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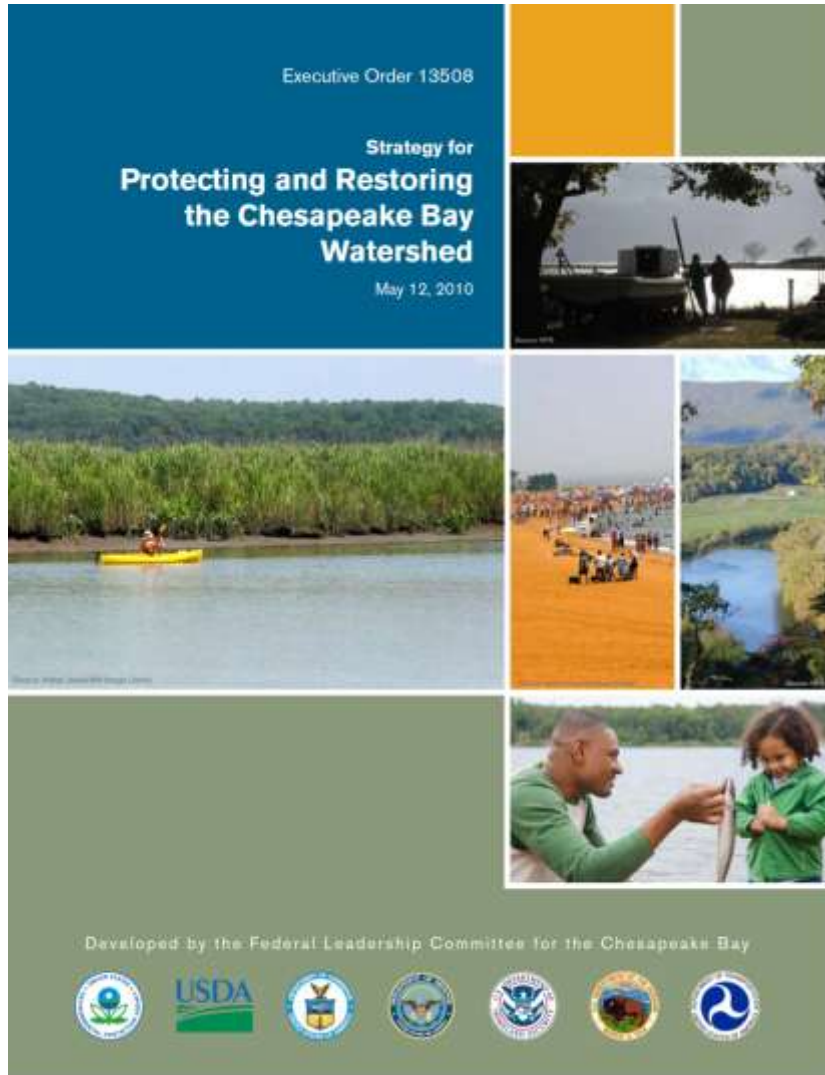
Mission: The National Park Service Chesapeake connects people to experiences of the natural and cultural heritage of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. We help to conserve special places important to visitors, residents, and the nation, for this and future generations.



Responsibilities:

- ❖ Chesapeake Bay Executive Order 13508
- ❖ Chesapeake Bay Agreement
- ❖ Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
- ❖ Chesapeake Conservation Partnership

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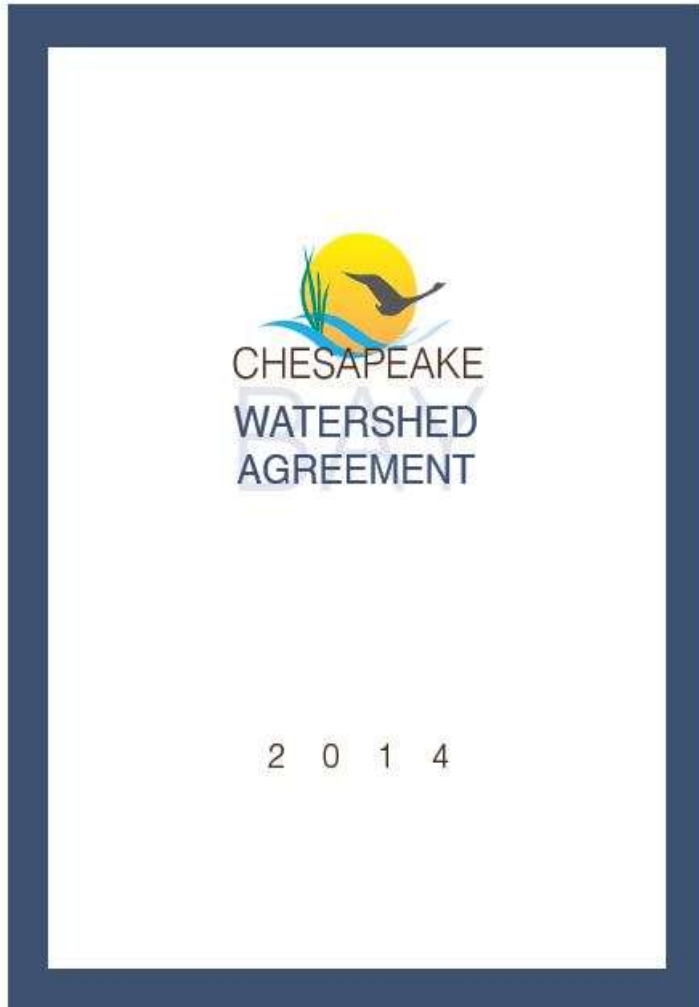
Chesapeake Bay
Executive Order 13508
declared the Chesapeake
Bay a “national treasure.”



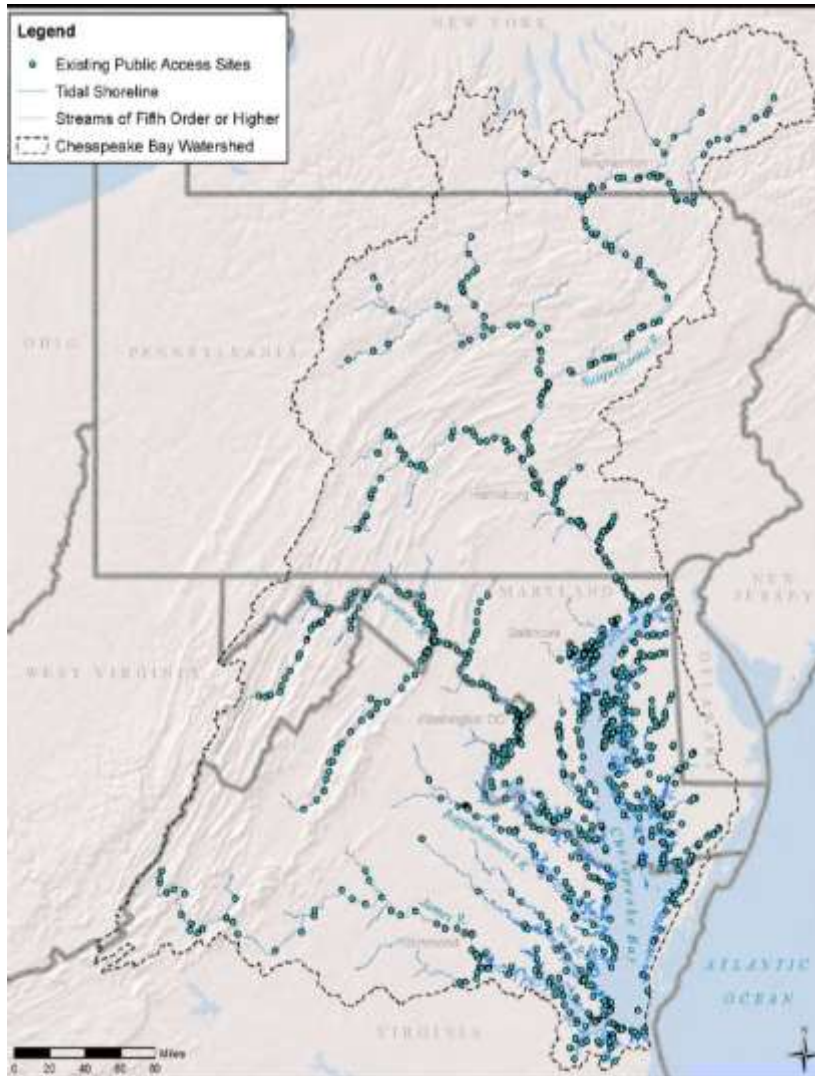
The 2014 Bay Agreement adopts those watershed wide conservation goals.

Public Access Goal: Create an additional 300 Access Sites by 2025

Protected Lands Goal: Protect an additional Two Million Acres by 2025



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Public Access Plan:

Created a Public Access Team

Mechanism to identify new access sites annually.



