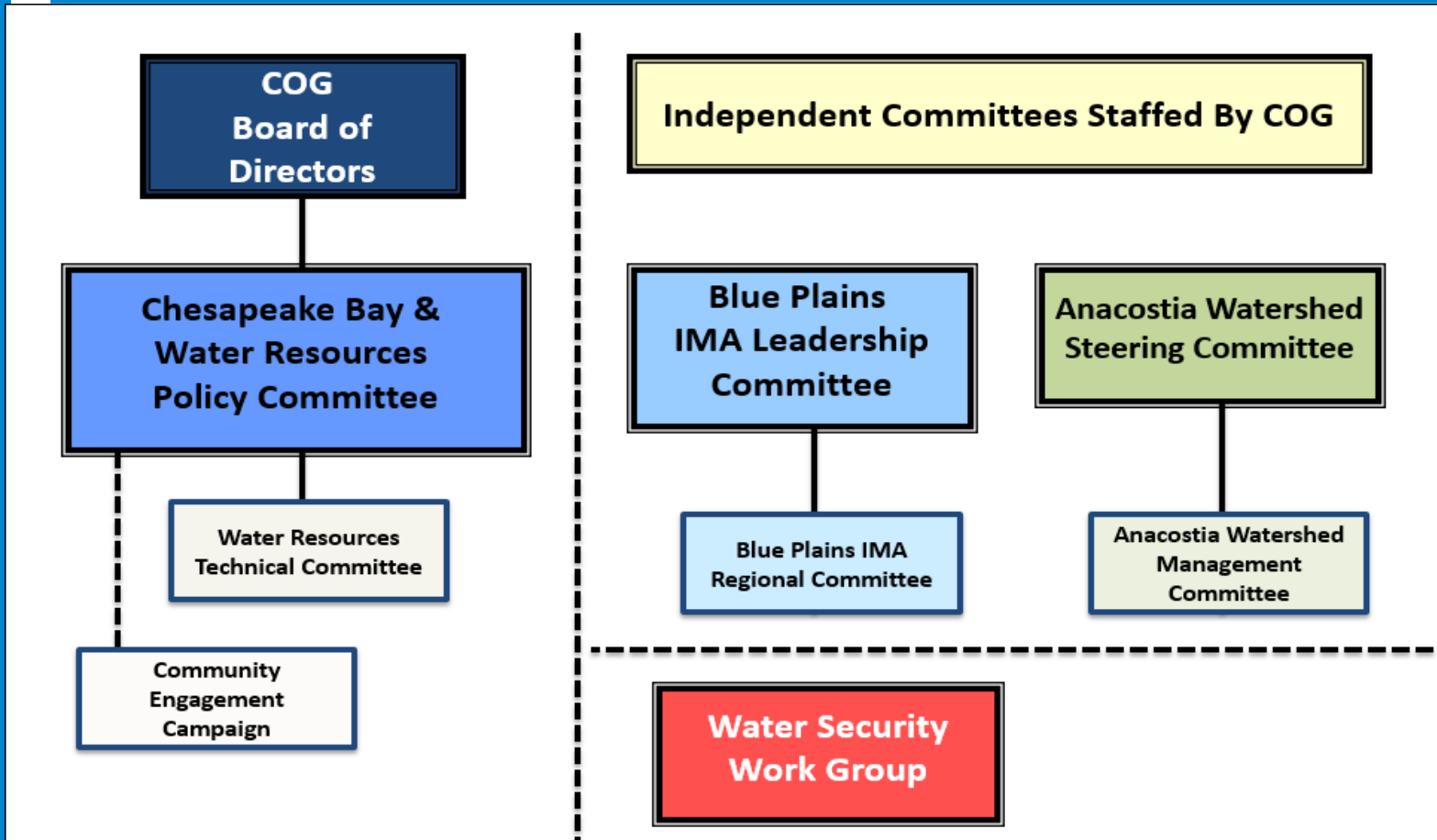
- Elected officials
- City and county managers
- Police, fire chiefs, and emergency managers
- Housing directors
- Environmental experts
- Transportation planners
- Local government staff
- Private, nonprofit partners



COG Policy Committee Structure



COG Water Committee Structure



Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee = CBPC

Water Resources Technical Committee = WRTC

Community Engagement Campaign = CEC



Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Overview

Membership:

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

Mission:

- Evaluate water quality, wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and climate resiliency issues, and their evolving science and policy.
- Represent the region's interests within the Chesapeake Bay Program and provide a voice for local perspectives.
- Take water policy positions and actions and make recommendations to the COG Board.
- Conduct outreach about Bay restoration progress and water quality benefits.

CBPC vis-à-vis Chesapeake Bay Program

- Bay TMDL & state's Watershed Implementation Plans
- Partnerships – EPA & states, with local participation
- COG's role in the Chesapeake Bay Program
- Local Government Advisory Council & Local Leadership Work Group



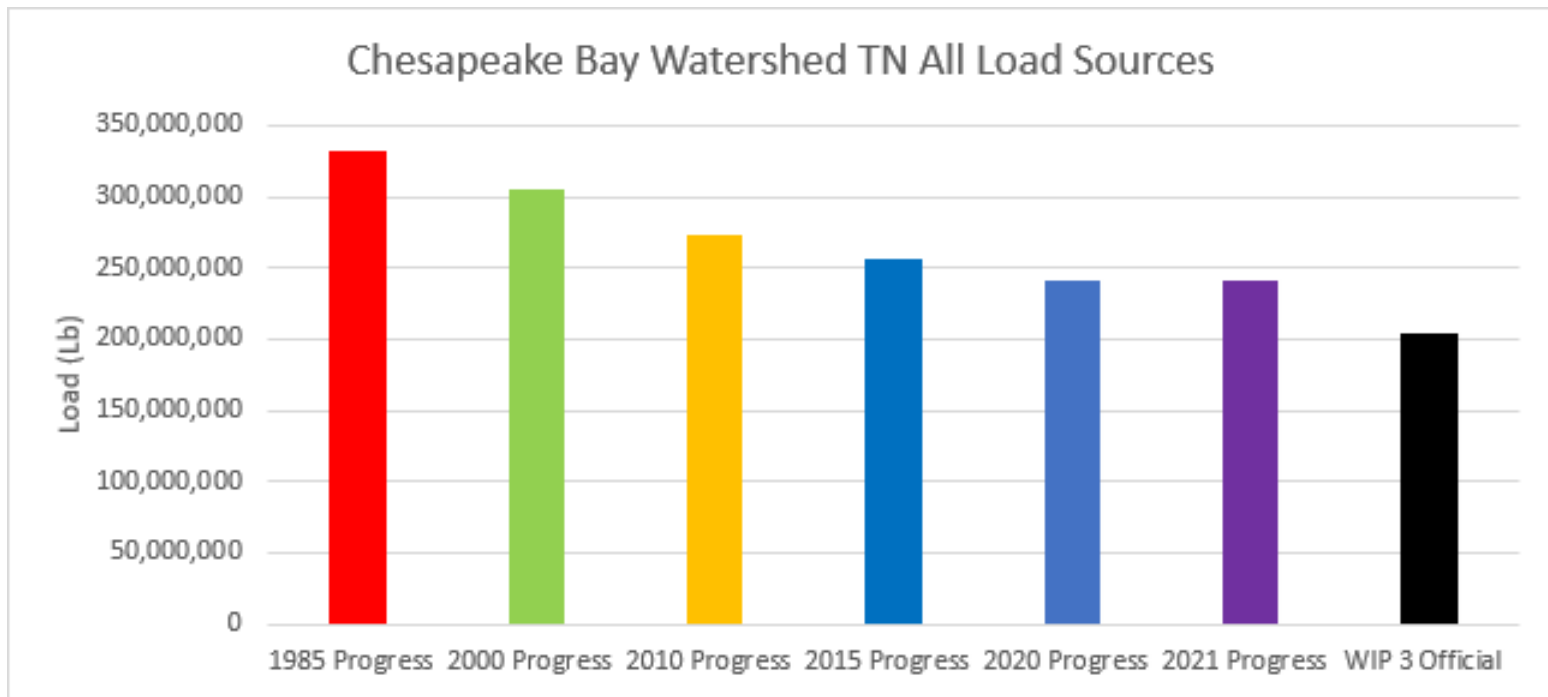
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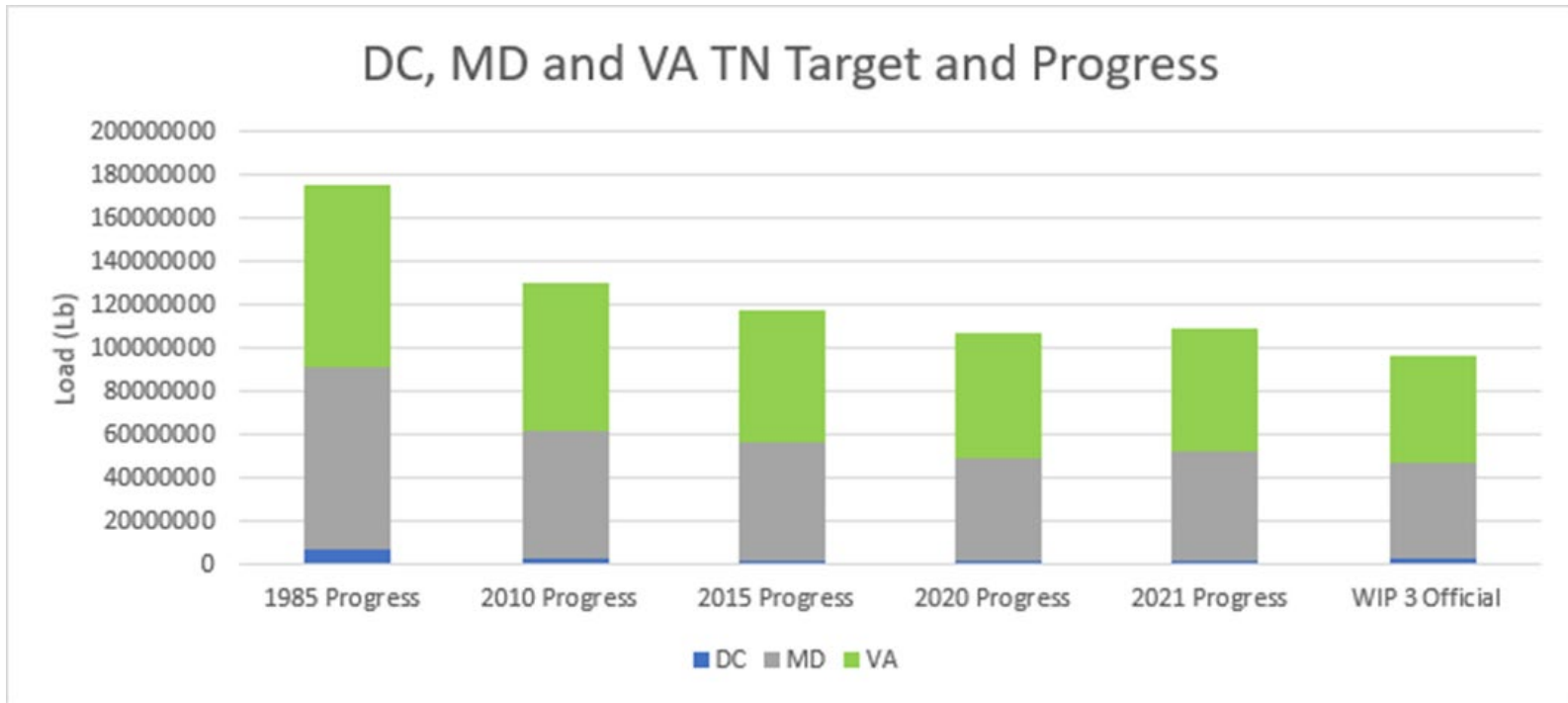
Chesapeake Bay TMDL Nitrogen Reduction Progress



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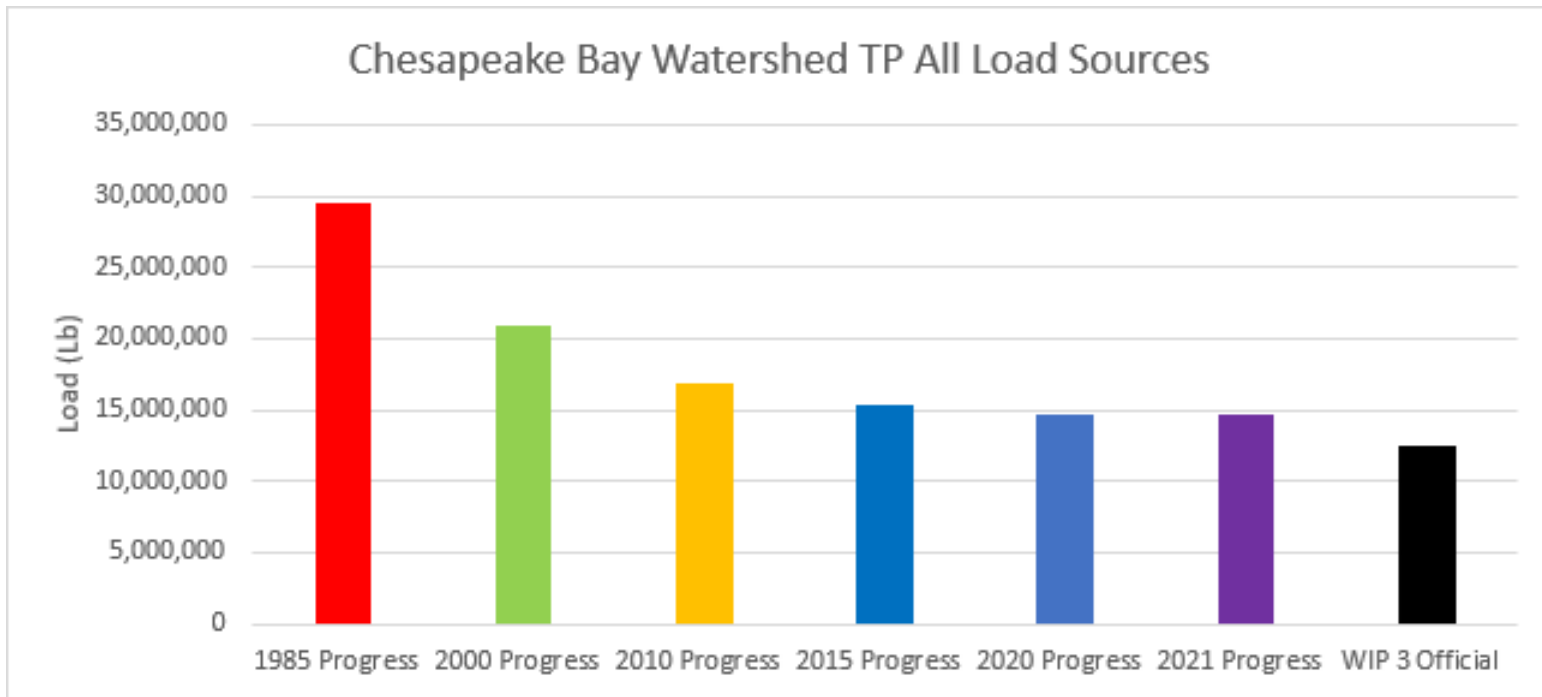
Total Nitrogen (TN) Regional Progress



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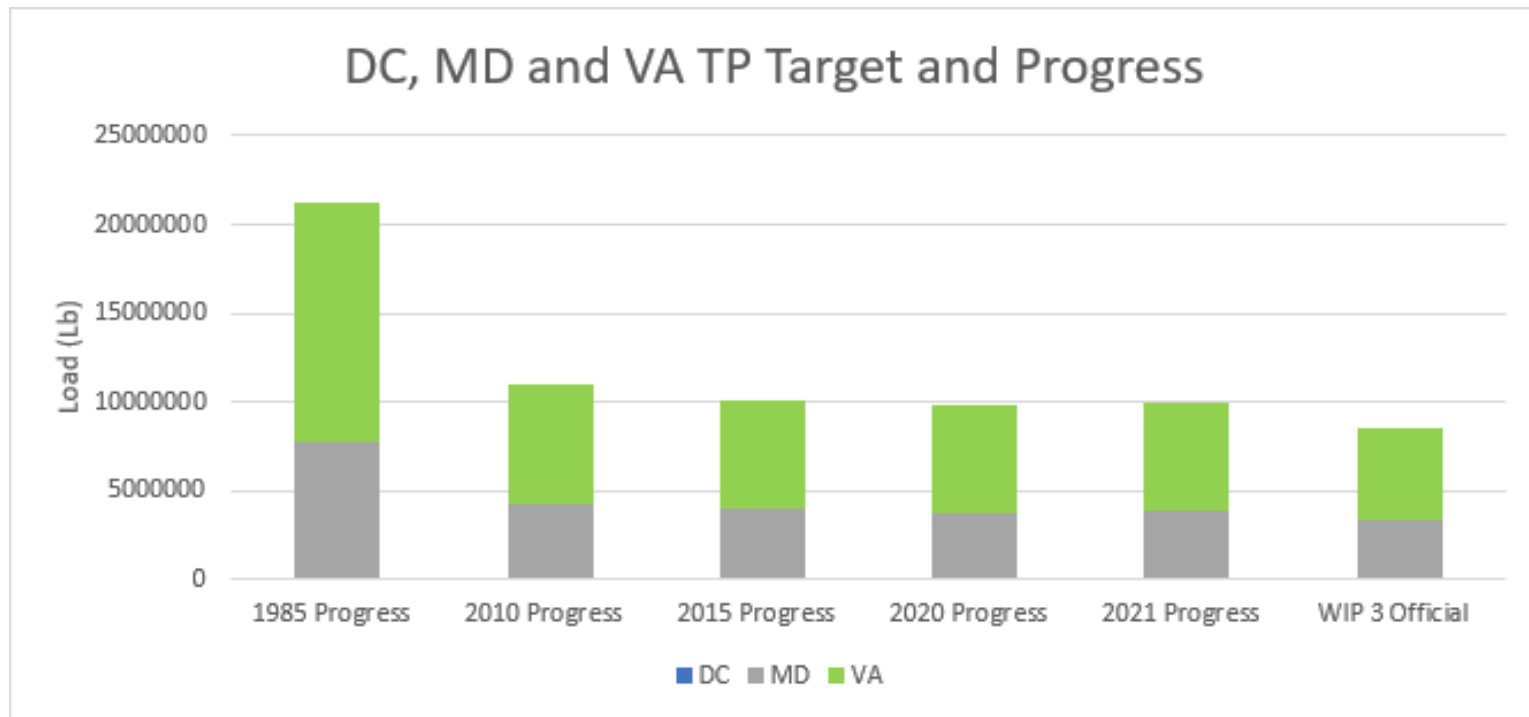
Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phosphorus Reduction Progress



