Ask the tough questions.

- Can the money that’s been spent on bay and river restoration deliver fishable, swimmable waters in the face of a human population, 17 million strong and growing, that consumes ever more land, energy, and resources?
- Can there be frank talks about the real costs of growth among policymakers?
- Are there models for thriving communities that do not rely on continuously increasing levels of consumption? Why is it so difficult to discuss them?
- Is it possible to transition to a lower-impact, steady-state economic system over time?

Drive the conversation forward.

This conference starts the conversation by bringing together some of the best thinkers on economic and population policies that could achieve a healthy balance of life in the Chesapeake Bay region. Hear critical presentations, join open discussions, and explore new curricula and planning options for addressing future regional populations.

Join us! Registration is OPEN NOW.

The two-day conference is $100 ($25 for students). Visit [www.bayjournal.com/growthconference](http://www.bayjournal.com/growthconference) for on-line registration, updates on conference details, and links to background reading.
“Unmanaged new growth has the potential to erase any progress made in Bay improvements.”

— From a 1988 report by the Chesapeake Bay Program

*Population Growth and Development in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to the Year 2020*

When the Chesapeake restoration effort began, scientists and policymakers raised red flags on the problem: continued rapid growth could easily counter any potential gains from ecological improvements.

Twenty-five years later, the clean-up effort lags and the topic of growth receives little serious engagement. Even those who express concern about the true costs of economic and population growth tend to accept it as an unavoidable reality that must be “accommodated.” Political leaders and environmental groups avoid questioning the traditional concept of growth, and little is taught or discussed in the region’s academic institutions.

This makes it critical to re-examine concepts of growth, or the acclaimed bay’s restoration — and quality of life in the region — may be jeopardized. Join us for this important conference and help move the conversation forward.

We’re gathering some of the best thinkers on economic and population policies that could achieve a healthy balance of life in the Chesapeake Bay region, along with local leaders, scientists, and concerned citizens who will explore the regional impacts of growth and potential solutions.

**Among the growing list of participants:**

- Peter Victor, ecological economist and author of *Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster*
- Nancy Wallace, former director of the Sierra Club’s International Population Program
- Herman Daly, University of Maryland professor emeritus and a pioneer in the field of ecological economics
- Eben Fodor, author of *Better, Not Bigger: How to Take Control of Urban Growth and Improve Your Community*
- Phillip Cafaro, professor of philosophy and co-editor of *Life on The Brink: Environmentalists Confront Overpopulation*
- Tom Horton, author of *Turning the Tide* and other books, articles, and columns about the Chesapeake Bay
- Panel discussions with regional scientists and policy leaders, including Nicholas DiPasquale of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program; Ann Pesiri Swanson of the Chesapeake Bay Commission; Peyton Robertson of the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office; and Dru Schmidt-Perkins of 1000 Friends of Maryland

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