

Outcome: Protected Lands

Goal: Conserve landscapes treasured by citizens in order to maintain water quality and habitat; sustain working forests, farms and maritime communities; and conserve lands of biological, cultural, indigenous and community value.

Outcome: By 2025, protect an additional two million acres of lands throughout the watershed—currently identified as high-conservation priorities at the federal, state or local level—including 225,000 acres of wetlands and 695,000 acres of forest land of highest value for maintaining water quality.

Management Approach 1: Increase funding, incentives, and mechanisms for protecting conservation priorities					
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Return Maryland's state land preservation programs to full cash funding as soon as possible		Maryland Department of Agriculture, Maryland Department of Natural Resources	State of Maryland	July 2018	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
Continue to use DNR's Program Open Space funds to leverage federal funds for land acquisition projects	In FY 2017, DNR is applying for an increased amount of federal funds for land acquisition programs. If the federal grants are awarded, this will increase federal funds in MD for land preservation projects	Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Federal Government	State of Maryland	July 2016 - June 2017	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
Encourage county personnel to continue existing outreach efforts to landowners to solicit applications to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program		Maryland Department of Agriculture	State of Maryland	Ongoing	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation

Continue to pursue federal funds (including DoD REPI) to leverage state and county funds in the purchase of easements	MALPF is currently working with REPI to secure funding for several Charles County properties. If this funding is secured, this will increase MALPF's potential for land acquisition projects in Southern Maryland	Maryland Department of Agriculture	State of Maryland	Ongoing	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
Continue to seek donations of conservation easements on lands of high natural resource value toward maintaining water quality in the Bay watershed	1,000 acres annually	Maryland Environmental Trust (MET)	State of Maryland	On-going annual goal	Maintaining and expanding State tax incentives for easement donations
Continue to distribute annual appropriations for the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation grants	Dependent upon amount of funds appropriated during the General Assembly session	Dept. of Forestry, Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, Dept. of Historic Resources, Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Outdoors Foundation, localities, land trusts	Commonwealth of Virginia	Occurs annually	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
Continue to support the Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credit Program	None	VA Dept of Taxation	Commonwealth of Virginia	Occurs annually	
Continue to develop Virginia proof of concept pilot program to run different development scenarios through 2025 in test area as proxy for TMDL model to determine value of forestland retention as possible TMDL BMP credit	Phase one - GWRC service area of the Rappahannock River Basin Phase II - Entire Rappahannock River Basin as proxy for CB Watershed plus Pennsylvania	DOF, DEQ, RRBC, GWRC, VTWRRC, CBC, TNC. EPA (funding and review)	Rappahannock River Basin	Phase I: 12/31/15 Phase II: 2016 - 18	Changes in Land Use, Public Support for Conservation, Funding and Incentives for Conservation

Continue allocation of state matching funds to local purchase of development rights(PDR) programs.	10 conservation easements recorded by local PDR programs each fiscal year	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); local governments	Commonwealth of Virginia	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016 and ongoing	Funded by Virginia General Assembly through biannual state budget general fund. Funding amounts vary from year to year
Work with the Governor's Office and legislators to create a new Conservation and Recreation Funding Initiative (Potential title: Growing Greener II)	Introduce Legislation	PA Gov's Office and Legislators	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
	Pass Legislation	PA Gov's Office and Legislators	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	
Work with key stakeholders to develop a Growing Greener III funding initiative	Build grassroots support	PALTA & Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
	Grow legislative support	PALTA & Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	
	Educate public on benefits of GGIII	PALTA & Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	
Defend and protect current funding sources for conservation in Pennsylvania	Continue policy and advocacy work	PALTA & Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Ongoing	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation

Develop a mitigation strategy focused on proactive approaches to address potential adverse impacts to natural, cultural, and historic resources	Research guidelines and models for mitigation compensation, and engage the Partnership in developing consensus on a strategy to increase proactive involvement in infrastructure planning that minimizes impacts on conservation values	Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Mitigation Ad Hoc Workgroup	TBD	2016	Changes in Land Use
	Formulate a strategy to implement in one or more focus areas		TBD	Summer 2016	
Expand LWCF funding to protect land in the Chesapeake Bay watershed	Submit annual federal LWCF collaborative proposal	NPS, US FWS, BLM, US Forest Service, Chesapeake Conservancy (coordinator)	Various high-priority parcels in the Chesapeake Bay region	Annually (August)	Expanding Federal, State, and Local Funding and Incentives for Conservation
	Assess alignment between stateside and federal LWCF, and develop a strategy for increasing alignment			2017	
	Every year, expand the circle of those involved in advocacy activities, with the aim of increasing funding levels			Annually (August) and ongoing efforts	

