

Your investment spurred a **transformational year** for the Bay.



The Chesapeake Oyster Alliance expanded from 60 to 73 partners and has **ADDED OVER 2.37 BILLION OYSTERS.**



The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership grew from 138 to 197 members and has **PLANTED OVER 3.09 MILLION TREES.**



EDUCATED 45,000 LEARNERS across 1,000 live online classes.



INSPIRED 37,293 ACTIONS taken to support clean water and a healthy Bay.



CONVERTED 800+ ACRES OF FARMLAND to rotationally grazed pastures.



FILED MULTIPLE LEGAL ACTIONS against regulatory rollbacks and urged the new administration to restore key programs.

Transparency and accountability are core values at CBF. We hold high ratings with the top charity rating organizations in the United States, including:



GuideStar Exchange
Platinum Participation Level



America's Best Charities
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CBF also meets all the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability.



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All Eyes on the Bay

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While the COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed all our lives, the deadline to save the Chesapeake Bay remains the same. And the 2025 deadline for the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint—the Bay’s cleanup plan—will be here before we know it. As a member of CBF’s extended family, you know the task ahead. You also know the stakes.

In this impact report, we look back at a year unlike any other. Our fight could easily have stalled, pushed to the backburner during an era of almost daily crises. But thanks to your steady support, this year turned into a time of innovation, collaboration, and progress.

A year ago, we had no idea what to expect. Today, there are millions more oysters in the Bay, hundreds of thousands more trees lining our streams, and tens of thousands more students educated about the watershed and their role in saving it.

You’re getting this report because you know the Chesapeake Bay watershed is worth fighting for. It provides for us. It comforts us. It is our home.

You’ll see that our effort to save it has emerged from this challenging year stronger than ever.

We could not have done it without you.

With you at our side, we are saving the Bay. THANK YOU!

Together in the last year, we:

- Sued the EPA for its failure to require Pennsylvania and New York to develop implementation plans that will achieve 2025 restoration requirements.
- Completed a multi-year project that planted more than **60 million oysters** in the Little Choptank and Tred Avon Rivers.
- Opened the **Macon and Joan Brock Classroom** in partnership with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a reimagining of the educational experience that allows high school students to complete science courses directly on the Bay.
- Began a three-year project to restore **200 acres of streamside forest** along the Upper James River watershed, which will prevent 200,000 pounds of sediment from entering the river each year.
- Secured the passage of the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense program and activated **6,517 messages** to support fully funding the program at \$15 million.
- Continued projects in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania through the Mountains-to-Bay Grazing Alliance that have prevented **5.8 million pounds of sediment, 38,000 pounds of nitrogen, and 6,000 pounds of phosphorus** from reaching the Bay.



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“From the indigenous people who originally took care of it, to the various animals and plants that live there, the multitude of people whose livelihoods depend on the Bay, and the future generations of people who will live in the watershed, the health and prosperity of the Chesapeake is absolutely essential.”

—Clare Chung, Student Leadership participant, Reservoir High School senior, Howard County, Maryland



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