

Chesapeake Bay Program

Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers through science, restoration, and partnership

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular river, lake, bay, or other body of water. The Chesapeake Bay watershed stretches across more than 64,000 square miles. It encompasses parts of six States—Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia—and the entire District of Columbia. More than 17 million people live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

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*Boundary of
Chesapeake Bay
Watershed*

New York

Pennsylvania

Maryland

District of
Columbia

West
Virginia

Virginia

Delaware

Chesapeake Bay

Source: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
John C. Stennis Space Center, Landsat Imagery, 2000
Albers Equal Area Conic projection, North American Datum 1983
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