
CHESAPEAKE BAY & WATERSHED PROGRAMS

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With the signing of the interstate Chesapeake Bay Agreement in 1987, State programs formed to protect and restore the Bay. In the Department of Natural Resources, the Chesapeake Bay Program Office was created under the Office of the Secretary. At the Department of the Environment, Bay activities began with the Chesapeake Bay and Special Projects Program, reorganized as the Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Administration in 1994. The Administration transferred in 1995 to the Department of Natural Resources and merged with the Chesapeake Bay Program Office to form Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Programs.

Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Programs leads State efforts to protect and restore Chesapeake Bay. It oversees four programs: the Chesapeake and Coastal Watershed Service, Chesapeake Conservation Education, the Regional Chesapeake Bay Program, and the Resource Assessment Service.

CHESAPEAKE & COASTAL WATERSHED SERVICE

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The Chesapeake and Coastal Watershed Service began in 1988 as the Watershed Nonpoint Source Division under Water Quality Programs of the Water Management Administration in the Department of the Environment. By 1992, the Division was renamed the Watershed Projects Division under the Chesapeake Bay and Special Projects Program. Later that year, it became the Nonpoint Source Assessment and Policy Program under the Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Management Administration. In 1994, it was renamed the Watershed Management Program and, in 1995, transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. The Program was reorganized in 1995 by the Department of Natural Resources as the Chesapeake and Coastal Watershed Service.

The Service develops and helps implement watershed management strategies and projects to restore and protect the ecosystems of Chesapeake Bay and its watersheds. The Service coordinates departmental responsibilities under the Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Act (Chapter 437,

Acts of 1992). The Service also provides staff support to the Maryland Greenways Commission.

Within the Service are two programs: Growth Management, and Resource Economics. The Service also oversees five divisions: Coastal Zone Management; Geographic Information Services; Watershed Management and Analysis; Watershed Restoration; and Waterway Resources.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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The Growth Management Program coordinates the Department's responsibilities under the Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act (Chapter 437, Acts of 1992). The Program assists public and private interests to plan for and manage the adverse environmental impacts from land development, population growth and economic expansion.

As State agencies acquire land and undertake capital projects, the Program helps them develop and implement guidelines to protect environmentally sensitive areas. For local governments, the Program provides technical, educational and financial assistance to prepare comprehensive plans and development ordinances.

RESOURCE ECONOMICS PROGRAM

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Created in 1995, the Resource Economics Program applies economic principles to Chesapeake Bay restoration and protection programs. These principles include risk assessment, cost and benefits analysis, resource valuation, and regional impact evaluations. By demonstrating to business and developers the financial benefits of sustaining the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, the Program induces voluntary participation rather than regulatory control to change adverse business practices that harm the Bay.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Origins of the Coastal Zone Management Division stem from the Coastal Zone Management Program which began in 1973 when the Governor designated the Department of Natural Resources to receive and administer federal grants pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. The Program was assigned first to the Water Resources Administration and, by 1977, transferred to the Energy and Coastal Zone Administration. By Executive Order in 1978, the Governor declared the Coastal Zone Management Program to be State policy for activities in Maryland coastal areas. In 1979, the Program became part of the Tidewater Administration (Chapter 601, Acts of 1979). Within the Administration, the Program was overseen by the Coastal Resources