

2022 Executive Council Planning

Principals' Staff Committee

May 17, 2022

New Executive Council Members



Sarah Elfreth, Chair, Chesapeake Bay
Commission and Maryland State Senator



Glenn Youngkin, Governor,
Commonwealth of Virginia

Discussion on Meeting Location

- Typically held in the region the chair is representing.
- Leaning towards Washington, D.C. as the chair is currently the EPA Administrator.
- Should any virtual options be offered? Preference is for members to be in-person so they can engage with one another at the private lunch.
- Meeting will be held in-between mid-September and mid-October, avoiding advisory committee meeting dates and around the end of the federal fiscal year.

Bay Barometer

An Annual Report on the State of the Program
and the Health of the Chesapeake Bay

December 2021

Outcome Attainability

Focused discussion on the outcomes that are in danger of not meeting their 2025 targets.

Overall assessment of the partnership in preparation for 2025.

Would PSC members champion different outcomes and provide updates at the meeting?

Monitoring based on all the current updates and activities occurring with the CBP Monitoring Program.





Trees

- Members could take part in a tree planting or tour a green infrastructure project.
- Tie-ins to DEIJ and climate change: urban heat islands, redlining, etc.
- Jurisdictions will release updated forest action plans in June.
- Forest buffers are currently a lagging outcome for the partnership.
- If we focus on trees, can we tie in wetlands as well?
- At the 1996 meeting, members helped with a tree planting to commemorate the first forest buffer goal set in Pennsylvania.

Role of the federal government in the partnership

- With a meeting in Washington, D.C. topics should center around the role of the federal government in the partnership.
- Focus on new funding opportunities.
- Build in capacity-building, workforce development, corporate sustainability partnerships and public-private funding opportunities.
- How do we make this action-oriented?
- Aligning federal and Chesapeake Bay priorities (climate change, DEI)
- Possible to tour a restoration site that federal funding helped achieve?





Consideration of new threats

- Climate change
 - Follow up on actions taken since the 2021 climate directive was signed.
 - Addressing flooding, river flows across the watershed.
 - Population growth, declining wildlife habitat.
- Agricultural resilience
 - Resilient Farms Initiative.
- Upcoming Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report from Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

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