Reaching 2025 and Beyond

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- Convener of more than 290 NGO's
- Coordination with CBC and CBF on Federal Bay Policy
- Current Work
 - o Appropriations
 - Chesapeake National Recreation Area
 - O Chesapeake Farm Bill
 - o Reaching 2025 and Beyond







- Celebrating progress, but we need to reinvigorate our commitment to protecting and restoring rivers and streams that feed the Bay.
- Water quality is improving, but **we will not meet our goals**.
- With warming climate and increased awareness of environmental injustices throughout the Bay region, it is time to reevaluate our goals and strategies to provide clean water to all people.





What We're Saying

What stakeholders want to see from the Program and the EC in this moment:

- Strong Leadership and Collaboration
- NGO and Stakeholder Engagement
- An Innovative Vision for the Bay Restoration Effort
- A Sense of Urgency





What We Want to See

Comments from Reaching 2025 Response Letter

- TMDL & Phase III WIPs
- Climate Change & DEIJ
- Forest Buffers & Wetlands
- Toxic Contaminants
- Beyond 2025







The Bay of the future will not look like the Bay of the past

- A Holistic Approach to Conservation and Restoration
- People Centered
- Creative and Innovative Solutions
- Focused on Outcomes
- Addresses Climate Change



Looking Ahead

State Advocacy That Can Help

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MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS



- Virginia
 - o SLAF and VACS funding
 - o Wastewater/CSO
- Pennsylvania
 - o ACAP
 - o EJ & Cumulative Impacts
- Maryland
 - o Conowingo Dam
 - Interrelated issues: solar siting, highways



Looking Ahead

Questions?

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