

Snapshot of Signatory and Federal Agency Programs

Healthy Landscapes Goal

Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions Outcome

Delaware

- [DNREC Climate and Sustainability Section](#) (Estimated \$2 million in FY25 in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed) is charged with coordinating state actions that reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change and improving Delaware's resiliency to climate change impacts through technical assistance, financial incentives, policy development, pilot projects, and education initiatives.
- [Tree for Every Delawarean Initiative](#) (TEDI) (Estimated \$78K in FY25 in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed) is a statewide effort supported by DNREC, the Delaware Forest Service, and other environmental stakeholders to improve air and water quality, preserve soil, and support wildlife – and they play a critical role in helping to fight climate change.

District of Columbia

- [Climate Ready DC 2.0](#) (\$315,000 in FY25): DOEE is updating the District's climate adaptation plan with new climate projections, vulnerability analyses, and sector-specific resilience strategies. DOEE aims to provide a foundation for preparing communities, infrastructure, and natural systems for future conditions within the District.
- [Flood Resilience Programs](#): (Flood Smart Homes had \$505,000 in FY25) DOEE advances neighborhood-scale flood resilience through initiatives like Flood Smart Homes and the Watts Branch Resiliency Study. DOEE combines household-level mitigation, watershed-scale analysis, and community engagement to reduce risk from riverine and interior flooding.
- [Integrated Flood Model](#): (\$1,500,000 in FY25) DOEE is developing an Integrated Flood Model that unifies riverine, coastal, and stormwater dynamics into a single analytical framework. This program gives the District a tool for evaluating flood hazards and guiding long-term resilience planning.

Maryland

- [The Resilience through Restoration Initiative](#) (\$2.7M in FY25) This initiative prioritizes nature-based solutions to harness living shorelines, wetlands, and natural stormwater practices to maximize shoreline protection from the impacts of changing environmental conditions such as erosion and flooding.
- [Maryland Office of Resilience](#) (645K in FY25) Operating within the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, this office coordinates disaster and

resilience initiatives across state government and with local governments, including through Maryland's Statewide Resilience Strategy that looks at risks from flooding, severe storms, sea level rise and saltwater intrusion, and extreme heat, among other threats.

- [Whole Watershed Program](#) (3.5 FTEs in FY25) This Program provides a holistic, highly collaborative, science-based approach to accelerate restoration and conservation of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Bays through a five year pilot that targets five watersheds across Maryland with the goal of improving watershed health and resilience that results in shallow water habitat improvements, rapid delisting or ecological uplift, and captures multiple co-benefits for changing environments.

New York

- [Climate Resilient Farming \(CRF\) - NYSAGM](#) (\$3.8 million within the watershed in FY25) CRF Program funds projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change for greenhouse gas emissions reduction and carbon sequestration, in addition to enhancing the on-farm adaptation and resiliency to projected climate conditions due to heavy storm events, rainfall, and drought.
- [Green Resiliency Grants and Green Innovation Grant Program - NYSDEC/EFC](#) (\$3 million within the watershed in FY25) Green Resiliency Grants help flood-prone communities advance long-term community resilience and the Green Innovation Grant Program supports projects that utilize EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and technologies.
- [Resilient NY – NYSDEC](#) The Resilient NY program develops state-of-the-art studies that investigate the causes of flooding and recommend projects to build resilience in flood-prone communities.

Pennsylvania

- [Department of Environmental Protection Dam Safety and Water Obstruction and Encroachment Programs](#) (\$49,500,000 in FY25 from Pennsylvania). These programs support dam removal with associated stream and floodplain restoration projects as well as review of stream obstructions and encroachments including bridges and culverts.
- [Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener Plus Grant Program](#) (\$5,495,924 in FY25 from Pennsylvania). This grant program funds a variety of projects from design through construction including fish habitat and stream improvement projects and floodplain restoration projects involving legacy sediment removal. The Growing Greener Plus program also includes funding for Pennsylvania's Watershed Renaissance Initiative (aka Rapid Stream Delisting) and the implementation of projects under the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act (Act 167 of 1978) and the Pennsylvania Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). Act 167 encourages planning and management of stormwater runoff and requires counties and municipalities to prepare and adopt a plan and ordinances to regulate land development.

