

Establishment and Application of Goals within the Chesapeake Bay Program

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From the 1970s Chesapeake Bay research program focus on three key reasons for the decline of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem up through the 1992 amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, there has been an evolution within the Chesapeake Bay Program towards more specific and quantitative management-oriented restoration goals. This presentation will trace the scientific and political history supporting the basinwide movement towards defining elements of a "restored" Chesapeake Bay. A series of case studies will illustrate how the range of management-oriented targets and goals have been used to direct the pollution reduction, resource management and habitat restoration actions required to achieve productive, diverse, and abundant living resource populations.