

# Vision and Mission Statement for the Chesapeake Research Consortium

## **CRC Vision Statement**

The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) aspires to fully enable its member institutions and other institutions in the region to contribute effectively toward better understanding and management of Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. CRC aims to play a critical and central role in defining, coordinating, and disseminating the research and education needed to best contribute to the decision-making process for effective and sustainable management of the Chesapeake Bay, its watershed, and its living resources.

## **CRC Mission Statement**

The Chesapeake Research Consortium's (CRC's) mission is to encourage and facilitate collaborative research and education initiatives throughout the region and, from these activities, to inform the management community and effectively foster improved science-based management of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

*In accomplishing this mission, CRC's primary roles are to work cooperatively with its member institutions and with the various governmental agencies and non-governmental institutions comprising the long-standing Chesapeake Bay partnership to:*

- Encourage and facilitate regional collaboration across institutions and states by facilitating communications among scientists with Bay-related expertise, with special focus on connecting faculty and other scientists at member institutions with the many other scientists and managers involved with Chesapeake Bay protection, restoration, and management efforts.
- Encourage and facilitate new multi-institutional and interdisciplinary research, spanning from human activities through watersheds, airsheds, habitats, and waterways to living resources and human health, and especially across disciplines within the natural, social, and engineering sciences.
- Help develop the next generations of research scientists, educators, and managers who will work on issues relevant to the protection and ecologically sound management of the Chesapeake Bay. This includes initiatives that aim to
  - encourage and facilitate collaborative and multi-institutional programs of higher education, especially focusing on programs aimed at increasing the breadth, depth, and diversity of future scientists and managers; and
  - expose students and young scientists from diverse backgrounds to research and management activities related to Chesapeake Bay protection and management.
- Encourage and facilitate the development and dissemination of new knowledge through the organization and sponsorship of collaborative workshops, conferences, and planning exercises.
- Help ensure the application of sound scientific principles to management efforts relevant to the Chesapeake Bay through
  - facilitation and organization of research that creates necessary new knowledge, with focus on generation of peer-reviewed publications that ensure highly credible results and contribute to global knowledge;
  - organization of formal scientific and technical reviews of technical projects, scientific research, and science-based management activities;
  - planning and organization of scientific and technical workshops for collaborative planning of new research, sharing of information, and dissemination of new knowledge; and
  - publication of peer-reviewed technical reports that contribute to global knowledge and support management.