- [Department of Environmental Protection Countywide Action Plan Program](#) (\$22,958,688 in FY25 with \$2,015,700 from EPA Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant, \$3,411,466 from EPA Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Grant, \$4,977,436 from EPA Most Effective Basin Funding, \$5,332,693 from EPA Chesapeake Bay Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act, \$1,190,544 from EPA Local Government Implementation Grant, and \$6,030,849 from Pennsylvania). This program funds a variety of nutrient-reducing implementation projects including agricultural best management practices, stream stabilization and enhancement projects, and floodplain restoration projects involving legacy sediment removal.

Virginia

- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VA DCR): [The Community Flood Preparedness Fund](#) empowers coastal and inland communities to complete vulnerability assessments and execute action-oriented nature-based flood mitigation, allocating at least 25% of funds to low-income geographic areas.
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ): The [Virginia CZM Program](#) funds place-based spatial modeling, macro-scale SAV distribution tracking, and regional adaptation planning and coordination.
- The Virginia Office of Resilience was fully staffed as of May 2025, led by a Chief Resilience Officer and supported by a Resilience Coordinator and a Resilience Policy Advisor.
- The Office's mandate is to address all hazards across the entirety of the Commonwealth.
- The CRO convenes the Interagency Resilience Management Team on a quarterly basis to create a whole-of-government approach to resilience. 16 state entities presently sit on the team.
- The Office's four priority areas are:
 - Flooding (riverine, coastal, and rainfall-driven)
 - Energy Grid Resilience
 - Water (water supply, water treatment, distribution, etc.)
 - Extreme Heat
- VOR receives \$500,000 annually for staff salaries and fringe—there is presently no programmatic budget.

Chesapeake Bay Commission

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Computer Modeling (\$2.6M in FY25) The Chesapeake Bay Program uses state-of-the-art science and monitoring data to replicate conditions of the watershed and predict how the Chesapeake Bay may respond to future conditions such as pollutant loads, land use changes and changing environmental conditions. Decision-makers at the

federal, state and local levels use this information to determine how best to restore and protect local waterways, and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

- [Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#) (\$227.5M in FY25): A federal-state partnership that provides low-cost financing to communities for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects, including municipal wastewater facilities, nonpoint source pollution control, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, stormwater runoff mitigation, green infrastructure, estuary protection, and water reuse.
- [Non-Point Source Program Grants \(Section 319\)](#) (\$9.2M in FY25) States, territories and tribes receive grant money that supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects.

Healthy Forests & Trees Outcome

Delaware

- [Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) (Estimated \$187K in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed for FY25) provides assistance to help municipalities, nonprofit groups, community associations, and homeowners to plant and care for their trees.
- [Buffer Incentive Program](#) (\$20K in FY25 in Chesapeake Bay Watershed) provides incentives and support for implementation of forest buffer and grass buffers in Delaware's Chesapeake Bay watershed to landowners based on acreage placed into protection for 5-years.
- [Forestland Preservation Program](#) (Estimated \$333K for FY25 attributed to Chesapeake Bay Watershed) protects working forest through perpetual conservation easements; these easements allow forest management activities, including timber harvests.

District of Columbia

- [RiverSmart Programs](#): (\$2,100,000 in FY25) Through RiverSmart, DOEE partners with residents, schools, and businesses to install rain gardens, cisterns, permeable pavement, and other green infrastructure, while planting trees that filter stormwater, reduce nutrient runoff, and capture sediment before it reaches District waterways.
- [USFS Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) (\$293,000 in FY25) The District of Columbia receives annual core funding from the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program. This is critical to supporting the priorities of our State Forest Action Plan including capacity building and partnership development.
- [Urban Forestry Advisory Council](#) (3 FTEs in FY25) The Council ensures collaboration among District agencies and partners working toward the city's ambitious goal: 40% tree canopy coverage by 2032. UFAC advises on policies, programs, and partnerships that maintain, protect, and grow the District's urban forest.

Maryland

- [5 Million Trees Initiative](#) (\$15M in FY25) A partnership effort to plant 5 million trees across the state by 2031, including trees within communities and forest buffers.

