

RESTORING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

Governor Hogan believes that the Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and that is why it was a top priority of his administration to restore it. Chairing the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, he worked closely with watermen, aquaculturists, and environmental groups to restore Chesapeake Bay's keystone species: blue crabs, oysters, and striped bass. Governor Hogan provided record funding – \$344.5 million - to support the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund to protect sensitive lands and waters in the state. These funds helped preserve 11,000 acres of wetlands and nearly 250,000 linear feet of stream restoration projects. During his administration, the state preserved over 72,000 acres of parkland, conservation, and recreation lands for future generations.

When the Trump EPA was failing to hold upstream polluters accountable, Governor Hogan directed the Attorney General to sue the federal government to ensure that polluters in New York and Pennsylvania are doing their part to keep the Chesapeake Bay clean. In the Senate, he will continue to be a national champion for protecting the Bay, working with his Maryland colleagues to advance bipartisan common sense solutions.