

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

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Policy Committee Overview

Mission:

- Represents the region's interests within the Chesapeake Bay Program and provides a voice for local perspectives
- Conducts outreach about Bay restoration progress and water quality benefits
- Takes water policy positions and actions and makes recommendations to the COG Board
- Evaluates water quality, wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and climate resiliency issues, and their evolving science and policy

Membership:

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

2019 Focus and Priorities

- Provide Local Voice in Chesapeake Bay Program Activities
- Outreach
- Legislation and Advocacy



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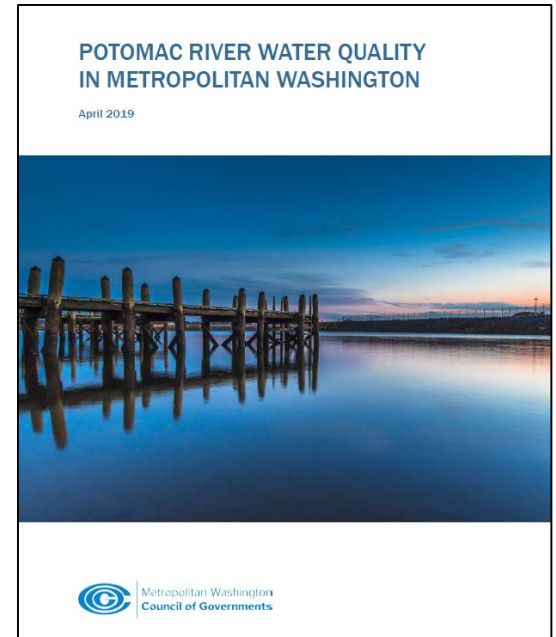
2019 Accomplishments

Outreach

- COG's Potomac Report (May)
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (June)
- Agriculture Task Force for regional Farming and Food

Legislation and Advocacy

- Early supporter of Maryland's Styrofoam ban
- Nominated Del. Bulova to EPA's Stormwater Funding Task Force
- Letter to Congress supporting Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and increased funding
- Comments on MD and VA Watershed Implementation Plans



Looking Ahead

Chesapeake Bay Program

- Dialogue with EPA and states is planned for March 2020

Outreach and Advocacy

- CBPC Bay Awareness Week boat ride and video

Support and promote water partnerships

- Academic research, associations, etc.
- Topics include winter salts and sustaining local agriculture

Approve the annual Regional Water Fund Work Program and Budget

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