- [Healthy Soils Competitive Fund](#) (\$900K in FY25) Grants that support agroforestry practices to Maryland farmers and organizations that work with farmers to support innovative practices, such as agroforestry, that manage and improve soil health.
- [Maryland Program Open Space](#) (\$34.7M in state funds in FY25) POS Stateside preserves natural areas for public recreation and watershed and wildlife protection across Maryland through the acquisition of fee simple land and conservation easements, while POS Local provides financial and technical assistance to local subdivisions for the planning, acquisition, and or development of recreational land or open space areas, including working lands, targeted ecological areas, productive farm and forest lands.

New York

- Upper Susquehanna Coalition's [Water Quality Program](#), [Trees for Tributaries](#), and Watershed Forestry Steward Program (\$580,000 through multiple state and federal funding sources) The USC Water Quality Program's goal is to increase implementation of riparian forest buffers, wetlands, grazing, stream corridor rehabilitation and afforestation projects.
- DEC private land forestry grant programs including the one-time [Establishing Large Forest \(ELF\)](#) (\$1.2 million statewide) and [Regenerate NY](#) state-funded grant program (\$500,000 statewide) support private landowners in establishing large forests upon unforested or deforested lands, improving the health of existing forests, and restoring forests.
- [Urban and Community Forestry Grant and Community Reforestation Grant](#) (\$1.7 million awarded in watershed FY25) State grant programs for community tree inventories and management plans and support initiative to plant 25 million by 2033

Pennsylvania

- [Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Forest Action Plan](#) (\$12,000,000 in federal funds and \$10,700,00 in state funds for plan implementation in FY25). This plan describes current conditions and trends of forests across all ownerships, delineates priority landscapes, and provides a suite of broad strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of Pennsylvania's forests and trees.
- [Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Invasive Replace-ive Program](#) (\$50,000 in state funds in FY25). The inaugural Pennsylvania Invasive Replace-ive Program took place in 2025 with participants receiving over 1,300 native trees to support restoration efforts in their own landscapes.
- [Department of Conservation and Natural Resource Community and Watershed Forestry Grants](#) and Program (\$7,410,500 in FY 25 with \$410,500 from the USDA Farm Service Agency's Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative, \$5,500,000 from Pennsylvania for Riparian Forest Buffers, \$1,000,000 from Pennsylvania for Urban and Community Forestry, and \$500,000 from Pennsylvania for conservation landscaping). This program and grants support riparian forest buffer planting, urban forest planting, urban tree canopy expansion, and conservation landscaping, helping to shade and improve habitat along streams and in developed areas,

helping to improve air quality and human health, increasing property values and visitation in cities and towns, while reducing nutrient loading.

Virginia

- [Riparian Forests for Landowners \(RFFL\)](#) – (FY25 \$600,000) Zero-cost riparian buffer establishment program for private landowners wishing to establish a buffer on their property. Program covers site preparation, tree planting and one year of maintenance following planting
- [Virginia Trees for Clean Water \(VTCW\)](#) – (FY25 \$660,000) - Establishment of long-term, sustained canopy cover to improve water quality throughout the state through community plantings, tree giveaways, and riparian buffer plantings
- [Urban & Community Forestry Grants \(U&CF\)](#) – (FY26 \$255,000 state, and \$255,000 federal) Promotes the protection and enhancement of urban and community forest ecosystems, tree planting, and the care of trees in cities, towns, and communities
- [Throwing Shade VA](#) – (FY25 \$180,000) - Partnership between DOF and retail nurseries to offer discounts on eligible native trees and shrubs

West Virginia

- [WV Project CommuniTree \(CTree\)](#): This program provides technical assistance, trees, and planting supplies to volunteers for planting on public land. Run in partnership with organizations like the [Cacapon Institute](#), it offers "CTree Kits" (which include trees, deer protection tubes, and mulch) to schools, parks, and churches. While the core kits target the Potomac Headwaters counties, technical planning support is widely recognized
- [Tree City USA](#): A national framework supported locally by the WVDOF that helps West Virginia towns and cities manage, celebrate, and expand their public urban forests.
- [Community Tree Grant \(CTG\)](#): Offered by the WVDOF Urban Forestry division, this program provides funding specifically for urban tree planting and municipal forestry projects on public property. It is open to West Virginia municipalities, public schools, and non-profit organizations

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- [Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants Program](#) (\$9.5M in FY25): This competitive funding program accelerates regional watershed restoration projects to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads entering the Chesapeake Bay.
- [Small Watersheds Grant Program \(SWG\)](#) (\$7M in FY25): The SWG program promotes voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the diverse and vital habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

- [Non-Point Source Program Grants \(Section 319\)](#) (\$9.2M in FY25): States, territories and tribes receive grant money that supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects.

United States Forest Service

- [USFS Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) (\$1.85M in FY24¹) is dedicated to growing and maintaining urban and community trees, forests and green spaces.
- [USFS Forest Stewardship Program](#) (\$495,589 in FY24²) enables the USFS to work in partnership with state forestry agencies, cooperative extension, and conservation districts to connect private landowners with the information they need to manage their forests and woodlands.
- [USFS Forest Legacy Program](#) (\$0 in FY24³) is administered by the Forest Service in partnership with state agencies to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands through conservation easements or land purchases.

Land Use Planning & Decision Support Outcome

Delaware

- [Chesapeake Implementation Program](#) (Estimated \$200K in FY25 for Land Use and Decision Support in Chesapeake Bay Watershed) oversees several funding programs while working closely with related programs to help local governments, community groups, and landowners in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed take actions and make changes to protect and improve water quality in the watershed through planning and implementation.
- [Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination](#) (FY25 – N/A**) provides continuous improvement of the coordination and effectiveness of land use decisions made by state, county, and municipal governments while building and maintaining a high quality of life in the State of Delaware.
- ** Annual appropriations are a mix of federal and state sources and cannot be determined at this time.

District of Columbia

- [Small Area Plans](#) (DOEE does not have an associated funding amount): DC's Small Area Plans ([Small Area Plans, Studies and Reports | op](#)) are planning documents that guide land-use decisions at the neighborhood scale, shaping redevelopment, zoning updates, and public-realm investments; they provide a structured pathway

¹ Estimated based on the total amount of funding awarded to a state, pro-rated by the % of the state's total population within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, since these funds support community forestry.

² Estimated based on the total amount of funding awarded to the states, prorated by the % of a state's private forested land within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, since these funds are invested in private forest management

³ Funding is competitively awarded so varies significantly from year to year

for integrating stormwater management, tree canopy goals, and climate resilience into future growth across priority corridors and emerging development areas.

- [Office of District Waterways Management](#) (\$270,000 in FY26) The Office of District Waterways Management advises District agencies on waterways adjacent land-use and infrastructure decisions that affect local rivers. The Waterways Advisory Commission provides guidance on environmental protection, stormwater pollution mitigation, and public access needs on waterways adjacent land. ODWM is developing the Waterways Advisory Plan, a framework that reconciles diverse priorities to support more resilient waterways.

Maryland

- [Critical Area Commission](#) (\$2.9M in FY25) The Commission works with local area management programs to foster consistent, uniform, and sensitive development activity within the Critical Area - which includes all land within 1,000 feet of Maryland's tidal waters and tidal wetlands - to minimize the adverse effect of human activities on water quality and natural habitats.
- Planning Services Division and [Local Assistance and Training](#) (\$2.7M in FY25) The Local Assistance and Training unit of the Maryland Department of Planning focuses on providing technical support, outreach, and training to Maryland's 23 counties and 157 municipalities, which help the state advance towards the Agreement's outcomes.

Pennsylvania

- [Department of Community and Economic Development Community Planning Technical Assistance Program \(C-TAP\)](#) helps local and county governments, along with municipal partner organizations, plan, prepare, and implement strategies that support long-term growth and development. C-TAP helps communities move confidently from idea to implementation, with up to 400 hours of technical assistance available per project.
- [Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Assistance Program \(MAP\)](#) provides funding to assist local governments to plan for and efficiently implement a variety of policies, programs, or projects, and soundly manage development with an emphasis on intergovernmental approaches. Funding is available for two groups of activities: shared services, and community planning. \$621,156 in grants were awarded in May 2026 to 14 projects across 14 counties.
- [Department of Transportation Free Assistance to Municipalities](#) to better integrate local land use, development, and transportation goals into the state transportation planning process. Any municipal staff member, government official, or planning partner is eligible to request free assistance to help during any stage of the land use and transportation planning or project development process.
- The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code mandates that the Governor's Center for Local Government Services prepare a comprehensive State Land Use and Growth Management Report every five years, beginning in 2005. This requirement is codified in Section 107 of the Code, which defines the report as

containing information, data, and conclusions on statewide growth and development patterns, plus recommendations for coordination of executive action, regulation, and programs. The most recent report was published in 2025: [2025 State Land Use and Growth Management Report - PA Department of Community & Economic Development](#)

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- [EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office GIS Program](#) (\$2.8M in FY25): The Chesapeake Bay Program Office operates a geographic information system (GIS) program through interagency agreements with USGS and with additional support through a cooperative agreement to address the established and growing need for and use of geospatial data, maps, and analysis within the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership – particularly as it pertains to the acquisition and updates of the high-resolution land use / land cover datasets.
- [Small Watersheds Grant Program \(SWG\)](#) (\$150,000 in FY25): The SWG program promotes voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the diverse and vital habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- [Planning Assistance to States \(PAS\)](#) (\$1.5M in FY25) This program provides technical assistance to states and local governments for developing comprehensive plans for water and land resources, directly supporting informed land use planning and decision-making. Assistance is 50% federal, 50% non-federal, unless it is an economically disadvantaged community, then assistance is 100% federally-funded.
- [Floodplain Management Services \(FPMS\)](#) (\$1M in FY 2025) This program provides data, technical assistance, and guidance on flood hazards to help communities make informed decisions about land use in and near floodplains. Assistance is 100% federally-funded.

Protected Lands Outcome

Delaware

- [Delaware Open Space Program](#) (Estimated \$3 million in Chesapeake Bay Watershed) aims to protect our natural and cultural resources, conserve biological diversity, protect parks, forests, wildlife areas, nature preserves, etc., to provide for outdoor recreation and allow for water resource conservation.

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and infrastructure decisions that affect local rivers. Through the development of the Waterways Advisory Plan, ODWM identifies priority access points and supports projects that improve connectivity, safety, and equitable access to waterfront spaces across the District.

Maryland

- [Rural Legacy Program](#) (\$15.3M in FY25) This program provides grant funding for the preservation of the natural resources and resource-based economies of Maryland through the purchase of conservation easements and fee simple acquisitions located in designated protection areas, including prime agricultural and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and cultural resources that, if conserved, will promote resource-based economies and maintain the fabric of rural life.
- [Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation](#) (MALPF) (\$24.5M In FY25) MALPF purchases agricultural preservation easements that forever restrict development on prime farmland and woodland and has permanently preserved land in each of Maryland's 23 counties amounting to over 350,000 acres since 1980.
- [Maryland Program Open Space](#) (POS) (\$34.7M in FY25) POS Stateside preserves natural areas for public recreation and watershed and wildlife protection across Maryland through the acquisition of fee simple land and conservation easements, while POS Local provides financial and technical assistance to local subdivisions for the planning, acquisition, and or development of recreational land or open space areas, including working lands, targeted ecological areas, productive farm and forest lands.

New York

- [New York State Conservation Partnership Program](#) (\$138,000 within watershed FY25) State grants used to leverage public and private funding for building capacity of land trusts to help advance open space protection farmland preservation, and resource conservation goals.
- [Open Space Conservation Grant Program](#) (\$25 million statewide to be awarded in FY27) The goal of this grant program is to provide funding for land conservation partners across New York State, increase climate resiliency and adaptation, and support conserving 30% of NY's lands and waters by 2030 ([30x30 initiative](#)).
- [Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts](#) (\$404,250 within watershed FY25) State grants for land trusts to protect forestland through conservation easements and provide community benefits.

