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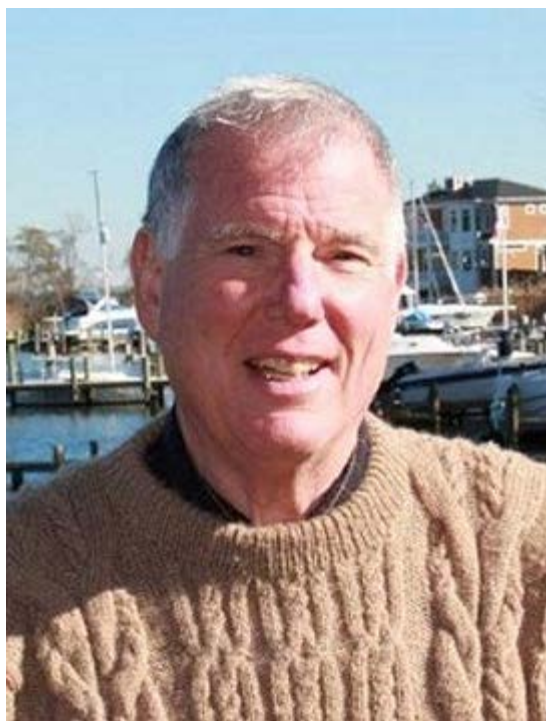
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## Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay: Will We Succeed?

Gerald W. Winegrad - Former Maryland State  
Senator and Professor at the University of  
Maryland



**You are invited**

to attend a presentation at St. Mary's College

Room 106 Schaefer Hall

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

hosted by St. Mary's College of Maryland,

## St. Mary's River Watershed Association and Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust:

Gerald W. Winegrad will make a presentation on the decline of the Chesapeake Bay and what needs to be done to restore this great estuary. He will outline why the Bay still is in serious trouble after 33 years of recovery efforts under the Bay Program and the expenditure of billions of dollars. Collapsed fisheries, including oysters, soft clams, sturgeon and shad, are among many signs of the ecological problems as Maryland's once thriving seafood industry has been reduced to a remnant of the 1950's. Senator Winegrad will discuss the impediments to restoring the Chesapeake including the lack of political will and the failure of leadership that is impeding current efforts.



The renowned Bay scholar and leader will discuss how we have so poisoned our waters that reports abound of serious infections in humans who come in contact with Bay waters. These reports are widespread—from the Severn to the Nanticoke rivers, and beyond. Rockfish, one of the few success stories in the recovery of living resources, have been turning up with lesions from a chronic wasting disease, which is transmittable to humans. Catfish in the South River have cancerous lesions and male bass from the Potomac, Susquehanna, and eastern Shore lakes are turning up with female egg sacs.

Senator Gerald W. Winegrad is an attorney and a former State Senator from Annapolis and for 16 years was the leading environmentalist in the Legislature. He was responsible for many Bay initiatives including the phosphate detergent ban. He Chaired the Senate Environment and Chesapeake Bay Subcommittee and served on the Chesapeake Bay Commission for 12 years. Gerald Winegrad was called the “environmental conscience” of the Senate by the Washington Post and Tom Horton wrote that “he is the person who more than any other set Maryland’s environmental agenda over the past 16 years”. In 2002 he was presented the prestigious Life Time Achievement Award by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He was a Professor at the graduate School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, where he taught courses on Bay restoration and

wildlife management until 2013. Gerald Winegrad led a group of 58 Senior Bay Scientists and Policy Makers for the Bay that pushed for 25 bold steps to restore the Bay. He holds a BA Degree in Economics from McDaniel College and a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law.

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Starts at 7:00 pm  
St. Mary's College of Maryland



- Saturday, September 23  
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Historic St. Mary's City

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