



Planning Commission Staff Report

Agenda Title: Discussion on Compliance Deadline for Article VII (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act), to include in the Comprehensive Plan

Agenda Date: May 5th, 2026

Prepared by: Jack Steinmayer, Zoning Compliance Officer

Reviewed By: Katie Nunez, Town Planner

Date: April 29th, 2026

Type of Application: Discussion

Applicant: NA

Site Address NA

Tax Map: NA

Zoning: NA

Proposal: NA

Legal Deadline Requirements NA

Date Application Received: NA

Date Application Deemed Complete: NA

For Planning Commission: NA

**For Town Council
(Directory, not Mandatory)** Can act upon receipt of recommendation from Planning Commission; if PC fails to provide recommendation within the prescribed deadlines, it is deemed a favorable recommendation by the PC. The Town Council's max time frame is 12 months from when referred to the Planning Commission:

Background:

At the April 7, 2026, Planning Commission Regular Meeting, the Planning Commission decided to hold a work session to address DEQ's (Department of Environmental Quality) corrective action agreement, which required implementation measures, including goals, objectives, action strategies, and related timeframes for water quality. While the Comprehensive Plan currently includes both environmental objectives and strategies, it does not specify implementation timeframes.

Staff Review:

After discussions with DEQ, it was noted that the Town of Cape Charles has no provisions in its Comprehensive Plan specifying implementation timeframes for compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. By establishing a compliance deadline, the Town will fulfill DEQ's request.

Staff is ready to discuss the above items and help the Planning Commission develop a compliance calendar to satisfy DEQ's request.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 7, Environment