Management Approach 2: Collaboratively identify strategic conservation priorities					
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Continue to actively participate in the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership		Maryland Department of Natural Resources/MET	N/A	Ongoing	Aligning Land Conservation Priorities with Funding Opportunities

Continue to partner with local sponsors to administer Maryland's Rural Legacy Program	Create public-private partnerships with land trusts and local governments to determine the best way to protect the landscapes that are critical to our economy, environment and quality of life. Local governments and private land trusts identify Rural Legacy Areas and competitively apply for funds to complement existing land conservation efforts or create new ones.	Maryland Department of Natural Resources	State of Maryland	Ongoing	Managing protected areas, Funding and incentives for conservation
Continue to utilize Targeted Ecological Areas to target limited funding for land preservation in Maryland		Maryland Department of Natural Resources	State of Maryland	Ongoing	Funding and incentives for conservation
Identify and develop plan for protecting priority/signature landscapes through donations of conservation easements		MET/local land trusts/conservation organizations	State of Maryland	2016-2017	
Creation of a collaborative body to identify high conservation value sites throughout the state for the purpose of prioritizing and possibly joint funding high priority acquisition targets	The effort is now formalized and opportunities have been identified.	DOF, DCR, DGIF, DEQ, TNC	Virginia portions of the CB Watershed and the Southern Rivers watershed	TBD	Ownership Patterns and Fragmentation; Climate Change; Managing Protected Areas
Continue to leverage land conservation programs (e.g. Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program) to identify opportunities to conserve priority landscapes around DoD installations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed	Track, record and share information on acres protected around DoD installations.	DoD, VA DCR, MD DNR, DE DNREC, Chesapeake Conservancy, other NGO partners	DoD installations where applicable	2016	Funding and incentives for conservation
Use Landscape Chesapeake Data/Tool, Rivers of the Chesapeake Mapping and other partner provided models/input to identify key conservation focal areas	Inventory what we have	State agencies that do land acquisition and land trusts	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016-2018	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
	Assess if it is good enough	State agencies that do land acquisition and land trusts	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016-2018	

Utilize the results and findings of the Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2019	Resource Management and Stewardship Recommendations and Action Steps	DCNR/PALTA/Land Trusts	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Managing protected areas
Land trust service area mapping project, which will share important service area boundaries for collaborative efforts	Implement online mapping tool that enables end users to easily find conservation organizations by various criteria.	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-17	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Map land trust fee properties to complement National Conservation Easement Database.	Develop strategy for data collection	PALTA & Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
	Data collection			2016-17	
	Map data			2017-18	
Develop and advance messaging around key conservation goals associated with habitat, heritage, farms and forests	Coordinate with key groups (in heritage, habitat, farms, and forests) to clarify milestones and available data	Conservation Goals Ad Hoc Workgroup	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Early Spring 2016	Public support for conservation
	Combine data sets and develop compelling narratives to support the priority statements on LandScope Chesapeake	NPS, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Landscape/Conservation Data Workgroup	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Begin late Spring 2016, ongoing	
	Develop and implement a messaging strategy through existing vehicles such as LandScope and the Partnership website	NatureServe and Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Landscape/Conservation Data Workgroup	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Ongoing	
	Annual reporting by the states already includes lands in each of these four categories; identify data and methods for tracking and celebrating progress toward each of these four conservation goals, agreeing to a baseline in 2017 for reporting the data	States, NPS, NatureServe and Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Landscape/Conservation Data Workgroup	Chesapeake Bay Watershed		

Compile and publish bi-annual Chesapeake Bay Protected Lands Dataset	1) Compile primary source datasets from authoritative partners. 2) Work towards continually tracking and refine/improve tracking process for protected lands data. 3) Overlay data with conservation goals above to report on progress	CBP GIS Team, NPS, Others?	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	1) Bi-annually (Next Dataset Spring 2016) 2) ongoing 3) ongoing	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Convene annually across jurisdictions and disciplines to advance projects and programs that support conservation priorities	Chesapeake Conservation Partnership meets annually to reflect on progress and advance conservation data and tools	NPS, Chesapeake Conservancy (co-convenors)	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	October 2016, 2017, 2018	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Develop process to revise or reconsider Watershed Agreement Management Strategies to accommodate anticipated	Compile existing climate change vulnerability research and data, including available assessment products and tools, specific to protected lands and wetlands within the Chesapeake Bay region	Climate Resiliency Work Group; Wetlands Work Group; Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	June 2016	Climate Change
	Document research needs to support integration of climate change considerations into the Protected Lands and Wetlands Management Strategy	Climate Resiliency Work Group; Chesapeake Conservation Partnership; Wetlands Workgroup	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	June 2016	
	Create a Climate Resiliency Analysis and Decision Making Matrix to enable the assessment of climate impacts on existing management goals and outcomes and the effect of climate change on the performance of specific management practices (BMPs)	Climate Resiliency Work Group; Wetlands Work Group; Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	June 2016	

