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Thanks Ben! Troy and I will see you in a bit.

Ken

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## Hogan hosting Va. Gov. McAuliffe, other dignitaries Thursday to talk future of Chesapeake Bay Program

Gov. [Larry Hogan](#) is hosting Virginia Gov. [Terry McAuliffe](#) and leaders from Pennsylvania and Delaware on Thursday to discuss the future of the Chesapeake Bay Program — a federally coordinated initiative President [Donald Trump](#) has proposed eliminating.

The dignitaries are gathering at the State House in Annapolis at 12:45 p.m. for an annual meeting of the bay program's executive council.

While the event will, as usual, include updates on efforts to clean the bay and restore ecosystems, the governors and other representatives are also expected to reiterate concerns that progress could be reversed if

Trump's Environmental Protection Agency doesn't maintain its oversight of that work.

The \$73 million EPA bay program, which is based in Annapolis, coordinates state-level actions to reduce the pollution that flows into the Chesapeake from across the bay watershed. It launched in 1983 with the signing of the first Chesapeake Bay Agreement by Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the EPA and the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Most of its budget flows to state-by-state programs. But Trump has proposed cutting it, and many other EPA initiatives, expressing a desire to transfer control from the federal government to the states. While serving as Oklahoma attorney general, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sued the agency he now leads more than a dozen times over what he and other Republicans considered to be federal overreach.

Program supporters have argued that without the EPA's oversight and authority, there would be no way to hold jurisdictions across the bay watershed to maintaining policies aimed at limiting pollution.

While Trump's budget proposals have called for zeroing out the bay program budget, a budget deal Congress reached last month to fund the federal government through September preserved the initiative.

The bay program's executive council is expected to sign a resolution Thursday calling on Trump and Congress "to continue the current level of federal support for the Chesapeake Bay Program and the participating partners for the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, including the active, coordinating role of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program."

Along with Hogan and McAuliffe, other participants are expected to include environmental officials from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Washington, D.C. That includes Shawn Garvin, who served as EPA's administrator for the mid-Atlantic region under former President Barack Obama and now leads Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Ken Wagner, Pruitt's senior adviser for state and regional affairs at EPA, is also expected to attend.

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