



Citizens Advisory Committee

TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Representing a sample of perspectives and experiences
of various stakeholders who live and work in our region**

Matt Ehrhart

Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee

Unique Perspective of CAC

Membership includes:

Restoration practitioners

Farmers

Retired government

Environmental philanthropy

Policy researchers and contractors

Community organizers

CAC is advocates for the Bay Program to develop messages and communications that make the restoration effort relevant to the local level.

Consensus advice on topics including:

- Progress toward the cleanup and restoration goals
- Accountability and transparency
- Forest buffers
- Agriculture BMP implementation
- Environmental literacy, education, and engagement
- Public access to waterways
- Enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion and justice
- Protecting clean water and natural habitats

CAC Member hosted tour of stream restoration at Stroud Water Research Facility



CAC Member hosted tour of his heritage Angus cattle farm in PA



Recent Topic of Interest- Public Health and Environmental Quality

Panelists:



- **Liz Perera**

- Climate Policy Director, Sierra Club
- Authored a report series called *Climate Change and Your Health* documenting increases in heat waves, ozone pollution, and storm intensity in warming w



- **Sacoby Wilson**

- Associate Professor with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health (MIAEH) and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, University of Maryland-College Park
- Recently building a program on community engagement, environmental justice, and health (CEEJH)



A few topics of Interest in the coming year

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice
 - Active CAC Member participation on the Bay Program's DEIJ Action Team
 - Active recruitment of new CAC members to reflect the diversity of the watershed residents
- BMP Verification
 - Active CAC Member participation on the Bay Program's BMP Verification Ad hoc Action Team
- More to come...annual priority setting in a future meeting