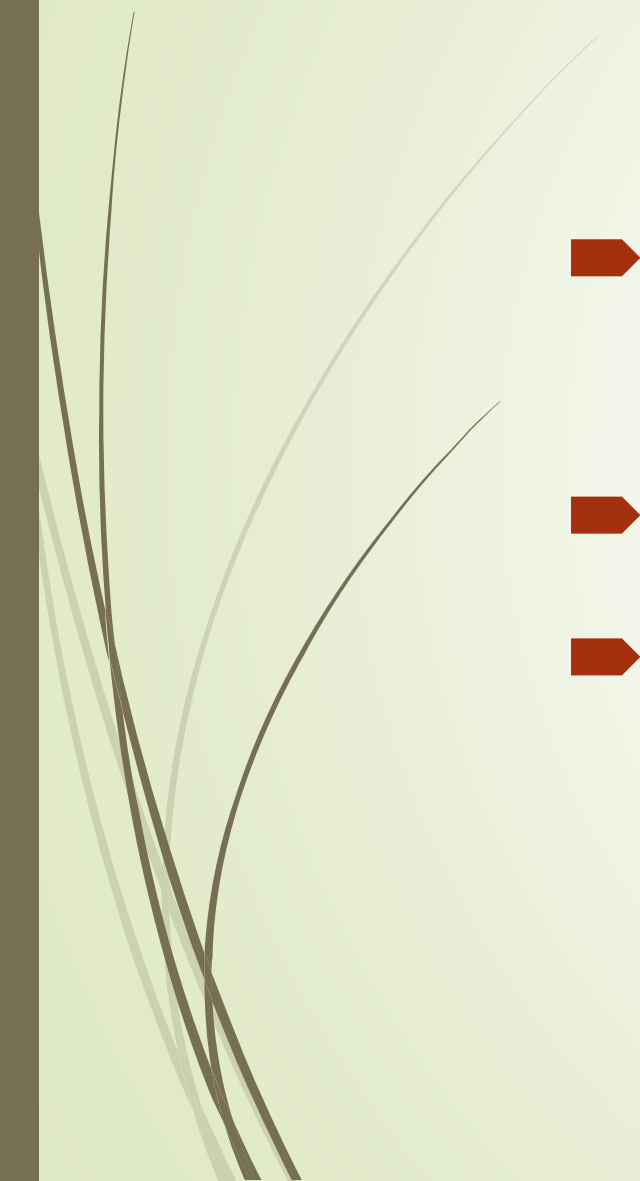


Region 3 Tribal Program Overview





What we will cover

- Recognition of Lenni
Lenape/Chesapeake Origin
 - Region 3 Tribes Snapshot
 - 3 Pillars of EPA Tribal Work
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Lenni Lenape

- Algonquian speaking, non-nomadic people
- Occupied Delaware Valley region for thousands of years
- Signed treaty with William Penn in 1682 – lasted for 100 years
- Federally Recognized - Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- State Recognized - Lenape Indians, Nanticoke Lenni Lenape, Ramapough Lenape





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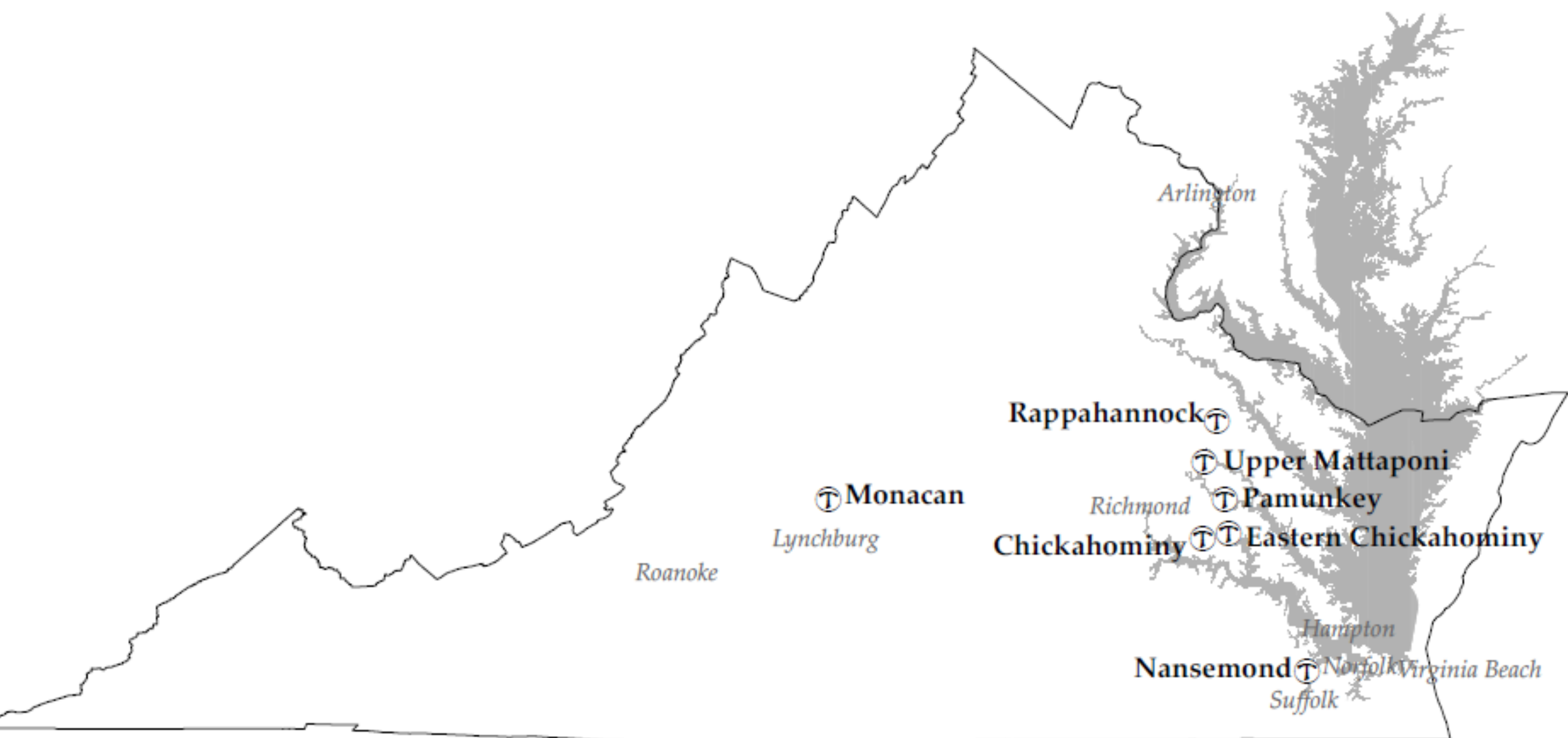
Origin of Chesapeake name:

"The namesake for our Bay could stem from a variety of places. The word Chesepiooc is an Algonquian word referring to a village "at a big river." The name "Chesapeake" may refer to the Chesepian or Chesapeake people, a Native American tribe who inhabited the area surrounding what is now known as Hampton Roads, Virginia. While some believe "Chesapeake" means something like "great shellfish bay," Algonquian linguist Blair Rudes says it doesn't. Per Rudes, it more likely means something like "great water," or it may have referred to a village at the Bay's mouth."

-Chesapeake Bay Foundation Blog Post, November 2018

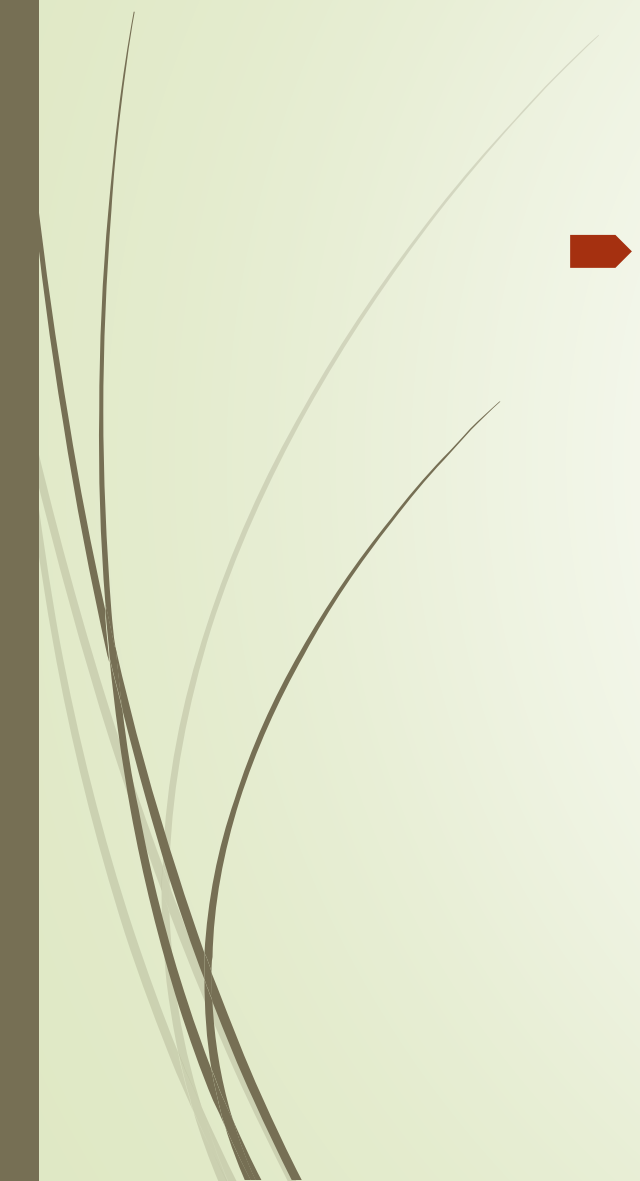
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Federally Recognized Tribes in Virginia

