

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM AND WATER RESOURCES UPDATES May 2022

Chesapeake Bay Program

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is June 4-12. Theme: Restoration Brings Results
Events calendar <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/action/attend>

Saturday, June 4: How are you connected to the Chesapeake Bay?
Sunday, June 5: Tree canopy & forest buffers
Monday, June 6: Green infrastructure
Tuesday, June 7: Stream restoration
Wednesday, June 8: Wetlands
Thursday, June 9: Agricultural projects
Friday, June 10: Oyster and mussel restoration
Saturday, June 11: Public access
Sunday, June 12: Looking to the future

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/epa-announces-40m-to-help-restore-chesapeake-bay/2022/05/02/fc565f2e-ca48-11ec-b7ee-74f09d827ca6_story.html

The Bay Program's Federal Agency Partners Commit to Addressing all Aspects of Climate Change
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/federal_agencies_working_in_the_chesapeake_commit_to_take_action_against_cl

Virginia to receive \$3.1 million to help restore Chesapeake Bay
[Virginia to receive \\$3.1 million to help restore Chesapeake Bay - Shore Daily News](https://www.shoredailynews.com/news/virginia-to-receive-3.1-million-to-help-restore-chesapeake-bay/)

The Bay Program has released a new Bay 101 Video on Climate Change
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/bay-101/bay_101_climate_change

CBP's newly launched Behavior Change Website provides organizations with data on how to more effectively increase citizen stewardship.
<https://www.chesapeakebehaviorchange.org/>

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Local Water Quality, Wastewater and Stormwater

Meet the People Who Enjoy Swimming in the Potomac (Washingtonian)

<https://www.washingtonian.com/2022/05/02/meet-the-people-who-actually-enjoy-swimming-in-the-potomac/>

DOEE's Plan to Lift the Ban on Swimming in the District of Columbia's Rivers

<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/would-you-swim-in-dcs-rivers-plans-underway-to-lift-ban/3023240/>

MDE's Second PFAS Sampling of Public Drinking Water Systems Shows No Levels Above the EPA's Current Health Advisory of 70 parts per trillion

<https://southernmarylandchronicle.com/2022/04/30/mde-issues-second-report-on-sampling-of-maryland-public-drinking-water-systems-for-pfas/>

<https://mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx>

ICPRB's Map to Locate Watershed Groups in Your Area

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8bfb56c4f6214d3ab2947324e0d91fc0/?fbclid=IwAR0zRmOahIVOQtETNoAL_xzqcCFEv71X11I9RtlQnpH76QN3vuERuOC154

Help Promote COG's "Work for Water" Videos

These videos were produced by the CEC and are being boosted on Facebook to promote water jobs in our region.

<https://www.mwcog.org/environment/planning-areas/water-resources/outreach-and-education/cec-regional-water-resources/>

COG's Policy Committees Support COG's Region United Initiative

<https://www.mwcog.org/newsroom/2022/04/06/cog-policy-committees-support-region-united-priorities/>

Mapping Water and Equity Considerations – Federal and State Tools

[Mapping Water and Equity Considerations- Federal and State Tools - River Network](#)

Drinking Water, Water Supply and Drought

Regional Water Supply and Drought Outlook

The latest U.S. Drought monitor released on April 28 indicates that some areas are abnormally dry mainly due to low streamflow and precipitation levels over the past few months. The areas monitored in the COG region by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality are under a normal status. Groundwater levels are normal to low, and local reservoirs remain full. Long-term forecasts indicate that we should remain drought free over the next three months. For additional information please visit COG's Water Supply and Drought website:

<https://www.mwcog.org/drought>

Food and Agriculture

Food Security

COG's FARM Policy Committee looks forward to the publication of several regional reports this spring. At its June 10th meeting, it will release its *Healthy Food Access Policy Compendium for Metropolitan Washington* and discuss highlights from the Maryland and Virginia legislative sessions.

Capital Area Food Bank will also be releasing its annual Hunger Report in the coming months.

News

White House Announces Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health in September.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/04/white-house-announces-conference-on-hunger-nutrition-and-health-in-september/>

Urban Institute Completes Arlington Food Security and Access Study.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/News/Articles/2022/Urban-Institute-Completes-Arlington-Food-Security-and-Access-Study>

Upcoming Events

Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Spring 2022 Meeting (virtual). Thurs, May 12, 2022, 9:30 am – 11:45 am. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/partnership-for-a-healthier-fairfax-2022-spring-meeting-tickets-304181142987>

The USDA and HHS will convene leaders from Federal agencies, the farming and ranching sector, technical assistance providers, and individuals and other strategic partners for: Sustainable Livelihoods and Behavioral Health: Strategies and Partnerships to address Farm Stress and Suicide, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 17, 18, 19, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 pm ET.

<https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/other>

Jobs

The City of Alexandria is hiring a Food Security Coordinator. Applications for this important, two-year position will be accepted until May 10th.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alexandria/jobs/3506534/community-service-program-coordinator-ii-food-security-coordinator>

The District of Columbia is accepting applications for an Organics Program Specialist to lead DC's organics recycling programs and policy initiatives including programs on food waste and composting. Search for Job ID: 17104 at careers.dc.gov

Upcoming Meetings and Events

EPA Mid-Atlantic Summit May 25 (10:00-4:00)

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-05/Summit%20Agenda%205.2.22.pdf>

FARM Meeting June 10 (11:00 - 1:00) - Hybrid

CBPC Meeting July 15 (10:00-12:00)

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