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Bevin Ann Buchheister, Esq., is the Maryland Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC), a tri-state legislative commission composed legislative leaders from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and the Governor and a prominent citizen member from each member state. The Commission focuses on all aspects of policy making to restore the Bay, is a member of the Executive Council of the Bay Program and is a signatory to all of the Bay Agreements.

The Commission has a history of publishing policy reports that support environmental legislation and Bevin has contributed to several of these including a 2010 report entitled Conserving Chesapeake Landscapes, Protecting our Investments, Securing Future Progress and a white paper entitled Crediting Conservation, Accounting for the Water Quality Value of Conserved Lands Under the Chesapeake Bay TMDL (2013).

The Commission has been a leader in focusing policy makers on the possibilities of environmentally responsible use of manure to make energy which could prove to be one possible solution for addressing excess manure that is produced in concentrated animal production areas of the Bay watershed and has been harming water quality. Bevin was one of the organizers of the CBC/CBF manure to energy policy summit in 2011 and helped produce the follow-up policy report entitled Manure to Energy, Sustainable Solutions for the Chesapeake Bay. She then drafted and worked to pass legislation to credit thermal heat produced from manure to energy with Renewable Energy Credits (REC's), and worked to get the Md. Dept. of the Environment to update small boiler regulations to ensure protective emission limits were placed on small projects.

Other legislation she drafted and worked to pass include The Fertilizer Use Act of 2011 (Chapter 485), which is one of the most comprehensive fertilizer laws in the country, the legislation and regulations to adopt and implement the Agricultural Certainty Program of 2013 (Chapter 339), and interstate legislation to allow the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) to increase the oyster inspection tax and increase the fine for violation of PRFC regulations penalties.

Bevin currently serves as a member of the Farm Manure to Energy Demonstration Project Advisory Board and the Md. Dept. of Agriculture's Animal Waste Technology Advisory Board. She also represents the Commission on the Chesapeake Bay Programs' Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team, the Enhancing Partnership and Leadership goal Implementation Team and the Trading and Offsets Workgroup.

Bevin earned an International Relations degree from Washington College in Maryland, and a Juris Doctor from University of Baltimore.