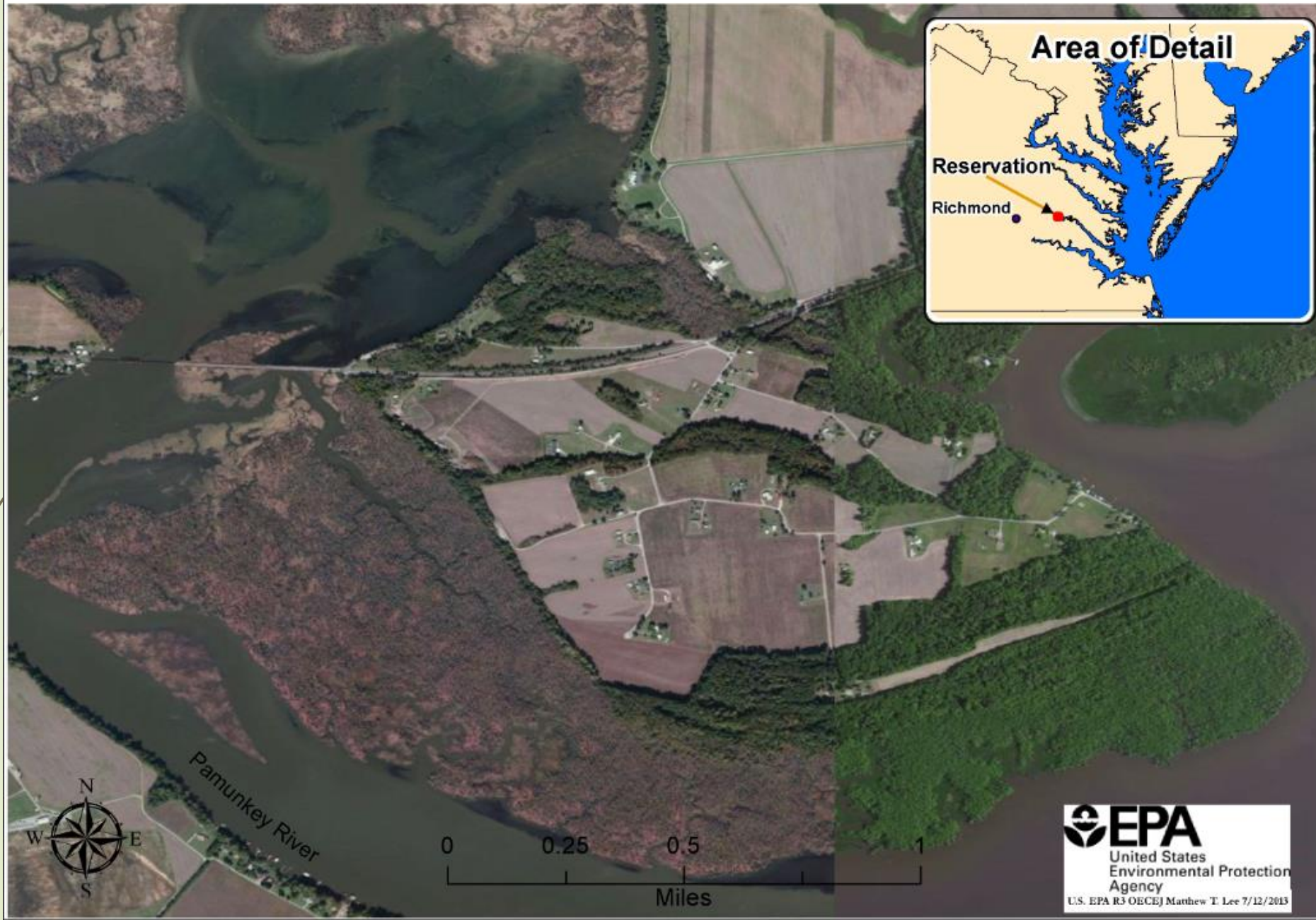




Region 3 Federally Recognized Tribes

- Pamunkey Indian Tribe
 - Federally recognized in January 2016
 - Reservation is 1,200 acres large
 - Around 30 residences on the land
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Pamunkey Indian Reservation - Aerial View





Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017

- **Chickahominy Indian Tribe**

- Providence Forge, VA

- **Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division**

- Providence Forge, VA

- **Monacan Indian Nation**

- Amherst, VA

- **Nansemond Indian Nation**

- Suffolk, VA

- **Rappahannock Tribe**

- Indian Neck, VA

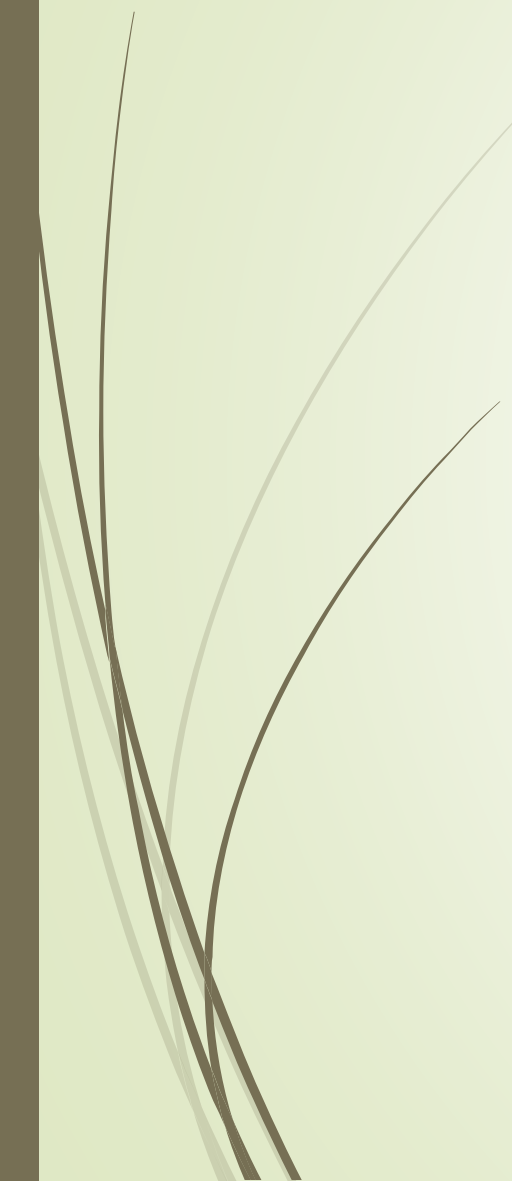
- **Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe**

- King William, VA

**Until they are federally recognized in accordance with EPA policy, tribes are to be treated as environmental justice communities. Upon federal recognition, tribes are still environmental justice communities, but also attain becoming a sovereign nation*



Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017

- Signed into law on January 28, 2018
 - Land holdings range between 40 acres to a few hundred acres
 - No residency on any tribal lands
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Federal Trust Lands

- Upon federal recognition, tribes have an option to move their land into federal trust
- Land in trust is a special status in which;
 - The federal government holds the title to the property
 - Allows the tribe to make its own decisions on how to develop the tax-exempt land and its natural resources
- No R3 Tribe has their land in federal trust
- No R3 Tribe has any permitted facilities




Three Pillars of EPA Tribal Work

➤ Grants

- General Assistance Program Grant
- Grants - Water, Air, Brownfields, Superfund Grants
- Lands must be held in federal trust to qualify for some of these grants



General Assistance Program Grants

- All 7 Tribes have received GAP Grants
 - GAP is noncompetitive and all Federally Recognized Tribes are eligible to receive
 - Individual GAP grants can be awarded up to \$110,000 annually
 - Eligible activities include;
 - Salary for Environmental Director
 - Purchase Supplies and Equipment
 - Solid Waste Disposal
 - Community Outreach and Events
 - Environmental Capacity Building
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Three Pillars of EPA Tribal Work

■ **Technical Assistance**

- Every federally recognized tribe is eligible for technical assistance from EPA
 - Monacan Indian Nation and their public water system management
 - Pamunkey Indian Tribe – Open Dump – Targeted Brownfield Assessment

Three Pillars of EPA Tribal Work

► Consultation

- EPA's policy is to consult on a government-to-government basis with federally recognized governments when EPA actions and decisions may affect tribal interests.
- Regulations or rules • Policies, guidance documents, directives • Budget and priority planning development • Legislative comments • Permits

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Discussion question:

What roles can R3 Federally Recognized Tribes play in the Chesapeake Bay Partnership?