



Public Access

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Through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the Chesapeake Bay Program has committed to...



Goal: *Public Access*

Outcome: By 2025, add 300 new public access sites, with a strong emphasis on providing opportunities for boating, swimming and fishing, where feasible. (2010 baseline year)

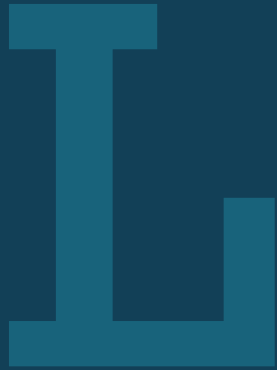


How You Can Help



- We are on track to exceed our outcome.

- We need you to support:
 - Funding for planning, development, and maintenance
 - Development and implementation of programing that expand number and diversity of users



Learn

What have we learned in the last two years?



Successes and Challenges

- Tracking new sites is high priority and great progress has been made.
- Some management strategies / actions have become out of date due to federal/state/local policy/programming shifts.
- Collective workgroup capacity is a challenge.
- Refocus and prioritize in 2020/2021



What is our Expected and Actual Progress?

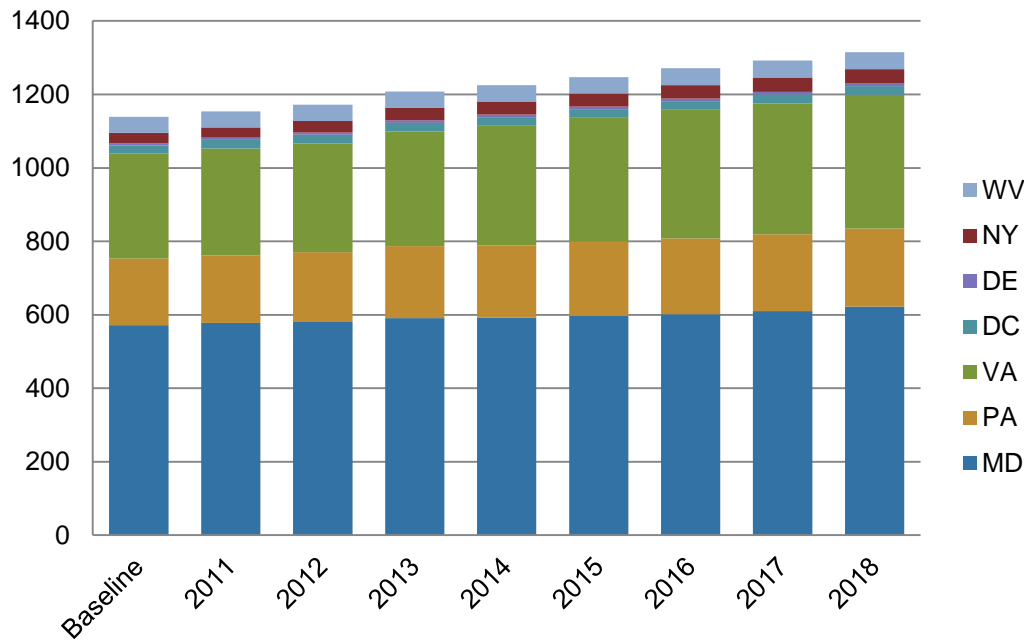
From 2012 through 2018:

- We have added **176 new sites** 59% of 300 site goal
- Boating access opportunities have been a key focus and **151 of the new sites** offer some form of boating access.
- **Eighty-one** of the new sites were developed on already existing public lands.
- Paddle-in camping was developed at **17** sites
- The urban areas received **33** new public access sites.
- **Forty-eight** of the new sites filled gaps along existing water trails.
- Of the 176 sites developed **52** are listed as meeting universal accessibility standards.



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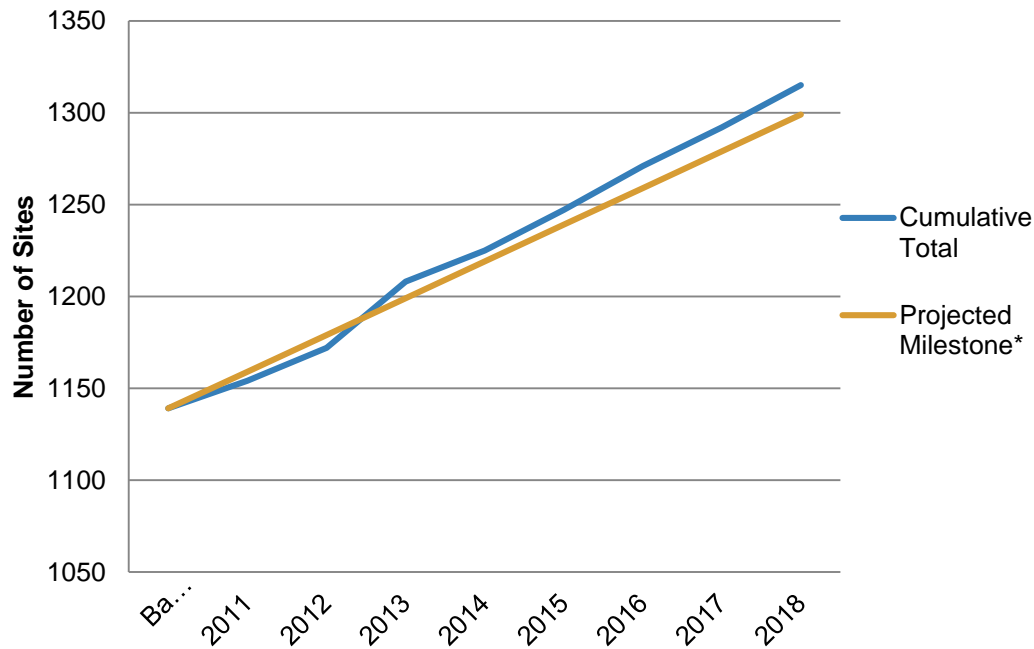
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On the Horizon

- Federal, state and local funding is top influencing factor.
- Access for all communities
- Climate impacts
- Quality versus quantity



Adapt

How does all of this impact our work?



Based on what we learned, we plan to ...

- Leverage available funding to meet need for new access sites.
- Evaluate site applicability using factors including sea level rise.
- Engage new users through programming and increasing types of access to increase stewardship



Help

*How can the Management Board
lead the Program to adapt?*



Help Needed

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- Funding for planning, development, and maintenance of new and existing sites
- Development and implementation of programming that expand number and diversity of users



Discussion