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Shannon Sprague
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Dear Shannon

SUBJECT: Chesapeake Bay Management Strategy

In an effort to further improve the environmental literacy outcomes as outlined in the Chesapeake Management Strategy, we are recommending agriculture be included among the topic areas in education. With the bulk of the open lands and forests in Maryland being managed by agriculture the role of these land managers is critical to the protection and improvement of the waters, soils, vegetation and wildlife in Maryland.

We will continue to collaborate with our environmental education colleagues in Maryland by supplying the expertise and content necessary to make agriculture's environmental stewardship practices a critical area of knowledge within environmental literacy education.

Please communicate our recommendation for the intergration of agriculture to your Chesapeake Bay Management Strategy education workgroup. Thanks very much for your guidance on this subject. We look forward to helping further refine the educational content within the strategy.

Sincerely,

George Mayo
Executive Director

Cc: Britt Slattery, Jamie Baxter, Karen Fedor, Peggy Eppig