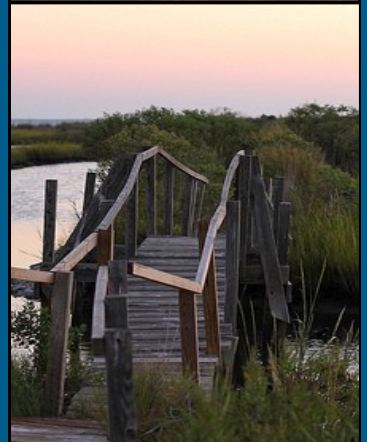


# *The Future of the Chesapeake Bay*

## A Brief Survey



The Clean Water Act authorizes collection of this information. All responses will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. Response to this survey is voluntary and no action will be taken against you if you choose not to take part. The public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 5 minutes per response. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the survey materials to this address.

# The Chesapeake Bay Watershed

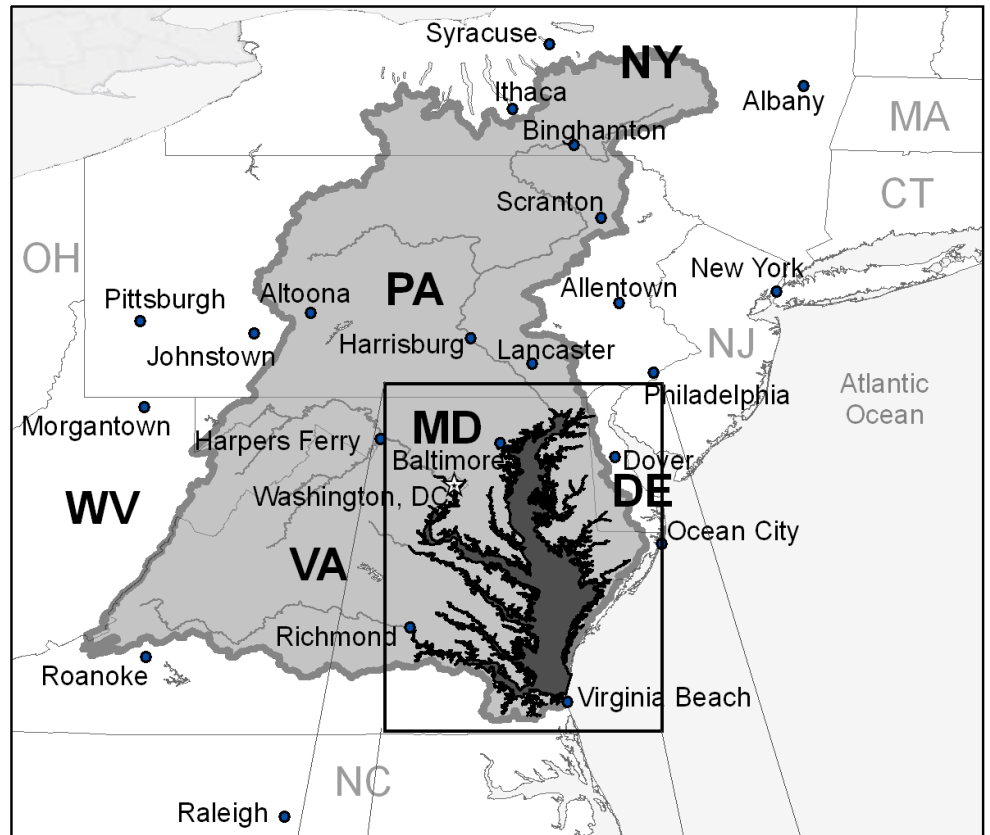
This survey asks you about two types of water bodies in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed — the Chesapeake Bay itself and Lakes in the Watershed. Each has different characteristics and potential water quality concerns.

## **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.)**

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

	Never	Less than once a month	More than once a month	Don't Know
<b>Chesapeake Bay:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Watershed Lakes:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. In the last five years, have you participated in recreational activities (including swimming, boating, fishing, or viewing nature) in the following water bodies? (Please check ONLY ONE box in each row.)**

<b>Chesapeake Bay:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>Watershed Lakes:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)*

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	Don't Know
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 more regulations and government spending.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
My household should not have to pay any amount for programs to improve Bay Waters and Watershed Lakes.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
It is difficult for me to find time to take surveys.	1	2	3	4	5	DK

Please turn the page. —>