climate-related changes or impacts	Facilitate in-person workshops with Chesapeake Conservation Partnership and Wetland Workgroup to: 1) complete Matrix Analysis process and revise, modify, prioritize and select management actions for integration into Management Strategies; and 2) to develop recommendations for augmenting existing Management Strategies through the “Adaptive Management” framework	Climate Resiliency Work Group; Wetlands Work Group; Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	July 2017
	Develop recommendations for refinement of matrix and a proposed implementation process to engage one-on-one with GITS and work groups to identify, assess, evaluate and revise (as necessary) all individual CB Agreement Management Strategies	Climate Resiliency Work Group; Wetlands Work Group; Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	July 2017

Management Approach 3: Identify, fund and implement creative and inclusive ways to acquire data and connect systems

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Partner with Chesapeake Conservancy to develop a GIS mapping tool for easement planning, monitoring, and stewardship		Maryland Environmental Trust/Chesapeake Conservancy	Maryland	2016	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data

Development of the InFOREST tool that uses a GIS platform to provide users with information necessary to make better natural resource management decisions regarding their land		DOF, DGIF, Virginia Tech	Commonwealth of Virginia	Complete, development in ongoing	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Continue to fund and develop land conservation GIS and databases to provide users with quality information	Ongoing	VA DCR Division of Natural Heritage	Commonwealth of Virginia	Ongoing development of tool	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Work with PALTA to finalize the Comprehensive Conserved Land Layer Project	Assess where project stands	DCNR/PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
	Determine plan to advance the effort	DCNR/PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	
	Develop contract	DCNR/PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	
Fund a LandScope Fellow through NatureServe to support data improvements that benefit the Partnership and participants; identify and implement at least 3 cross-platform interoperability features to improve data accessibility and applications	Implement a work plan that reflects the Partnership's data needs and opportunities	NatureServe, NPS, FWS, EPA	Arlington VA	TBD	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
	Seek funding to make the position permanent	NatureServe, NPS, FWS, EPA, other partners	Arlington VA	TBD	
	Increase visibility and use of LandScope through online and/or in-person trainings and updates at least quarterly, and demonstrate its integration with related platforms and tools	NatureServe	Arlington VA	TBD	
	Total				
Complete and determine applications	EPA-funded data sets for all but VA	EPA, CBP GIS Team, Healthy Watersheds GIT, Chesapeake Conservancy	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Complete in Fall 2016	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of
	Complete VA data sets	VA	Commonwealth of Virginia	Begins fall 2016	

of high-resolution land cover data sets	Review results of high resolution imagery and determine how to incorporate results to increase the quantity and quality of protected lands	EPA, CBP GIS Team, Healthy Watersheds GIT, Chesapeake Conservancy	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Fall 2018	and accessibility of conservation priority data
Total					
Improve the quality, quantity and availability of historic and cultural site, landscape-, and watershed-level documentation	Identify and address gaps in LandScope Chesapeake for data that already exists. Identify and follow up on documentation opportunities and funding/capacity needs. Establish data priorities and low-hanging fruit over the next two years, and develop and push out new and improved data sets as they are developed	LandScope and Conservation Data Workgroup, in coordination with Cultural Resources Workgroup and individual Chesapeake Conservation Partnership participants, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, NPS, and state cultural resources programs	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Inventory and analysis by Fall 2017; new data and data improvements ongoing	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Identify organizations and funding sources to improve the quantity and quality of habitat data	Utilize the NALCC Conservation Planning Atlas as a basis for discussion of priorities and potential lead partners		Chesapeake Bay Watershed	TBD	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Develop high value forest conservation maps including watershed-wide layer	a. Using Phase 6 land uses, determine where losing forests would generate the most pollution.	CBP Forestry Workgroup, CBP GIS Staff	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Completion: December 2016	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data

maps including watershed-wide layer and county-level forest patch maps	b. Work with states and localities to put that information in most usable form.	CBP Forestry Workgroup, CBP GIS Staff	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Completion: December 2016	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Continue to work with the Chesapeake Bay Program and partners to quantify and incorporate land conservation practices into the Chesapeake watershed modeling efforts and to explore how land use projections might be used to quantify future pollutant load reduction incentives for land conservation	Update Protected Lands Data Layer to support the new Phase 6 CBP Watershed Model in 2017	CBP GIS staff, NGO partners (The Nature Conservancy, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Chesapeake Conservancy, American Farmland Trust)	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016-2017	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Use EJSSCREEN tool to consider land protection in areas that are vulnerable to increased development.	Add EJSSCREEN as a new data layer in LandScope Chesapeake	NatureServe, EPA	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016	Public Support for Conservation
	Promote the EJSSCREEN tool among land conservation community	NatureServe, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016	