MISSION:

Foster collaborative action to conserve culturally and ecologically important landscapes to benefit people, economies, and nature throughout the six-state watershed.

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- History
- Heritage
- Scenic Values
- Recreation
- Habitat
- Wildlife
- Water Quality
- Working Lands

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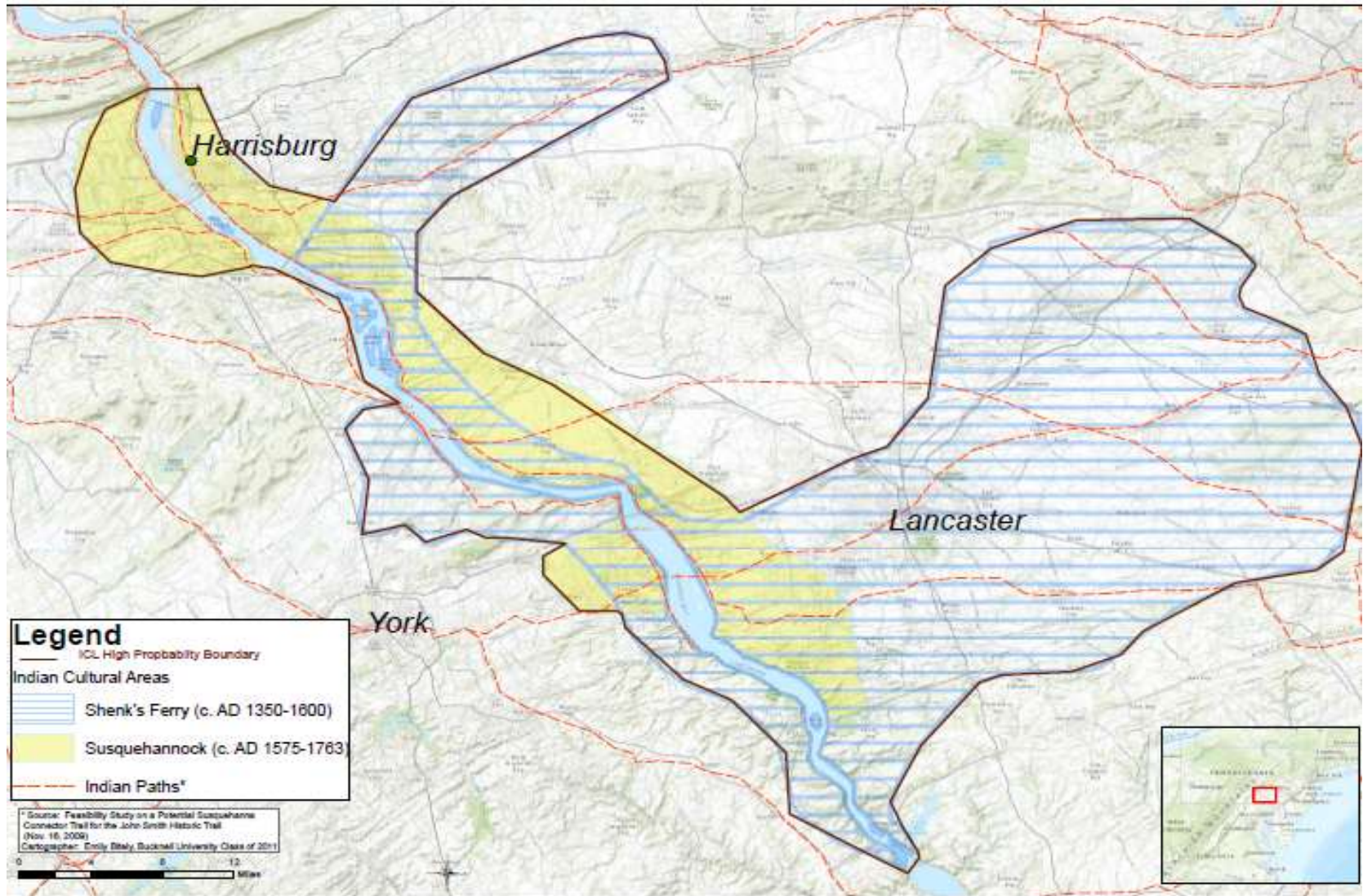


Indigenous Cultural Landscapes



Indigenous cultural landscapes are evocative of the natural and cultural resources supporting American Indian lifeways and settlement patterns in the early 17th century.

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Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail



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The objectives of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail are:

To commemorate the exploratory voyages of Captain Smith on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in 1607-1609;

To share knowledge about the American Indian societies and cultures of the 17th century;

To interpret the natural history of the Bay (both historic and contemporary).



