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Chesapeake National Recreation Area

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Chesapeake Bay National Park

Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study and Final Environmental Impact Statement

ABSTRACT

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Responding to a request from Congress, the National Park System focuses on the *Special Resource Study (SRS) and Final Environmental Impact Statement* within the National Park System would celebrate the Chesapeake Bay, defines a National Park System; and makes recommendations for the *Special Resource Study (SRS) and Final Environmental Impact Statement* how the National Park System might be improved.

The study compares four action alternatives: existing initiatives:

Alternative A: Today's Programs - No New Programs - This alternative would simply continue its existing roles.

Alternative B: An Enhanced Chesapeake Bay Special Bay Places for Experiencing the Existing Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network - This alternative would establish a national network of museums, historic sites and trails around the Bay.

Alternative C: Chesapeake Bay Estuary - This alternative would recognize Chesapeake Bay as a vast estuary - a natural system. This alternative would establish a national network of parks, national reserves and other special places that protect and enhance Chesapeake's maritime and agricultural heritage.

Alternative D: Chesapeake Bay National Park - This alternative would establish a national park, national reserves and other special places that protect and enhance Chesapeake's maritime and agricultural heritage.

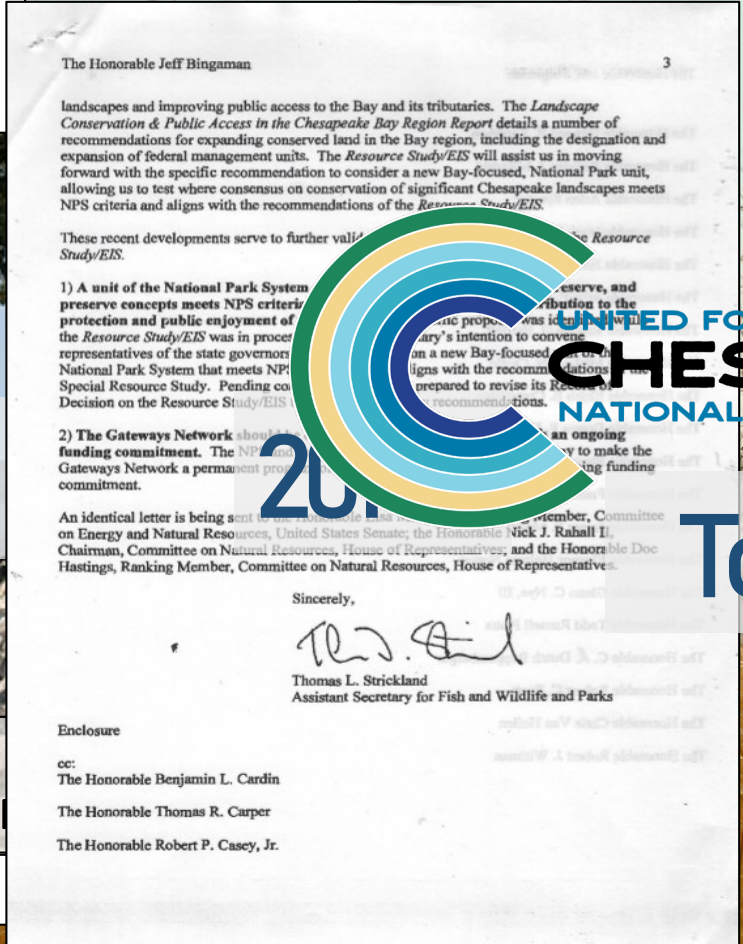
Alternative E: Chesapeake Bay Watershed - This alternative would establish a national park, national reserves and other special places that protect and enhance Chesapeake's maritime and agricultural heritage.

Preferred Alternative: Alternative B represents the best balance between public understanding and enjoyment of Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and Chesapeake. For this to occur, alternative B should be designated a permanent program of the National Park System. The creation of two new partnership Chesapeake Gateway Grants, and the Gateways Network, some time in the future, a unit of the National Park System, D, and E could make a significant contribution to the National Park System.

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Captain John Smith Trail. Photo Credit: ...



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



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