



Mayor Patrick “Irish” Mahoney of Chesapeake Beach appointed to the State Critical Area Commission -- Chesapeake Beach, MD, July 19, 2019

Beginning July 1, 2019, Mayor Patrick “Irish” Mahoney was appointed by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., and is awaiting confirmation by the Maryland State Senate, to serve a four-year term, as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays. Mayor Mahoney will continue to serve the Town of Chesapeake Beach as Mayor during this appointment. Mayor Mahoney stated “An appointment to the Critical Area Commission is a honor and a great opportunity. Our love for the Bay, fishing, wildlife and plants is a huge reason why we all love living in Chesapeake Beach. Holding a seat on this prestigious Commission ensures further protection of the resources we love today and for future generations.”

The Critical Area Commission consists of 29 voting members with one member appointed from Calvert County. The Critical Area Commission was created by the Critical Area Act in 1984. The Commission was initially charged with adopting regulations and criteria necessary to effectively implement the Act.

Today the Commission's primary responsibilities are the following:

- Review and approve State projects on State-owned land in the Critical Area;
- Review and approve State or local agency actions resulting in major development on private lands or lands owned by local jurisdictions; and
- Review and approve all changes to a jurisdiction's Critical Area Program, including changes to ordinances, regulations, and maps.

For more information regarding the Commission, visit the [Critical Area Commission website](#) .