Pennsylvania

- [Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program](#) (\$22,956,951 in FFY25; additional \$17.9 million from county programs in FY25). The program is a partnership between all levels of government and non-profit organizations - with a common goal of saving prime farmland. The Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program was developed to strengthen Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and protect prime farmland. This program enables state and county governments to purchase conservation easements from farmers. The program was approved in 1988 and the first easement was purchased in December

of 1989. To date, 6,600+ farms have been approved for easement purchases totaling 660,000+ acres.

- [Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund](#). Created in 1993, the Key 93 initiative operated solely on realty transfer tax revenue, with 65% directed to Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The DCNR allocation supports the rehabilitation and enhancement of state parks, forestry, trails and river protection, emphasizing the importance of conserving natural resources and promoting outdoor recreation. Funds are also directed toward grants for local recreation projects that can have land acquisition elements, and grants for land trusts are provided to plan for and acquire open space.
 - 2025 land trust acquisition grants: \$12.1 million
 - 2025 community acquisition grants: \$2.9 million
- Oil and Gas Lease Fund. Established in 1955, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund supports conservation, recreation and flood control initiatives. It has enabled the purchase of state park lands, acquisition of mineral rights, infrastructure and trail upgrades, habitat protection and restoration, and the procurement of recreational equipment.

Virginia

- [Office of Working Lands Preservation](#) – (no dedicated funding) Work with public agencies and private groups to slow the loss of valuable working landscapes in Virginia through education, technical assistance, and accepting open-space easements.
- [Forest Legacy](#) – (FY25 \$2,102,500 state required match and \$8,410,000 federal) Partnership between DOF and USDA Forest Service to conserve forestland under threat of conversion to other land uses. Qualifying properties must be within identified Legacy Areas.
- [Purchase of Development Rights Program](#) – (FY25 - \$437,500 distributed to participating counties with PDR programs, all within the Bay) Partnership between DOF and participating localities. DOF equally distributes the funding allocated to the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund to localities that can provide matching funds for the purchase of open-space easements.

West Virginia

- [Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund](#): A state program that gives out grants to protect important wildlife habitats, farmlands, and public recreation areas.
- [West Virginia Division of Natural Resources](#): Protects public lands through hands-on restoration projects and runs the Master Naturalists Program to train environmental stewards.

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U.S. Department of War

- The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program: (\$10.3M in FY25) protects military missions by helping to remove or avoid land-use or management conflicts near installations and by addressing existing or potential regulatory restrictions that could inhibit military activities This includes the protection of land outside military installation boundaries.

[USDA–Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

- [Agriculture Land Easements \(ALEs\) \(\\$8,962,610 in FY25\) - In addition to financial assistance, USDA–NRCS made significant investments in conservation easements during FY 2025. The agency established 23 new ALEs covering approximately 3,343 acres](#)

Additional Snapshot Submissions

The following submissions were received from federal agencies but could not be sorted by outcome.

U.S. Geological Survey

- [USGS Chesapeake Bay Activities](#): (\$17.5M in 2026) Provides science to inform management and decision making associated with 14 different Watershed Agreement Outcomes. The science portfolio changes annually to align with both Partnership and Administration priorities, but generally supports Clean Water, Thriving Habitats, and Healthy Landscapes Goal Teams.

Appendix 1. Signatory and Federal Agency Statutory Authorities Driving Outcome Attainment

Goal 3: Healthy Landscapes

Outcome: Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions	
Signatory	Statutory Authority
Delaware	Delaware's Climate Action Plan (2025) - https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/Climate-Plan/2025-Delaware-Climate-Action-Plan.pdf
District of Columbia	D.C. Law 16-234. Green Building Act of 2006.
	D.C. Law 22-257. CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018.
Maryland	HB0254 Resilience Through Restoration Establishment
New York	ARTICLE 58 Implementation of the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 " Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B NY State Senate
Pennsylvania	Stormwater Management Act
	Floodplain Management Act
	Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, 2004 (Act 213) and 2007 (Act 35)
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Va. Code § 30-240
	MD Natural Resources Code §8-301
	1985, June 25, P.L. 64, No. 25
EPA	Clean Air Act Section 202
	Clean Water Act Section 601
	Clean Water Act Section 319

