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The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2022 focuses on watershed health

Summit, part of MPT's 18th annual Chesapeake Bay Week, airs April 21 at 9 p.m.

What: MPT's annual *Chesapeake Bay Summit* production tackles the tough questions surrounding the fight for a cleaner Chesapeake Bay. During this year's one-hour forum, panelists evaluate the current state of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and discuss what changes need to be made to achieve a cleaner and healthier estuary.

The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2022, produced in association with The Bay Journal, is part of MPT's 18th annual Chesapeake Bay Week® slate of programs airing April 17-23. For more information, visit mpt.org/bayweek.

When/Where: *The Chesapeake Bay Summit 2022* premieres on Thursday, April 21 at 9 p.m. on MPT. It will also be available for viewing on the station's [online livestream](#), MPT's [online video player](#), and the [PBS Video App](#). MPT's channels can be found at mpt.org/about/channels.

Who: **Host Frank Sesno** (pictured), former CNN anchor, correspondent, and Washington bureau chief, and director of strategic initiatives at The George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs, will drive conversation with some of the region's most knowledgeable experts, policymakers, and stakeholders. Scheduled panelists are:



- **Mark Conway**, executive vice president of programs, Chesapeake Conservancy, and member, Baltimore City Council
- **Dr. Bill Dennison**, vice president for science applications and professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

- **Su Fanok**, director of freshwater conservation for Pennsylvania and Delaware, The Nature Conservancy
- **Tom Horton**, journalist, author, filmmaker, and professor
- **Hye Yeong Kwon**, executive director, Center for Watershed Protection

Context: The Chesapeake Bay watershed spans 64,000 square miles and parts of six states, each with its own unique landscapes, policies, and regulations. From the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York to the world's largest naval station in Norfolk, Virginia and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, a raindrop that falls in each of these storied locales will eventually make its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

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