



ARMY CHESAPEAKE BAY STRATEGY

The Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay is the nation's largest estuary.

The entire Chesapeake Bay watershed covers 64,000 square miles, including the District of Columbia and large portions of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, and West Virginia.

Nearly 17 million people live in the watershed and depend on the Bay and its tributaries as a source of drinking water, food, power, recreation, and jobs.



Army Installations in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

1. Fort Indiantown Gap
2. Carlisle Barracks
3. Letterkenny Army Depot
4. Fort Detrick
5. Aberdeen Proving Ground
6. Fort Meade
7. Adelphi Laboratory Center
8. Walter Reed Army Medical Center
9. Fort Myer
10. Fort McNair
11. Fort Belvoir
12. Warrenton Training Center
13. Blossom Point Research Facility
14. Fort A.P. Hill
15. Fort Lee
16. Fort Eustis
17. Fort Monroe
18. Fort Story
19. Scranton Army Ammunition Plant



The Army and the Chesapeake Bay

The Army recognizes that it has an environmental stewardship obligation to meet while ensuring that Army soldiers are prepared and ready for their national defense mission.

The Army prepared an Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy to define goals and objectives to assist in Chesapeake Bay conservation and protection efforts.

Currently, the Army operates 19 major installations totaling more than 220,000 acres in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, with wetlands collectively covering more than 26,000 acres.

The Army's Commitment to the Chesapeake Bay

The Army is committed to protecting and conserving the integrity of the land and water on which it trains and tests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Through partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies and non-governmental organizations, the Army will build on these successes with added efforts and focus on implementing this strategy.



Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy Goals

The Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy establishes five goals that address the top priorities for Bay protection and conservation:

1. Contribute to restoring and sustaining the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
2. Restore and sustain living resources and healthy habitats on Army installations.
3. Support the implementation of ecosystem-based fisheries management.
4. Strengthen stormwater management practices and maintain healthy watersheds.
5. Foster Chesapeake Bay stewardship.




The Army and the Chesapeake Bay:
Sustain the Mission, Preserve the Bay and Secure Our Future

The Chesapeake Bay is truly one of this Nation's treasures. It is the largest estuary in the United States and one of the most productive estuaries in the world with immense biodiversity that has supported human populations for thousands of years. The Army is a steward of this nationally significant asset. As part of the Army's commitment to protect and conserve the Bay, we are pleased to present *The Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy*.

This strategy sets the Army's direction toward a more sustainable future for the Bay. The many challenges that we collectively face in restoring the Bay can only be successfully met through collaborative efforts and partnerships that remain sharply focused on key issues for the Bay including nutrient and chemical pollution, stormwater runoff, sedimentation, habitat and fisheries degradation, and loss of coastal wetlands. This strategy defines clear goals and objectives that will assist in our efforts to improve the health of the Bay. The strategy further addresses climate change and the Army's ongoing actions that will help build regional capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change. Looking ahead, the strategy incorporates innovative solutions involving an ecosystem services approach to expand and diversify ways to restore the Bay.

The Army, our Soldiers, Civilians and their Families are part of the vibrant Chesapeake Bay community. This strategy represents our dedication to them, the community that we are a part of and the Nation. Today, more than ever the Army is committed to the protection of this national treasure—the Chesapeake Bay.

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