



Mayoral Proclamation

CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK – JUNE 4-12, 2022

- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council annually recognizes the Chesapeake Bay watershed as an extraordinary and vital natural resource and ecosystem, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands, and a seafood source of major economic importance, as well as an integral part of Maryland's history and heritage;
- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood, recreational activities and drinking water; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Park's location in the Sligo Creek portion of the Anacostia portion of the Potomac watershed is integral to the character and quality of life of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** living within this watershed--with its rich history, economic and recreational importance, and environmental significance--reminds us all of the responsibility we each have to protect the Bay and our local streams from runoff, pollutants and litter; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park and its residents recognize that the health of the Bay relies on all of us, and we take these responsibilities seriously as evidenced by the City's stormwater management program, tree protection measures, climate action efforts, and environmental initiatives such as bans on lawn chemicals, polystyrene, plastic bags, and plastic straws, as well as local non-governmental and volunteer efforts such as the Friends of Sligo Creek's stewardship of the watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments annually recognizes the importance of Chesapeake Bay Week Awareness Week and has encouraged its members to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby proclaim June 4-12, 2022 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in Takoma Park urge all residents to recognize the importance of this observance and to participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2022.

Kate Stewart
Mayor