Management Approach 4: Increase the capacity and effectiveness of land trusts					
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Continue to organize and hold annual Maryland Land Conservation Conference	Provide quality education and networking for private and public land conservation organizations	MET/local land trusts/conservation organizations	Maryland	Annual basis	Building the Land Conservation Community
Develop a collective vision and priorities for a strengthened land trust movement in Maryland	Use MET's quarterly land trust roundtable forums to serve as incubators for initial leadership development	MET/local land trusts/conservation organizations	Maryland	2016-2017	Building the Land Conservation Community

Develop priority recommendations for strengthening land trusts in key areas in Maryland	Complete preliminary assessment of the state of the land trust community in Maryland	MET/local land trusts/conservation organizations	Maryland	2016-2017	Building the Land Conservation Community
Maintain an online databases of land conservation and natural heritage, historic, and water quality resources	Updates are ongoing	VA DCR Division of Natural Heritage	Commonwealth of Virginia	Ongoing	Improving the quality, quantity, and accessibility of conservation priority data
Participate in annual statewide conference for land conservation professionals to increase capacity and foster excellence	Annual basis	DCR, DOF, DHR, VDACS, DGIF, many land trusts and localities	Commonwealth of Virginia	Annual basis	Building the Land Conservation Community
Administer a robust conservation easement and land acquisition program focused on keeping the forestland intact and undivided, enabling landowners to manage their forestland for timber products and environmental values		VA DOF, local and regional land trusts	Commonwealth of Virginia		Managing protected areas
Continue DCNR Partnership support for PALTA and DCNR support for Land Trust Land Protection Projects	PALTA grant	PALTA/DCNR	Harrisburg, PA		Building the Land Conservation Community
	Various land trust grants	Land trusts, DCNR	Chesapeake Bay Watershed		
Help organizations conform with Land Trust Standards and Practices and prepare for Accreditation	Support guided organizational assessments for organizations	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Develop model documents and other technical guidance (and post the resources at ConservationTools.org) to help organizations and local governments expand and improve their conservation efforts. (SCORP)	Identifying topics for new or improved guidance.	PALTA/DCNR/Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
	Identifying experts to develop new guidance.	PALTA		2016-2018	
	Researching, writing and editing guidance.	PALTA		2016-2018	
	Marketing and disseminating guidance	PALTA		2016-2018	

Organize and hold seminars, forums, roundtables and other events to educate and train conservation practitioners	Identify needs and plan and host events to meet those needs.	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Organize and hold annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference	Provide quality education and networking for private and public land & water conservation practitioners	PALTA/DCNR/Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Implement recommendations from the recent Chesapeake Bay Watershed Land Trust Assessment	Initiate efforts to implement recommendations #1-5 from the land trust assessment	Land Trust Alliance, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership, local land trusts	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Align wetland protection with NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Empower Bay Program's Wetlands Workgroup to establish and maintain a community of practice around Delmara Whole System Partnership's easement targeting.	CBP Wetlands Working Group	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Commit annually to enhancing and contributing to diversity and inclusion in conservation planning and stewardship, from presentations and information-sharing, to communications and targeted messaging, to engagement, internships and hiring	Identify examples and case studies highlighting messaging and engagement that has targeted new groups of stakeholders At the annual Partnership meeting, support discussion about tools and approaches, and make and report out on big and small commitments to expand the conservation community.	Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Annually (Fall)	Building the land conservation community
	At the annual Partnership meeting, support discussion about tools and approaches, and make and report out on big and small commitments to expand the conservation community	Chesapeake Conservation Partnership	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Annually (Fall)	

Management Approach 5: Increase public support for and engagement in land conservation

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Continue existing outreach efforts to local jurisdictions that receive funding through Program Open Space and local sponsors of Rural Legacy Areas		Maryland Department of Natural Resources	State of Maryland	Ongoing	Public Support for Conservation
Continue outreach efforts to inform landowners, local governments, and the general public about land conservation options and tools		MET	Maryland	Ongoing	Public Support for Conservation
DOF currently provides four best management practice (BMP) training sessions per year for forest harvesting contractors, Professional Foresters and forest landowners		DOF in cooperation with the SHARP Logger Program and Cooperative Extension	Commonwealth of Virginia		Managing Protected Areas
Conduct comprehensive outreach programs to educate farmers, Virginia Century Farm families, and the general public about farmland preservation options and tools		Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)	Commonwealth of Virginia	ongoing	Public Support for Conservation
Distribute materials (e.g., In Their Own Words) developed by PALTA to educate key stakeholders on conservation.	Distribute to land trusts and other conservation organizations that can in turn distribute to landowners and other key stakeholders.	PALTA/DCNR/Conservation Organizations	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Public Support for Conservation
Develop Op-eds on relevant conservation topics for statewide newspaper distribution	Research and write op-eds appropriate to the specific regions of the state.	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Public Support for Conservation

Co-administer and support the Get Outdoors PA initiative	Provide administrative support for GOPA	PALTA, GOPA Flagship Partners	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2016-2018	Public Support for Conservation
	Support GOPA outreach efforts to increase the # of community partners to increase # of outdoor programs available to the public	PALTA, GOPA Flagship Partners		2016-2018	Public Support for Conservation
	Support GOPA outreach efforts to the general public on available programming and value of outdoor recreation	PALTA, GOPA Flagship Partners		2016-2018	Public Support for Conservation
Research and write success stories that demonstrate the benefits of Keystone Fund and Growing Greener funding	PALTA	Varies	2016-2018	N/A	Public Support for Conservation
Protect and expand the network of green infrastructure and outdoor spaces in underserved neighborhoods and communities in the Greater Baltimore, MD area	Improve green infrastructure and increase protected open space, particularly in areas with underserved and vulnerable populations	Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition resilience work group	Greater Baltimore area, specific locations TBD	Launched June 2015, work is ongoing. Work groups meet quarterly	Advancing Youth Engagement and Citizen Stewardship
	Increase connectedness of existing protected lands, making them more accessible to urban populations	Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition equity work group	Greater Baltimore area, specific locations TBD	Launched June 2015, work is ongoing. Work groups meet quarterly	
Continue partnering with land trusts and local governments to determine the best way to protect the landscapes around DoD installations when deemed necessary and where feasible	Track current and new partnerships	DoD	DoD installations where applicable	2016/2017	Public Support for Conservation

Management Approach 6: Build an active network of land conservation organizations in the Bay

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Complete strategic plan for establishing a new model for volunteerism in easement monitoring	Focus on engaging local land trusts, local agricultural advisory groups, and private citizens in regional centers	MET/local land trusts/conservation organizations	Maryland	2016-2017	Building the Land Conservation Community
Participate in regional meetings and conferences to enable and increase partnerships	April 2016: VaULT Conference	Virginia's United Land Trusts (VaULT)	Commonwealth of Virginia	N/A	Building the Land Conservation Community
Provide support for Annual PALTA (Pennsylvania Land Trust Association) Land Protection Conference	Provide Grant to PALTA	DCNR/PALTA	Varies	2016-2018	Building the Land Conservation Community
Continue DCNR support for PALTA	PALTA Grant	DCNR/PALTA	Harrisburg, PA	Annually	Building the Land Conservation Community
	Attend additional land trust conferences	DCNR/PALTA	Harrisburg, PA	Annually	
	Convene "communities of practice"	DCNR/PALTA	Harrisburg, PA	Ongoing	
	Total				
PALTA actively works to develop a network of land conservation organizations for the purpose of increasing and improving the quality of conservation transactions and advocating for better conservation policy	Continue to build network of conservation practitioners.	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Ongoing	Building the Land Conservation Community
	Inform and update conservation network on key issues	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Ongoing	
	Engage key stakeholders on public policy issues	PALTA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Ongoing	
Secure new funding for key Chesapeake Conservation Partnership initiatives	By 2018, secure at least one new annual fund source for Chesapeake Conservation Partnership staffing and support of key initiatives	Current funding and support partners: NPS, Chesapeake Conservancy, MD DNR	N/A	2018	Building the Land Conservation Community

****Note:**As a member of the Chesapeake Executive Council and a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) functions as the legislative arm of the Chesapeake Bay Program working within Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia and at the federal level to identify specific Bay management concerns requiring intergovernmental coordination and cooperation. CBC makes recommendations to the federal, state and local governments on legislative and administrative actions necessary to effectuate coordinated and cooperative management for the Bay watershed. The Commission will work collaboratively with Bay Program partners to identify legislative, budgetary and policy needs to advance the key actions identified in this outcome and to anticipate those needed in the future. The CBC's work is supported by the annual appropriations of its three member states totaling \$675,000 and is, on occasion, supplemented by project-specific grants.