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Total Phosphorus (TP) Reductions in Our Region



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Wastewater

- Major investments in wastewater treatment plant upgrades have significantly improved Potomac River water quality
- State-of-the-Art – All wastewater treatment plants in the region already have or are upgrading nitrogen removal capacity
- Upgrades will ensure the capacity to treat waste from future population growth in the region
- Challenge facing wastewater:
Replacing an aging workforce with skilled workforce
- Blue Plains IMA
- Energy water nexus



Blue Plains, Photo by Chesapeake Bay Program

Stormwater

- Local challenges & innovations in meeting stringent MS4 permits
- Need for climate resilient practices & to address flooding
- How to build and fund new infrastructure
- COG's [Stream restoration Best Practices Guide](#), 2021



Windy Run, Before Restoration

Arlington County



Windy Run, After Restoration



CBPC Experiences in the Field



WSSC Water Plant Tour 2019



Councilmember Libby Garvey receiving COG Public Service Award, Dec. 2022.



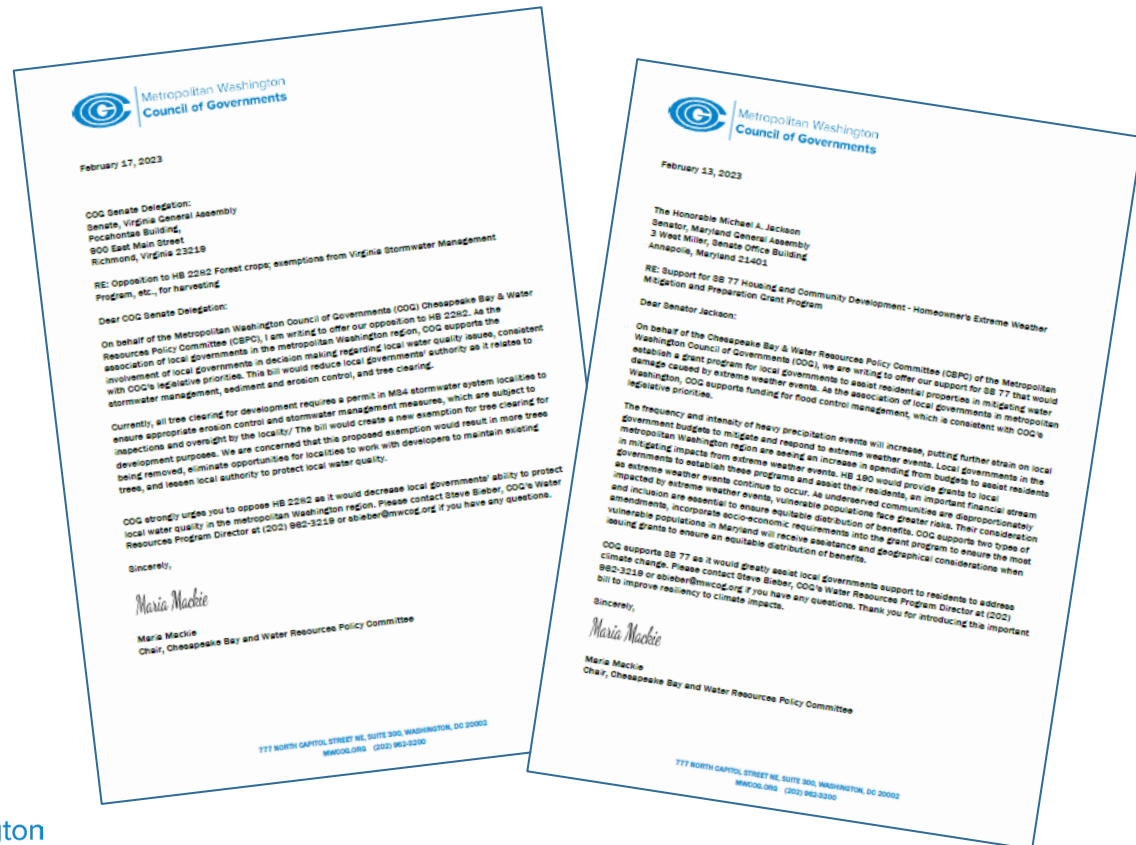
Chesapeake Bay Foundation Potomac River Boat Trip, Oct. 2022



