

Chesapeake Conservancy

QUOTE SHEET

“The National Park Service has been a long time supporter of the Friends of Chesapeake Gateways and the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail. We welcome the merger and are excited to work with the Chesapeake Conservancy to advance the John Smith Trail, the Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails Network, the Star-Spangled Banner Trail, education, public access, and the protection of landscapes around the watershed that connect people to the region’s cultural, historic and ecological treasures.”

- John Maounis, Superintendent, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proud to partner with the Chesapeake Conservancy to expand the conservation of lands critical to fish and wildlife and also important to the implementation of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake Trail. The Conservancy’s ability to advocate for strategic land conservation and engage the public and other partners in a grassroots conservation planning process contributes greatly to our efforts to protect the Chesapeake.”

- Marvin Moriarty, N.E. Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

“The Chesapeake Conservancy brings a new perspective to our efforts to target and conserve critical landscapes and connect children with nature. With its focus on advocating for new resources for land conservation and public access, and its emphasis on connecting people with the outdoors, the Conservancy promises to be a valuable partner in our work.”

- John Griffin, Secretary, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources


“The Chesapeake Conservancy understands and appreciates the connection between healthy landscapes and healthy communities. They will be a strong advocate in helping us to advance the goals important to Pennsylvania including conserving lands, expanding access and strengthening communities along our rivers and streams.”

- Cindy Dunn, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

“The Commonwealth of Virginia has set an ambitious goal to conserve 400,000 acres of land over the next four years and to expand economic development opportunities, including from tourism-based industries. The Chesapeake Conservancy’s focus on heritage tourism and conservation align well with ours and we look forward to working with them to expand these opportunities in Virginia.”

- Jeb Wilkinson, Chief Deputy Director, Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

“The Friends of the Chesapeake Gateways and the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail both recognize the importance of protecting natural lands to aid the promotion of recreation, education and tourism. As they join forces through the new Chesapeake



Conservancy, we look forward to working with them to advance conservation activities that enhance opportunities to re-connect children and families with nature.”

- Charles Salkin, Director, Delaware Parks and Recreation

"In our county and in the Lower Susquehanna region we've seen the value of eco and heritage centered recreation and tourism. The Capt. John Smith Chesapeake Trail and the Susquehanna Greenway have led to small businesses openings and more people coming to our towns to visit and the opportunities are growing. Conserving our landscapes and promoting these cultural and historic assets are key to continued economic and environmental success of the region and we are looking forward to working with the Chesapeake Conservancy on these issues."

- Mary Ann Lisanti, Harford County Council and
Executive Director Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

"We've been a supporter of the Friends of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake Trail and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail since their beginning, and we look forward to continuing to partner as they merge with the Gateways and become the Chesapeake Conservancy. The Chesapeake Conservancy's continued dedication to the development of the Captain John Smith trail and its new focus on bringing resources to conservation in the Bay region complements The Conservation Fund's work in land conservation and sustainability."

- Patrick F. Noonan, Chairman Emeritus, The Conservation Fund

"We are pleased that the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail and the Friends of Chesapeake Gateways have joined forces to focus on coordinating and targeting conservation and public access in the Chesapeake Bay. We have been pleased to help the Conservancy make this transition and build an agenda based on successful conservation organization models from across the nation."

- Thomas E. Kelsch, Director Conservation Programs, National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation

"As an organization that has been focused on the conservation of one of the Chesapeake's Great Rivers for 20 years, The Potomac Conservancy applauds the Chesapeake Conservancy's focus and mission and we look forward to working with them closely to protect the Nation's River and the Chesapeake."

- Hedrick Belin, Executive Director, The Potomac Conservancy

"We've been working with the Chesapeake Conservancy on a new education and training program to expand economic opportunities associated with the environment and cultural resources. The Conservancy gets the value of partnerships and the power of collaboration with local communities in our collective desire to expand heritage tourism, increase public access



and conserve the region's landscapes.”

- Langley Shook, President, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

“As an advocate on Capitol Hill and in states across the Bay region, the Chesapeake Conservancy holds great promise in helping us advance public access and land conservation goals in the Chesapeake. We look forward to working in partnership with the Conservancy to advance our goals on the Eastern Shore of connecting people to nature and conserving treasured landscapes for this and future generations.”

- Rob Etgen, Executive Director, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy