



Press Release

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**THE ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY RECOGNIZES
PARTNERSHIP WEALTH MANAGEMENT
AS A *BUSINESSES FOR THE BAY* GOLD MEMBER**

(Annapolis, MD – November 1, 2017) – The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay recognizes Partnership Wealth Management as a *Businesses for the Bay* Gold Member. Partnership Wealth Management renewed their membership with a growing partnership of large and small businesses in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are undertaking voluntary actions to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, rivers, and streams.

The *Businesses for the Bay* membership association provides a network for its Members to share strategies and successes with other businesses and governmental and non-profit Networking Partners, as well as opportunities to engage employees in environmental efforts, and receive recognition for the valuable role each Member is taking to help improve the environment. As a Gold Member, the Alliance recognizes Partnership Wealth Management for its commitment to Chesapeake Bay protection and restoration.

Partnership Wealth Management is a Baltimore-based comprehensive financial services company. They help their clients plan for their future through customized financial planning strategies. Their advice aims to help their clients to improve everything from their day-to-day finances to retirement planning; investment planning to estate strategies; and insurance to tax strategies. Partnership Wealth Management was a member of the old *Businesses for the Bay* program and was the first business to join the [Maryland Green Registry!](#)

Partnership Wealth Management only has 3 employees, but they make a substantial positive impact on the local environment. The owner, [Woody Derricks](#), CFP®, originally picked the office location because he can walk to work, significantly reducing his carbon footprint. The office as a whole is environmentally-friendly and includes VOC-free paint and recycled carpet. All of their office cleaning products are natural “green” versions (including hand soap, window cleaner, and dusting solution), their paper products are all made from recycled content,

promotional materials are printed with plant-based ink, their furniture and computer monitors are refurbished and second-hand, and they recycle everything possible, including paper, plastic, cans, and ink cartridges. They decrease the use of plastic by using only reusable tableware and cutlery in the kitchen and they don't have any disposable plastic water bottles for clients or staff. They also provide all of their clients with eco-friendly gifts, including reusable metal coffee tumblers, organic grocery totes, organic coffee, and organic fair-trade chocolate.

The Partnership Wealth Management office ambient temperature is controlled by a new adjustable electronic thermostat that is programmed to turn on only when people are in the office, reducing the amount of energy needed to cool and heat the office. The team also recently replaced all lightbulbs in the office with LED bulbs, to help decrease the energy used. Last year, they reduced their energy by 1,300 KWHr! The office ends up using approximately 9,100 KWHr of energy per year, all of which comes from 100% wind power.

In addition to all the green initiatives in the office, Partnership Wealth Management offers environmentally and socially responsible investment options to their clients. The owner, Woody, volunteers with local groups and makes a difference in his community. For example, a few years ago when Woody was the treasurer of the Canton Dog Park, he helped resurface the dirt and asphalt with ground granite to make the surface more porous, ultimately decreasing stormwater runoff. They also donate to charity throughout the year.

Woody Derricks, CFP®, Partnership Wealth Management President, noted, “The Chesapeake Bay is such a vital resource that we feel an obligation to do our best to reduce the pollution that feeds into it. At Partnership Wealth Management, we want to do our best to improve the world around us”.

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Business Partnerships Manager, Corinne Stephens, stated, “Through the Alliance’s *Businesses for the Bay* membership association, we help businesses to have a positive impact on Chesapeake Bay restoration, to expand their own sustainability programs, and to be recognized for their environmental successes.”

For more information about this *Businesses for the Bay* Gold Member, please visit our [Member Directory](#) or <https://businesses.allianceforthebay.org/member/partnership-wealth-management>.

About The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Founded in 1971, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, with headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland and offices in Richmond, Virginia, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, works throughout the Bay watershed to lead, support and inspire local action and build partnerships with individuals, communities, governments, businesses and other groups to restore the Bay watershed and its forests, rivers and streams. For more information about the Alliance, visit: allianceforthebay.org

For more information about the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay’s *Businesses for the Bay* membership association, please visit: businesses.allianceforthebay.org or [click here to read the 2016 *Businesses for the Bay* Annual Report](#).