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In The News

Chesapeake cleanup may lose race to 2025 goal but presses on

(Bay Journal Weekly News)



As the Chesapeake Bay region enters what was supposed to be the final stretch of a decades-long effort to clean up the nation's largest estuary, it - once again - faces a cleanup goal it appears likely to be missed.

Progress has been made - and Bay water quality has improved - but the region is significantly off track to meet its 2025 cleanup goals. In fact, updated pollution control targets approved by the state-federal Bay Program in July show that the shortfall is greater than previously thought.

To read the full article by Karl Blankenship, click [here](#).

New nutrient reduction goals reflect updated science, data, computer modeling

(Bay Journal Weekly News)



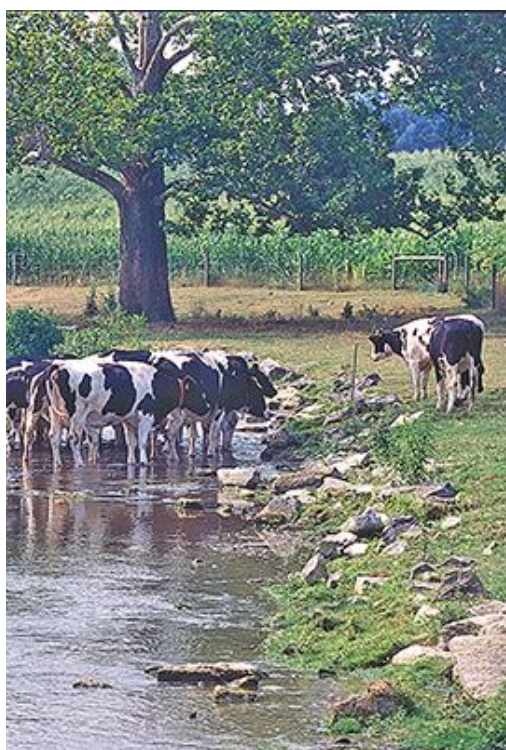
The state-federal Chesapeake Bay Program partnership recently revised its nutrient reduction goals for 2025 based on improved information, new science and updated computer modeling.

States are updating their cleanup plans to address the revised goals. These watershed implementation plans, drafts of which are due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by April 12, 2019, are supposed to demonstrate that states have realistic plans to meet their new goals, as well as adequate programs, regulations and funding to get the job done. States are also supposed to engage local officials and organizations, as well as establish more localized planning goals in their plans.

To read the full article by Karl Blankenship, click [here](#).

Success of Chesapeake's restoration tied to PA, which lags far behind

(Bay Journal Weekly News)



Across the Chesapeake Bay watershed, controlling runoff from agriculture and stormwater has proven difficult for decades.

Now here is the problem greater than in Pennsylvania, which has more of both than any other state in the Bay region - and where efforts to control them are the farthest off track.

To read the full article by Karl Blankenship, click [here](#).

"In another decade or two, we'll see a different Chesapeake Bay"
(*Bay Journal Weekly News*)



This December will mark the 35th anniversary of the original promise by regional leaders to work together to protect the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay - and the fish, crabs and other species that depend upon it.

More than three decades after it started, the cleanup effort still has a long way to go. In its latest water quality assessment, the state-federal Bay Program partnership found that just 40 percent of the Chesapeake's tidal waters met agreed-upon goals for clarity, dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll.

To read the full article by Karl Blankenship, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Virginia Waterways Cleanup Event (September 1-November 7, 2018)



Multiple locations across Virginia. There are more than 70 cleanup opportunities scheduled thus far. Help clean local waterways and collect data about trash & litter in the waterway. Consider hosting a site or volunteer to help with a cleanup. This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup.

About the Virginia Waterways Cleanup

- * This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup!
- * This annual statewide event not only cleans our waterways, it also collects valuable data about trash & litter in our waterways
- * More than 104,000 Virginians have volunteered in Virginia since 1995
- * It is hands-on stewardship of our water resources
- * You CAN make a difference! Volunteer, lead a cleanup, or help support this important statewide effort by contributing to CVW.

Join Clean Virginia Waterways for the 24th Virginia Waterways Cleanup. This annual event is an affiliate of the global International Coastal Cleanup. Local community groups will be cleaning up local parks, streams and rivers throughout the state. Consider hosting your own site or volunteer at someone else's!"

For more information, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Stormwater Compliance Analyst (Chesterfield County Dept of Environmental Engineering)



Application deadline is November 1, 2018. For information and to apply visit:
<https://www.chesterfield.gov/303/Apply-for-Current-Career-Opportunities#>

Grant Opportunities

Mini Environmental Education Grant (Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Funds are available to schools, organizations, and agencies to support educating students about their local environment and how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program funds up to \$5,000 for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) projects. Funds can cover field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, supplies for student projects, etc. The next deadline is January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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