

ChesapeakeStat – Accountability through Transparency

ChesapeakeStat has been developed as a transparent way to report on restoration activities and funding, assess progress toward goals, better coordinate efforts and adapt strategies as needed.

Specifically, ChesapeakeStat, is both

- A **public website** that promotes improved accountability through transparency by sharing information on activities, funding and goals.

- A **systematic process** of analyzing information to continually assess progress towards goals and adapt strategies when needed.

USGS has been an active partner in the development of both the public website and the performance management and planning process.

The ChesapeakeStat website serves as a one-stop shop for performance management information for the entire partnership. It includes many features previously difficult or impossible to obtain online, including:

- Information on restoration progress, health progress, and funding to support Bay restoration work organized by the major Chesapeake Bay Goal Areas,

- Detailed geo-enabled strategic planning information on specific topics within the Goals,

- Opportunities to “Get Involved” including a pilot effort to leverage volunteer geographic information throughout the watershed as well as a spatially enabled “Find a Watershed Group” feature, and

- A timeline of major Chesapeake Bay restoration milestones

USGS will continue to play an important role in populating the programmatic and geographic content of ChesapeakeStat and partnering with other federal and state agencies and NGO’s on the implementation of ChesapeakeStat for adaptive management.

For further information:

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