



## **Waterkeepers Chesapeake—Protecting the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays**

Waterkeepers Chesapeake is a coalition of fifteen independent Waterkeeper programs working to protect and restore the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries. Waterkeepers Chesapeake works locally, using grassroots action and advocacy to protect their communities and their waters. They also work regionally to share resources and leverage their individual strengths to expand each Waterkeeper's capacity for on the water, citizen-based enforcement of environmental laws in the Chesapeake region. They patrol thousands of miles of tributaries and shorelines throughout the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and are at the forefront of enforcement efforts.

Waterkeepers Chesapeake relies on technical expertise and peer-reviewed data to support their advocacy efforts. Armed with solid data, Waterkeepers Chesapeake can more credibly inform and educate key decisionmakers and the public about the health of the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries. Waterkeepers Chesapeake looks forward to working with CBOS to identify ways that their data can be accessed easily by the public, analyzed so that it can be used to support advocacy efforts, and easily understood.

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Waterkeepers Chesapeake programs are members of Waterkeeper Alliance. Waterkeeper Alliance is a national organization that works to support 157 national and international Waterkeeper programs that are defending everyone's right to clean water. Waterkeeper Alliance connects and supports Waterkeeper programs to provide a voice for waterways and their communities worldwide. To champion clean water and strong communities, Waterkeeper Alliance: (1) supports and empowers member Waterkeeper organizations to protect communities, ecosystems and water quality; (2) promotes the Waterkeeper model for watershed protection worldwide; and (3) advocates for issues common to Waterkeeper programs. For more information, contact Michele Merkel, Waterkeeper Alliance Chesapeake Regional Coordinator, at 202-257-0877.

