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***The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2024: Course Correction* analyzes progress and pitfalls of bay restoration efforts**

One-hour special premieres at 8 p.m. on April 23 as part of MPT's 20th anniversary Chesapeake Bay Week®

What: With a major deadline looming and recent reports calling into question current progress and expectations about Chesapeake Bay restoration, some of the world's foremost experts on the bay and its watershed join esteemed journalist and host Frank Sesno to discuss complex questions about the best course of action to clean and protect the nation's largest estuary. Panelists grapple with why progress has been slower than expected, what new approaches are needed, and what a healthier Chesapeake Bay of tomorrow will look like – all in front of an MPT studio audience.

Additional information and resources can be found at mpt.org/bayweek/summit.

When/Where: *The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2024: Course Correction* premieres on Tuesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. on MPT-HD and the [MPT livestream](#). The program will also be available to stream live and on-demand using the free [PBS App](#) and MPT's [online video player](#).

Who: Host [Frank Sesno](#), former CNN correspondent, anchor, and Washington bureau chief, and current director of strategic initiatives and professor at the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University, drives the conversation with expert panelists:

- **Karl Blankenship**, Editor-at-Large, *Chesapeake Bay Journal*
- **Adam Ortiz**, Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- **David Sligh**, Conservation Director, Wild Virginia
- **Carmera Thomas-Wilhite**, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- **Denice Wardrop**, Executive Director, Chesapeake Research Consortium

Context: Produced by MPT in association with the [Chesapeake Bay Journal](#), *The Chesapeake Bay Summit* provides a deep dive into the ongoing serious issues facing the health of the Chesapeake Bay, North America's largest and most-studied estuary.

The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2024: Course Correction is part of MPT's 20th anniversary Chesapeake Bay Week slate of documentaries and specials highlighting the Bay's beauty, importance, and fragility. During the week of April 21-27, the statewide public TV network will offer more than 22 hours of broadcast and livestream programming focusing on the Chesapeake Bay's history, heritage, and resources as well as efforts to protect its diverse ecosystem. Even more content will be available to stream live and on-demand using the free [PBS App](#) and MPT's [online video player](#).

For more information, visit mpt.org/bayweek.

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