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CBPC Takes Positions

- Tracks and comments on General Assembly Legislation
- Letters to Congress (e.g., funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program and for Army Corps' alternative water supply study)



CBPC Partnerships and Outreach

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week
June 2-11, 2023



Chesapeake Bay Program



City of Alexandria Bay Awareness Week Proclamation

Resources

- Local Leadership Work Group's Educational Modules
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/local_leadership_workgroup
- COG's Interactive Map of the Potomac Watershed
mwcog.org/maps/map-listing/major-watersheds-of-the-region/
- COG's Stream Restoration Report
<https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2022/01/06/recommended-stream-restoration-best-practices/>
- Video: Supervisor Penny Gross recounting history of local government involvement in the Bay and of the CBPC
<https://vimeo.com/473144227>
- Mid-Atlantic Planning Association's Bay Watershed Webinar series/
<https://virginia.planning.org/conferences-and-meetings/mid-atlantic-planning/>
- <https://www.mwcog.org/environment/planning-areas/water-resources/outreach-and-education/cec-regional-water-resources/>



Key websites for more information

- mwcog.org/chesbay
- <https://www.mwcog.org/committees/water-resources-technical-committee/>
- chesapeakebay.net





Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Meeting & Event Schedule 2023

The CBPC will convene the 3rd Fridays, bimonthly (10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.) unless otherwise noted.

Regarding dates below:

-**bold** denotes regular meetings

-*Italics* denote optional opportunities

Dates:	Topics:
January 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new CBPC members and leadership • Legislative session: General Assembly pre-view; COG's Legislative Priorities; members self-select for Legislative Subcommittee (meeting biweekly on Thursdays). • Chesapeake Bay Program funding and other updates
<i>March 10</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Orientation
<i>March 22</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFAS Summit at DC Water
March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative updates • Approve the FY 2024 Regional Water Quality Management Work Program and Budget • Charles County Oyster Restoration Partnership • Hughes Center presentation of Maryland Forest Technical Study
<i>May 12</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join FARM committee for ag tour in Loudoun County
May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed education/ Meaningful Watershed Experiences • Preparations for Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Outreach
<i>June -2nd week</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week</i>
July 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics will be forthcoming
September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Forum with EPA and States
<i>October</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chesapeake Bay Foundation Potomac Boat Tour (date TBD)</i>
November 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review of regional stormwater fees. Other topics to be determined.

Other topics to be covered

- Chesapeake Bay Program updates
- Grants/funding opportunities
- Education and “meaningful watershed experiences”
- Drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and/or water security updates
- Community Engagement Campaign updates

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 - Lead for Water Security Work Group, water supply, oversees DEP's water programs and staff

Water Staff:

- Ata Adeel-Blue Plains Committees; biosolids
- Aubin Maynard-Anacostia program, field crew
Christine Howard-WRTC committee; drought; Work Program and reports
- Heidi Bonnaffon-CBPC and CEC committee leads; stormwater
- Lisa Ragain-drinking water; monitoring; communications
- Lisa Reynolds-Blue Plains IMA Manager
- Mukhtar Ibrahim-Bay Program modeling, GIS
- Phong Trieu-Anacostia program lead, manages field crew
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