

# CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE

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# Policy Committee Mission

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**Mission:** The Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC):

- Represents the region's interests before the Chesapeake Bay Program through technical analysis and input and as an advocate for local perspectives
- Facilitates implementation of water quality improvements across metropolitan Washington
- Conducts outreach on Bay restoration and water quality
- Recommends water policy positions and actions to the COG Board

**Membership:** 30 members represent COG members and regional water and wastewater utilities

# 2017 Accomplishments

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- a) Advocated for sustained funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program at EPA and all supporting agencies
- b) Communicated local needs to the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership at the Committee's annual EPA-states forum
- c) Supported Maryland's legislation to protect wastewater treatment plant and sewer infrastructure from non-degrading flushed wipes
- d) Provided technical support for local members' interests in the Chesapeake Bay Program Midpoint Assessment, development of Watershed Implementation Plans, wastewater capacity & technology, and stormwater management
- e) Addressed improved resiliency related to the water-climate nexus & how clean waters support the region's economy

# 2018 Focus and Priorities

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- i. Provide technical and policy input to Chesapeake Bay Program and states as they complete the 2017 Midpoint Assessment process & plan next phase of work to 2025
- ii. Be a leading public voice supporting regional water quality and needed investments through ongoing public outreach
- iii. Support local actions to improve water quality
  - Protect local investments in wastewater and drinking water treatment
  - Expand use of stormwater best management practices
  - Increase water infrastructure resiliency to acute events and chronic stressors
  - Promote water's role supporting economic growth and water sector jobs
- iv. Water quality legislative advocacy
- v. Approve the annual Regional Water Fund Work Program and Budget



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