



Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Chesapeake Executive Council to Announce New Approach to Bay Restoration on May 12

The Chesapeake Executive Council will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Virginia, where members will chart a new course for the Chesapeake Bay's recovery that accelerates the pace of cleanup and deepens the Chesapeake Bay Program's commitment to restoring the nation's largest estuary.

WHO: Governor Timothy M. Kaine, Virginia, and Executive Council Chairman
Lisa Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Governor Martin O'Malley, Maryland
Jay Jensen, Deputy Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mayor Adrian Fenty, District of Columbia
Delegate John Cosgrove, Chairman, Chesapeake Bay Commission
John Hanger, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Collin O'Mara, Secretary, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Bill Brannon, Deputy Director, West Virginia Water & Waste Management
Navis Bermudez, Associate Director of Federal Policy, Office of the Governor, New York

WHEN: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12

11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Executive Council Meeting – Smith Auditorium

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Chesapeake Chat – Smith Auditorium (panel discussion on value of Chesapeake Bay)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Executive Council News Conference – East Lawn of George Washington Mansion

Media should r.s.v.p. by Monday, May 11. Contact Travis Loop at 410-267-5758 or tloop@chesapeakebay.net.

DETAILS: Meeting attendees are encouraged to carpool and should park in the regular visitor parking areas. Attendees are only allowed in areas of Mount Vernon being used for the meeting. For full access to the grounds, visitors must purchase an admission ticket. Mount Vernon information and directions are at www.mountvernon.org

The Chesapeake Bay Program is a watershed partnership that has coordinated and conducted the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983. Partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative body; and advisory groups of citizens, scientists and local government officials.