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Making the Trail Visible and Visitor Ready: A Plan for the James River Segment

December 2011

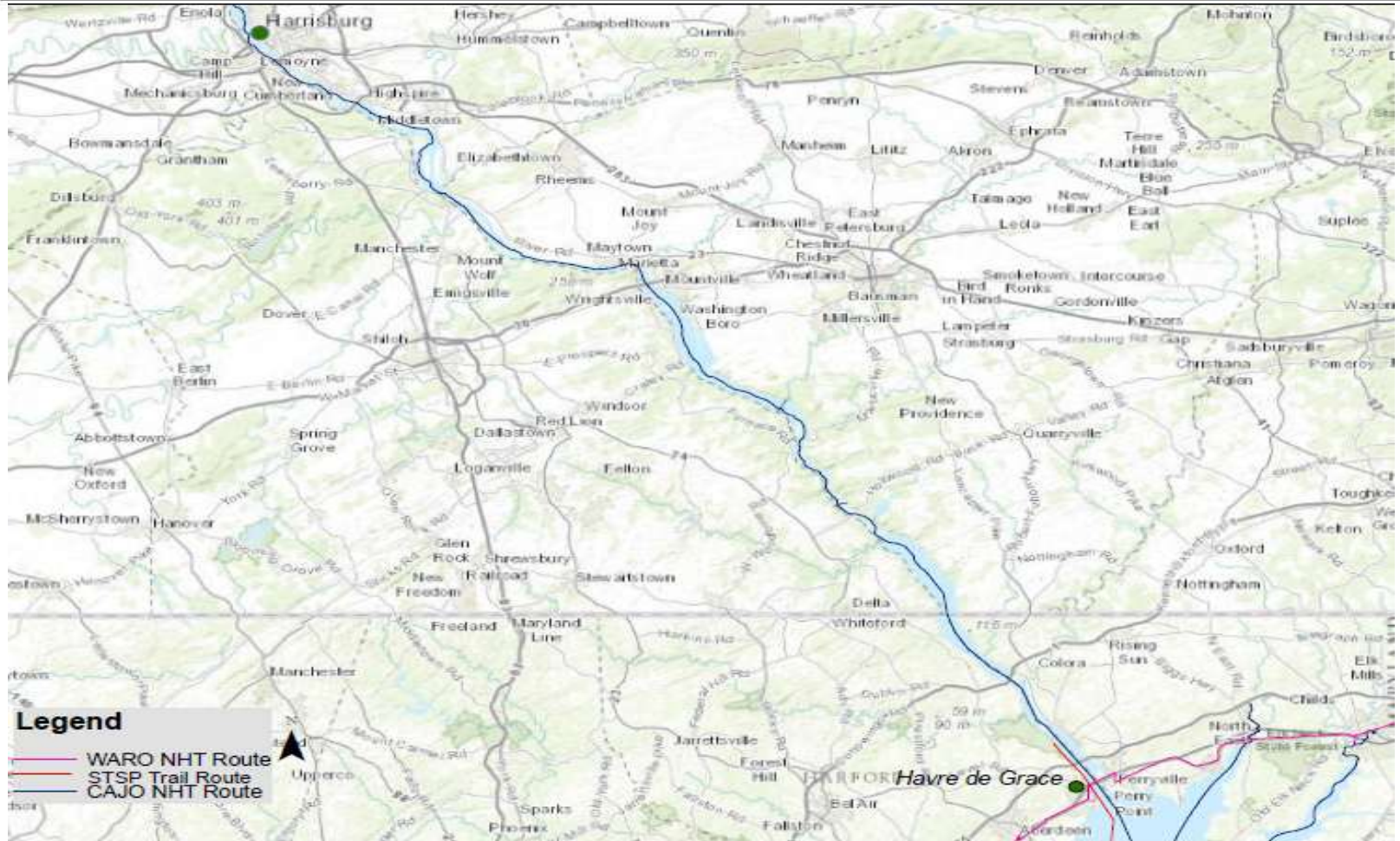


Anchor Sites in
Focus Areas

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A Joint Segment Plan for National Trails Along the Lower Susquehanna River





Chesapeake Bay Financial Assistance Awards



Provides funding to create public water access on the Captain John Smith Trail

- One to one match
- Boat launches
- Viewing access at the water's edge
- Fishing access
- Grant awards up to \$125,000
- Applications typically due in early Spring

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“We are moving into an era of epic collaboration.”

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell



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