

Maryland Department of the Environment

MISSION

To protect and restore the environment for the health and well-being of all Marylanders.

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Healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities and ecosystems in Maryland.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Equity: Increase investments and reduce pollution below federal standards in overburdened communities, aiming to positively influence health indicators.

Obj. 1.1 Reduce the number of tested children with blood lead levels between 3.5 and 4.9 µg/dL by 10 percent annually.

Obj. 1.2 Increase inspections of regulated entities in overburdened communities by 10% from 2023 to 2024, in part by treating complaints from these areas as high priorities.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Reported blood lead levels at or above 3.5 µg/dL but less than 5 µg/dL.	1,845	2,583	1,949	3,120	2,800	2,500	1,800
Number of inspections conducted in overburdened communities.	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,743	9,453	9,552	9,618

Goal 2. Climate Change: Protect all Marylanders from the extremes of climate change by leading the nation with ambitious policies and investments.

Obj. 2.1 Modeled methane release from landfills decreases by 20% beginning in 2025 with additional reductions at or above 10% annually after 2025.

Obj. 2.2 By 2025, increase inspections in climate-risk areas by 20%.

Obj. 2.3 By 2031, reach the Tree Solutions Now Act goal of planting 5 million new trees statewide.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Modeled methane released from landfills (Million Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide equivalent)	N/A	N/A	5.84	6.13	6.13	6.13	6.13
Number of inspections in climate-risk areas.	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,313	3,646	3,669	3,700
Number of air polluting source inspections	4,335	4,703	4,926	4,627	3,662	3,500	3,500
Number of new trees planted statewide	N/A	157,552	460,805	981,801	1,537,131	2,100,000	2,700,000

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Goal 3. Organizational Excellence: Reduce pollution through aggressive and transparent enforcement, permitting, and regulatory actions, aiming to make Maryland the greenest and bluest state.

Obj. 3.1 Meet applicable standard turnaround times for 90 percent of applications processed.

Obj. 3.2 Inspect each individually-permitted facility or site that the Department or EPA has determined to be in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) at least once a month.

Obj. 3.3 Reduce the number of stipulated penalty demands in consent actions.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Percentage of applications processed within standard times	N/A	N/A	87%	89%	87%	88%	88%
Percentage of required SNC-driven inspections completed	N/A	N/A	4%	23%	20%	25%	28%
Number of overdue consent actions	N/A	N/A	31	50	41	39	34
Number of enforcement actions to protect land resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,416	15,893	11,000	11,000
Number of enforcement actions to protect wetland resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	74	55	55
Number of enforcement actions to protect water resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,361	1,951	1,656	1,656
Number of enforcement actions to protect air resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	26	11	8	8
Penalty dollars collected annually	\$2,926,453	\$2,710,153	\$2,832,103	\$4,247,341	\$9,607,269	\$7,826,000	\$3,406,000

Goal 4. Chesapeake Bay: Accelerate the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Coastal Bays and local watersheds to ensure that all Marylanders have clean water.

Obj. 4.1 Include operations and maintenance evaluations in all major wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) permit renewals with a goal to complete 20% per year and 100% by 2028.

Obj. 4.2 Annually complete 100% of all Phase I MS4 annual report reviews for compliance with permit annual impervious surface restoration milestones.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Percentage of WWTP permit renewals evaluated for operation and maintenance.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of MS4 Phase I jurisdictions in compliance with restoration milestones.	90%	90%	90%	90%	100%	100%	100%
Percent progress in reducing nitrogen to meet our Chesapeake Bay Restoration Goals	N/A	N/A	N/A	83%	97%	100%	100%

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¹ 2025 data is estimated.