

# ***The Future of the Chesapeake Bay***

## ***What's Your Opinion?***

***Your opinions are needed to inform policy decisions that affect water quality.***

***All responses will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by the law.  
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provided. Thank you for your help!***



# The Chesapeake Bay Watershed

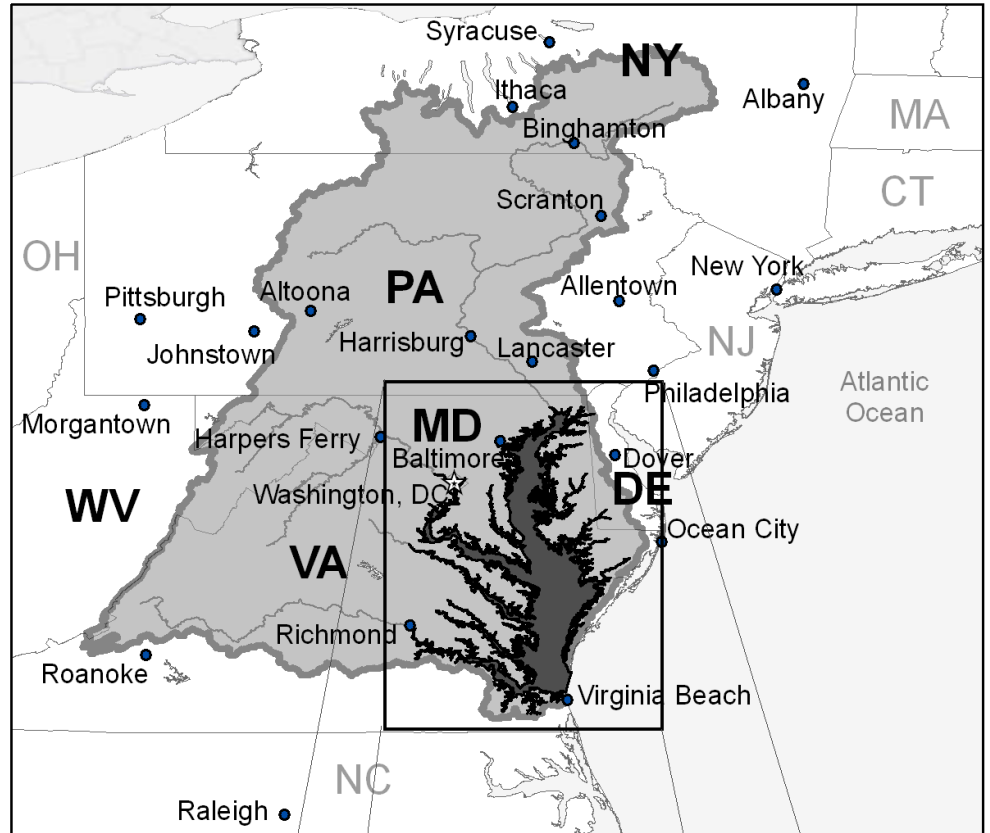
This survey asks you about two types of water bodies in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed — the Chesapeake Bay itself and Lakes in the Watershed. Each has different characteristics and potential water quality concerns.

## **The Watershed**

Is shaded in light grey on this map.

It includes about 4,200 freshwater **lakes**.

Water draining from lands in the Watershed enters rivers and streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.



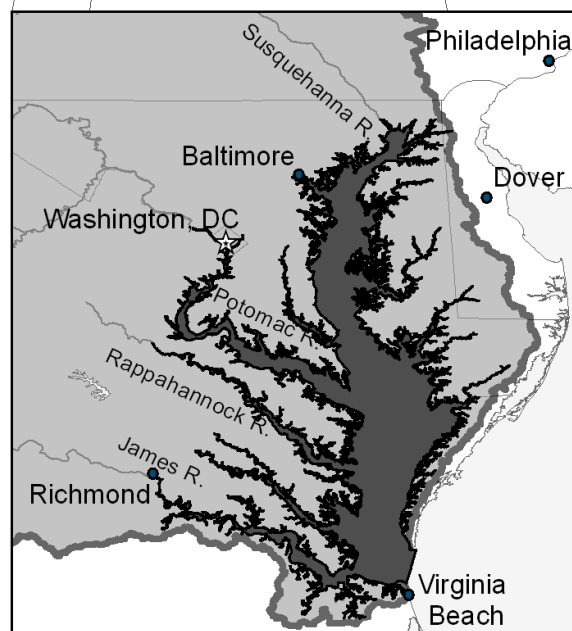
## **The Chesapeake Bay**

Is an estuary where freshwater mixes with saltwater from the ocean. It is the largest estuary in North America and the third largest in the world.

As shown in dark grey on this map, the Bay includes portions of the 50 rivers that flow into it, for example:

- The James River up to Richmond, VA
- The Potomac River up to Washington, DC

**Please use this definition** of the Chesapeake Bay when answering questions on this survey.



**1. Before receiving this survey, had you heard of the Chesapeake Bay?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**2. On average, how often do you see the following water bodies? (Please check ONLY ONE box in each row.)**

Never

Less than  
once a month

More than  
once a month

Don't Know

**Chesapeake Bay:**

**Watershed Lakes:**

**3. In the last five years, have you participated in recreational activities (including swimming, boating, fishing, or viewing nature) at the...**

*(Please check ONLY ONE box in each row.)*

**Chesapeake Bay:**

Yes

No

Don't know

**Watershed Lakes:**

Yes

No

Don't know

**4. Before taking this survey, were you aware that too much nutrients or sediment can degrade water quality?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**5. Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

*(Please circle one number for each statement.)*

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>				<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>
It is important to improve waters in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, no matter how high the costs.	1	2	3	4	5		DK
I am against any government program that imposes more regulations and spending.	1	2	3	4	5		DK
I should not have to pay any amount for programs to improve Bay Waters and Watershed Lakes.	1	2	3	4	5		DK
It is often difficult for me to find time to take surveys.	1	2	3	4	5		DK

## Questions about you and your household

Finally, we would like to ask a few questions about you and your household.

Your answers will not be saved or stored in a way that can be associated with your name or address. You will not be contacted about your responses or this survey.

### 6. What is your sex?

- Male       Female

### 7. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ years old

### 8. How many children under age 18 are living in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ children

### 9. Have you or any member of your family ever worked in any of the following industries or jobs?

- Agriculture       Tour guide for fishing  
 Commercial fishing       Environmental non-profit group  
 No one in my family ever worked in these industries

### 10. In 2012, what was your total pre-tax household income, including all earners in your household?

- Under \$25,000       \$100,000-\$149,999  
 \$25,000-\$49,999       \$150,000-\$199,999  
 \$50,000-\$74,999       \$200,000 or more  
 \$75,000-\$99,000

### 11. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes       No       I prefer not to answer

### 12. What is your race? (You may select more than one.)

- American Indian or Alaska Native       Asian  
 Black or African American       White  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander       I prefer not to answer

### 13. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- Less than high school       Associate's Degree  
 High school diploma or GED       Bachelor's Degree  
 Some college (1-4 years, no degree)       Graduate Degree

**Thank you very much for your help.**

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**Thanks again for completing this survey!**

**If you have any additional thoughts about any of the topics covered or the survey itself, please share them.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for respondents to provide additional thoughts or feedback.

**If you have any questions please call XXX-XXX-XXXX  
or email [chesapeake-survey@abt.com](mailto:chesapeake-survey@abt.com).**

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