



FY 2020 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RESULTS

Interior Bill

EPA Geographic Programs – Chesapeake Bay

\$85,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

Report Language:

Chesapeake Bay—The Committee recommends \$85,000,000 for the Chesapeake Bay program, an increase of \$12,000,000 above the enacted level and \$70,700,000 above the budget request. From within the amount provided, \$9,000,000 is for nutrient and sediment removal grants and \$9,000,000 is for small watershed grants to control polluted runoff from urban, suburban and agricultural lands, and \$6,000,000 is for state-based implementation in the most effective basins.

NPS Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Trails Program: Accept Senate funding level and language

\$3,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

Explicitly Authorizes Gateways for FY 2020

Report Language:

Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails—The Committee notes that the recommendation has increased support for the Gateways and Watertrails program to a total of \$3,000,000, in recognition of its longstanding role in supporting the conservation and interpretation of the Chesapeake Bay region. The Committee notes that efforts to enact a long-term reauthorization of this program continue and expects that the Service will continue to implement the program at the funding level appropriated by Congress in the meantime, pursuant to a recent opinion by the Service’s comptroller and consistent with the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s principles of Federal appropriations law.

USGS Ecosystem Science and Monitoring – Chesapeake Bay

\$14,850,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

EPA Non-Point Source Grants (Section 319)

\$172,348,000, an increase of \$1,433,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

EPA Pollution Control Grants (Section 106)

\$223,289,000, a decrease of \$7,517,000M from FY 2019 enacted level

EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund

\$1,638,826, an increase of \$244,826,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

USFWS Cooperative Landscape Conservation

\$12,500,000, equal to FY 2019 level

USFWS Habitat Conservation – Coastal Program

\$13,375,000, equal to FY 2019 level with \$1,750,000 set aside for the Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication Project

USDA Forest Stewardship

\$21,000,000, an increase of \$500,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

DOI Land and Water Conservation Fund

\$495,103,000, an increase of \$56,800,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Energy & Water Bill

USACE, Section 510 Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection Program

\$100,000,000 for USACE Environmental Restoration and Compliance, an increase of \$50,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

Report Language:

“Of the additional funding provided in this account for environmental restoration or compliance and other authorized project purposes, the Corps shall allocate not less than \$25,000,000 for multistate ecosystem restoration programs for which a comprehensive restoration plan is in development or has been completed, of which not less than \$5,000,000 shall be for projects or programs that restore and rehabilitate native oyster reefs.”

“Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Water Resources and Restoration Plan—The Committee is supportive of the Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Water Resources and Restoration Plan.”

USACE Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery – House funding level and language from both bills

\$100,000,000 for USACE Environmental Restoration and Compliance, an increase of \$50,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

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“Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery, Maryland and Virginia—The Committee is supportive of the Corps’ work on the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery program and urges the Corps to include funding in future budget submissions for these efforts.”

USACE Poplar Island

\$17,300,000

USACE Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206)

\$10,000,000

Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Section 14)

\$8,000,000, a decrease of \$2,000,000 from FY2019 enacted level

Agriculture Bill

NRCS Conservation Operations

\$829,628,000, an increase of \$10,136,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Commerce, Justice, Science Bill

Habitat Conservation and Restoration: Accept House funding level

\$57,125,000, an increase of \$741,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Regional Councils and Fisheries Commission

\$40,247,000, an increase of \$38,922 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET)

\$7,750,000 an increase of \$250,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

National Sea Grant College Program: Accept Senate funding level

\$74,000,000, a decrease of \$4,000,000 from the FY 2019 enacted level

Oyster Restoration

Report Language

The Committee encourages NOAA to work with external partners to research alternative substrates for oyster restoration. NOAA is encouraged to consider survivability as part of the oyster restoration program in the Chesapeake Bay. The Committee provides no less than the fiscal year 2019 enacted amount within Habitat Conservation and Restoration to support oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay.