

# COMMUNITIES ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE TOGETHER

**A MAYORS' PANEL** ——— **Panel Discussion and Reception held June 13, 2023** ———

## How does climate change affect your community?

All community leaders are seeing the affects of climate change in the Chesapeake Bay region. What is being done? How can we work together to educate, assist, and act in our local neighborhoods?

Coming together to acknowledge our challenges and share solutions is vital to creating a measurable impact on climate change in our region.

## Moderated by Secretary Jake Day

Secretary, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development



"I'm a big believer, not surprisingly. . . that local government plays a critical role in not only demonstrating what work must be done at the community level but critically that we must demonstrate your leadership at a local level. I think it's what inspires state and federal policy decisions. Often that leadership is from the people closest to the ground."



## Mayor Gavin Buckley - Annapolis, Maryland

"The idea of these things is that when you go into these communities, you have to get kid's hands dirty, you have to get people involved, you have to let them take ownership of it. . . 80% of our waterfront is privatized. . . so that is a big challenge; how we engage the private sector."



## Mayor Tracy Gant - Edmonston, Maryland

"In July of last year, 90 of our homes were flooded. Water inside of their homes. . . We had an opportunity to provide knowledge. A lot of times we can make change, but if you don't understand what to do or how to do it, or why it's happening you can't make that change. So, it provided an opportunity to say, 'residents. . . let's gain some knowledge.' Let's talk about storm drains. Let's talk about down spouts. Let's talk about securing your home."



## Mayor Takisha James - Bladensburg, Maryland

"I'm really grateful for the Finding Solutions Now Act because it really elevates the work that has been done but then at the same time, for those who haven't been engaged, it's pushing them to advance their efforts further and really strategize on what they are. So, when you think about the 60% reduction in greenhouse gases, that's having that codified and everyone across the state knows. So, we're moving toward the same mission."

**Thank you** to those that joined us for the event! If you would like to further your commitment, join us for other panel discussions. Details available soon at [www.cbtrust.org](http://www.cbtrust.org).

For those that were unable to attend, a full recording of the Mayor's panel discussion is available at [www.cbtrust.org/2023mayorspanel](http://www.cbtrust.org/2023mayorspanel).



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