

Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative

*An Overview of Who We Are
and What We Do*

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1. What's in our name?

Working together to understand connections between land-based activities related to agriculture and poultry production and healthy water quality. Focus has expanded beyond chicken litter as a nutrient source.

1. Our mission: To build cross-sector relationships to identify science-based solutions and guide their effective implementation to achieve profitable chicken and grain farming, clean water, and thriving ecosystems on the Delmarva Peninsula



Why DLLC Exists

Vision: Farming and poultry production on Delmarva are economically viable, environmentally sound and can serve as a national model.

“If the issues were easy, they would have been solved by now.”

“Agriculture is often pointed to as the largest source of nutrient input to the Bay, yet there have been few dedicated, inclusive efforts to bring growers into conversations around solutions.”



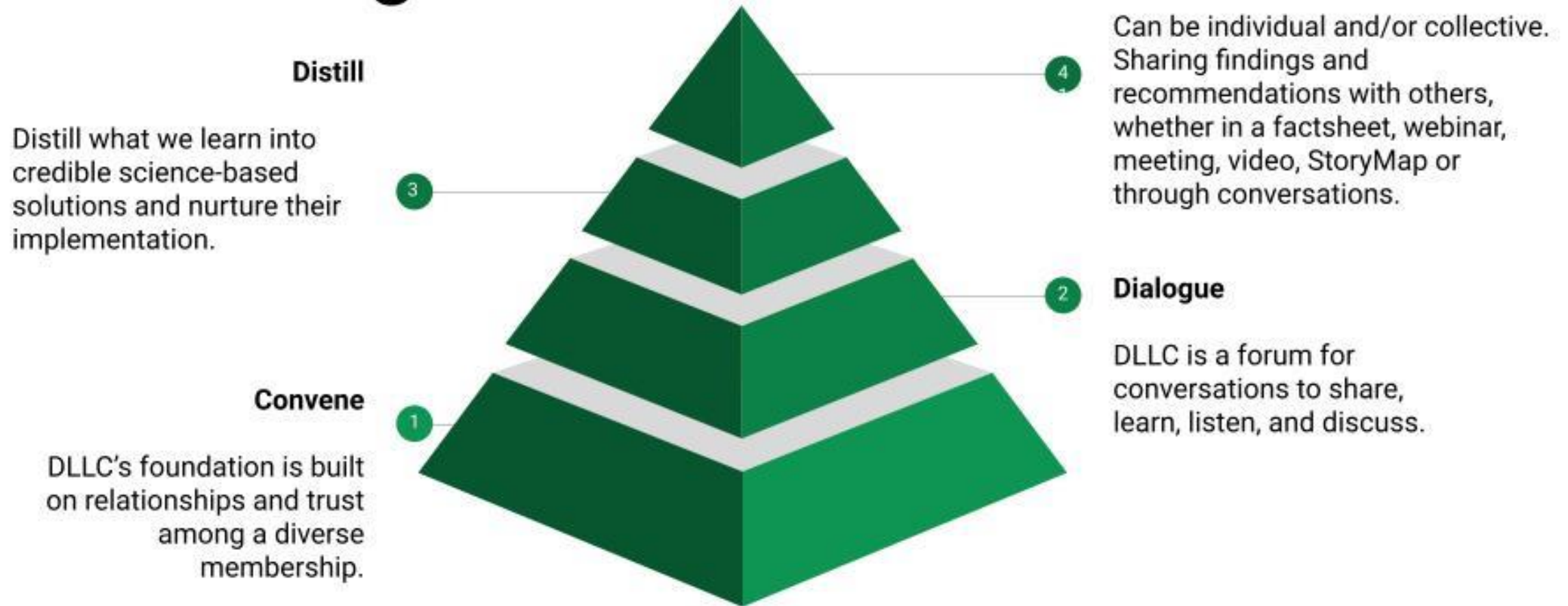
Diverse Membership

Chesapeake Bay Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
Mountaire Farms
J.R. Frazee Strategic Consulting
DE and MD Soybean Boards
Sussex Conservation District
Old Mill Farms, Poultry Farmer
Delmarva Chicken Association
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
VA Department of Environmental Quality
Horizon Farm Credit
Sustainable Chesapeake

Delaware Association of Conservation Districts
Maryland Association of Conservation Districts
University of Maryland Extension
Forever Maryland
Perdue Farms
Lower Shore Land Trust
Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board
Nanticoke Watershed Alliance
Chesapeake Bay Commission
Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology
VIMS, Eastern Shore Lab
ShoreRivers
R&W Farms, Poultry/Grain Farmer



DLLC Strategies



Our Strategic Priorities

1. Expand communication to support meaningful cross-sectoral dialogue.
2. Promote a whole-system watershed approach on Delmarva that supports and recognizes practices on agricultural lands.
3. Explore and support emerging conservation strategies and practices that increase nutrient management on agricultural lands.
4. Understand emerging market-based opportunities and how they can directly benefit farmers.
5. Expand the diversity and sustainability of DLLC.

Our Work

Productive working relationships across perceived divides. Supported through shared learning and open discussions to support solutions. Products include:

- StoryMap illustrating 40+ years of trends in poultry and agricultural production on Delmarva. Explore at: bit.ly/ChangingDelmarva
- Understanding nutrient dynamics on Delmarva workshop series with over 100 participants, June 23-25, 2025
- Ammonia Emissions from Poultry Production Synthesis White Paper and Webinars
- Annual Delmarva Conservation Funding Forum
- Poultry litter matching app
- DLLC PMT Recommendations to MD Dept of Agriculture
- Outreach to VA, DE , MD and Bay decision-makers
- Advocate for conservation and restoration funding on Delmarva





Questions

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