

## Steps to Help Save the Bay

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation website ([www.cbf.org](http://www.cbf.org)) provides a wealth of information that answers the question Barbara Luck quoted in her Jan. 17 letter: "So, what can the public do" to eliminate the "blissful ignorance" regarding the health of local waterways.

Although it may seem to some that what has happened to the Bay is remote to Williamsburg, consider the fact that local streams and waterways constitute some of the many sources of the pollutants that have contributed to the tremendous decline in the Bay's health. Local headwaters such as the Long Hill Swamp Creek and Chisel Run flow into the Powhatan Creek, which runs into the James River, which runs into the Chesapeake.

Among many educational documents the Bay has developed that are available to organizations and individuals is "10 Things You Can Do To Save the Bay." The 10 points include:

- *At home.* Conserve water, drive less, buy local foods, and minimize your use of household chemicals.
- *In your yard.* Make your lawn Bay-friendly, avoid pouring toxic substances down storm drains, and plant a tree.

*In your community.* Introduce a friend to the Bay watershed, become an informed voter, and join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

These points are expanded upon and explained in the website.

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