Outcome: Healthy Forests & Trees	
Signatory	Statutory Authority
Delaware	State Forestry (Title 3, Chapter 10)
	Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Act (Title 3, Chapter 9, Subchapter V)
District of Columbia	D.C. Law 24-152. Urban Forest Preservation Authority Amendment Act of 2022.
Maryland	Natural Resources Code §5-1607 Forestry
	MD Natural Resources Code §8-1801 Resource Protection Program
	MD Agriculture Code § 2-1901 Healthy Soils Program

New York	ARTICLE 58 Implementation of the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 " Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B NY State Senate
	Tree Conservation and Urban Forestry Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B, ARTICLE 53 NY State Senate
	SECTION 480-A Taxation of forest land Real Property Tax (RPT) CHAPTER 50-A, ARTICLE 4, TITLE 2 NY State Senate
Pennsylvania	Conservation and Natural Resources Act (Act 18 of 1995)
	Keystone Tree Fund
West Virginia	W. Va. Code § 19-1B (Logging Sediment Control Act): Governs commercial timber harvesting, operator licensing (§ 19-1B-4), logger certification (§ 19-1B-7), and sediment/erosion control best management practices (§ 19-1B-12a)
	W. Va. Code § 11-1C-11 (Managed Timberland Program): Focuses on property tax classification and incentives for private landowners who practice planned, multi-purpose forest management and sustainable timber production
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Va. Code § 30-240
	MD Natural Resources Code §8-301
	1985, June 25, P.L. 64, No. 25
EPA	Clean Water Act Section 117
	Clean Water Act Section 319
USFS	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. Chapter 41)

Outcome: Land Use Planning & Decision Support	
Signatory	Statutory Authority
District of Columbia	Zoning Act of 1938, approved June 20, 1938 (52 Stat. 797; D.C. Official Code § 6-641.01 (2008 Repl.); Green Area Ratio 11-C DCMR § 600
	D.C. Law 24-20. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2021
Maryland	COMAR 27 Critical Area Commission
	MD Public Safety Code §14–1201 - §14–1204 Office of Resilience
Pennsylvania	PA Clean Streams Law
	25 Pa. Code Chapter 102. Erosion And Sediment Control
	PA ACRE Law (Act 38)
	Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Va. Code § 30-240
	MD Natural Resources Code §8-301
	1985, June 25, P.L. 64, No. 25
EPA	Clean Water Action Section 117
USACE	Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended (Planning Assistance to States)

	Section 206, Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended (Floodplain Management Services)
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Outcome: Protected Lands	
Signatory	Statutory Authority
Delaware	Delaware Land Protection Act (creates the Open Space Program): https://delcode.delaware.gov/title7/c075/index.html
District of Columbia	D.C. Law 24-20. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2021.
	D.C. Law 24-336. Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022
	Zoning Act of 1938, approved June 20, 1938 (52 Stat. 797; D.C. Official Code § 6-641.01 (2008 Repl.))
Maryland	CH546 Maryland the Beautiful Act
	MD Natural Resources Code § 5-9 Program Open Space
	COMAR 15.15 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program
New York	ARTICLE 58 Implementation of the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 " Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B NY State Senate
	SECTION 49-0113 Thirty by thirty conservation goal Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B, ARTICLE 49, TITLE 1 NY State Senate
	TITLE 3 Open Space Land Conservation Projects Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B, ARTICLE 54 NY State Senate
Pennsylvania	Agricultural Area Security Law (Act 43 of 1981 and Act 149 of 1988)
	Conservation and Natural Resources Act (Act 18 of 1995)
West Virginia	West Virginia Code Chapter 20 (Natural Resources): Governs the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), covering the protection, development, and enjoyment of state parks, wildlife areas, public lands, and natural habitats
	West Virginia Code §8A-12-1 (Farmland Protection Programs): Focuses on protecting agricultural land and woodland as open-space land, controlling urban expansion, and establishing farmland protection boards
	West Virginia Code §20-12-2 (Conservation and Preservation Easements): Recognizes the public benefit of conservation easements to protect natural, historic, agricultural, and scenic resources
Chesapeake Bay Commission	Va. Code § 30-240
	MD Natural Resources Code §8-301
	1985, June 25, P.L. 64, No. 25
EPA	Clean Water Act Section 319
	Clean Water Act Section 601
	Clean Water Act Section 319