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is good idea COUNTY EXECUTIVE O. James Lighthiar has been fideling around with an idea that appends to as.
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Chesapeake B **National Park**

Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study and Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Responding to a request from Congres unit of the National Park System focuse (SRS) and Final Environmental Impact within the National Park System would celebrate the Chesapeake Bay; defines National Park System; and makes reco Resource Study (SRS) and Final Enviro how the National Park System might be

The study compares four action altern existing initiatives:

Alternative A: Today's Programs - No would simply continue its existing roles

Alternative R: An Enhanced Chesaneal Special Bay Places for Experiencing the existing Chesapeake Bay Gateway museums, historic sites and tr

Alternative C: Chesapeake Bay Chesapeake Bay is a vast estuary productivity as a natural system. larger Bay's estuarine character

Alternative D: Chesapeake Bay N parks, national reserves protect numan uses in the heritage of a Chesapeake's maritime and agri

Alternative E: Chesapeake Bay Waters Bay and the Nation--The Bay is fed by This alternative would establish a natio tributary, from headwater stream to or

Preferred Alternative: Alternative B rep public understanding and enjoyment of Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network sho Chesapeake. For this to occur, alternat be designated a permanent program of creation of two new partnership Chesa two matching grants; and the Gateways some time in the future, a unit of the N D, and E could make a significant cont

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Captain John Smith Trail. Photo Credit:

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman

landscapes and improving public access to the Bay and its tributaries. The Landscape Conservation & Public Access in the Chesapeake Bay Region Report details a number of recommendations for expanding conserved land in the Bay region, including the designation and expansion of federal management units. The Resource Study/EIS will assist us in moving forward with the specific recommendation to consider a new Bay-focused, National Park unit, allowing us to test where consensus on conservation of significant Chesapeake landscapes meets NPS criteria and aligns with the recommendations of the Resource Study/EIS.

These recent developments serve to further valid

1) A unit of the National Park System preserve concepts meets NPS criteria protection and public enjoyment of the Resource Study/EIS was in proces representatives of the state governors National Park System that meets NP: Special Resource Study. Pending co. Decision on the Resource Study/El

2) The Gateways Network sh funding commitment. The NP Gateways Network a perman

An identical letter is being sent on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate; the Vick J. Rahall I and the Honorable Doc Hastings, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper

The Honorable Robert P. Casev, Jr.

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Chesapeake National Recreation Area

- A collection of parks in the Chesapeake Bay united under a common National Park System designation, "Chesapeake National Recreation Area."
- Hub community concept: National Park Service-owned properties and "partner park" properties.
- Annapolis, MD and Fort Monroe, VA and expanding to include places such as Baltimore, Easton, St. Michael's, Cambridge in Maryland and Cape Charles, VA



Vision

- Parks that carry the CNRA brand provide unique recreational access to the Bay and access to experiences that showcase and protect the Bay's natural, cultural, and historic resources.
- Parks that tell a coordinated narrative about the Bay and the restoration effort
- Permanent standing in the National Park System, and resources invested in communities throughout the Chesapeake Bay
- Boosting local tourism through NPS brand and marketing
- Bringing the Bay and the National Park Service to the people



