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Mr. Keppler is currently the Watershed Implementation Program Manager for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. He has over 20 years experience in agricultural conservation program delivery and currently oversees the implementation of the agricultural sector's responsibilities under the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. In addition, he manages the planning, coordination, budgeting and implementation of research activities associated with the evaluation of new innovative technologies related to environmental improvements on agricultural land. He also provides oversight and direction to both the Maryland Agricultural Certainty and Ecosystem Markets Programs. He is currently Maryland's representative on the Chesapeake Bay Program Agricultural Workgroup.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Keppler was responsible for the development of Maryland's Conservation Tracker System and worked closely with Maryland's BayStat Program and USEPA to ensure accurate and timely reporting of conservation information. He also reviewed conservation grants administered through the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and was a Non-Point Source Environmental Technician for the West Virginia Conservation Agency.

Mr. Keppler is a certified Nutrient Management Consultant and Professional Fertilizer Applicator in Maryland. He is also currently a LEAD MD Class IX fellow and is a Past President of the Old Line Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Education

MS Environmental Management, University of Maryland University College, 2009
BS Agriculture, West Virginia University, 1997

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