



# Capacity Building Initiative

*A model for accelerating restoration*

## Purpose

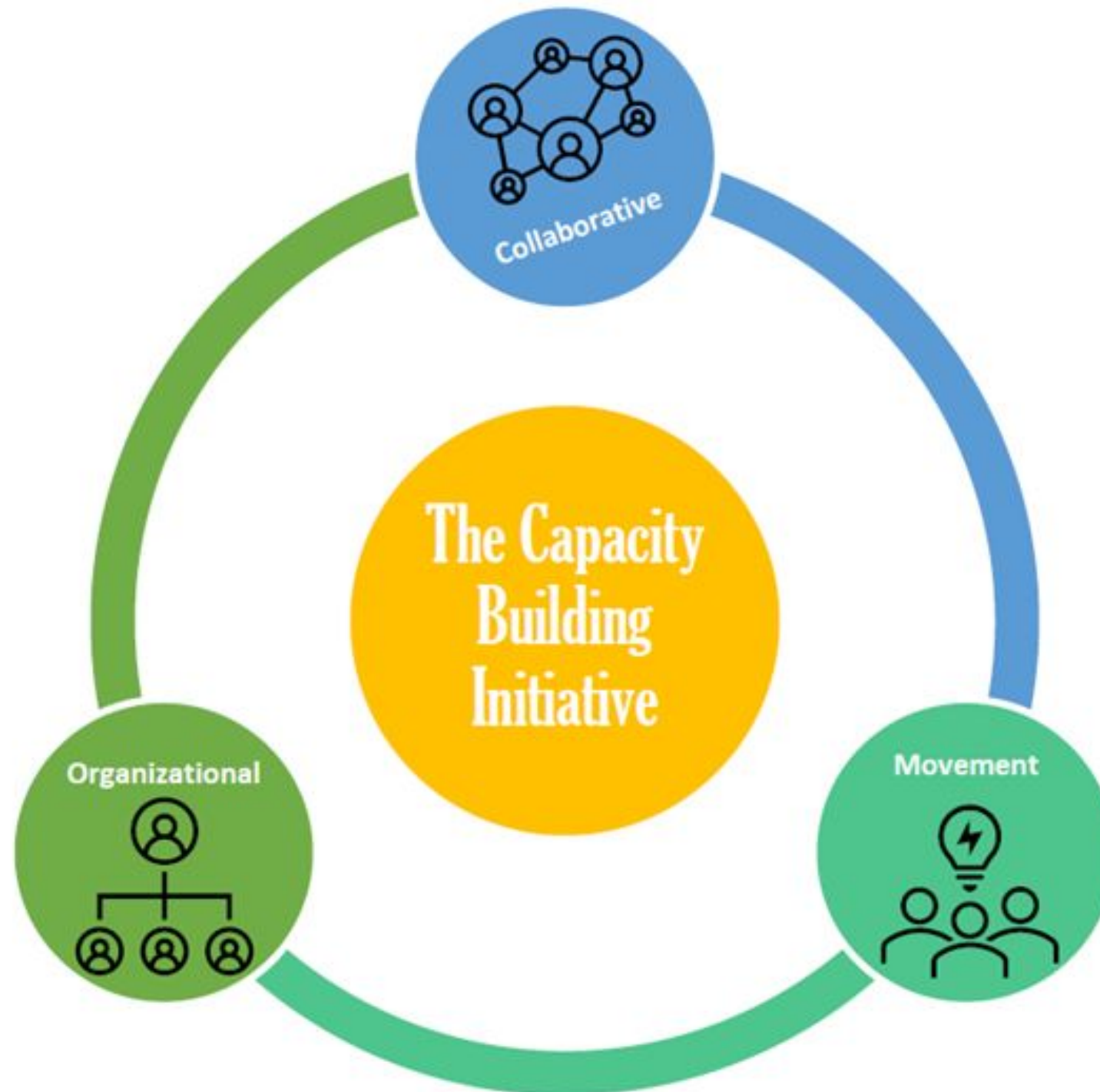
To build individual organization and collaborative capacity to advance Chesapeake Bay restoration at the local, community level.

## History

- Launched in 2006 to fill a funding gap in our region
- Designed around needs self-identified by the environmental non-profit community







## Administering the Capacity Building Initiative

- Applications are reviewed and scored by an external technical review committee
- The application and RFP are adapted each year based on feedback
- The Trust works to make the program as accessible as possible to all groups, regardless of previous federal grant experience

### CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM

*A Program of the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network*



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## Why We Focus on Capacity

- Provide the skills and systems to manage complex projects, and deliver high quality
- Stronger alignment - reduces duplication of effort and competition for resources



## Program Impact

- Stronger organizations that “graduate” from program
- More money accessed and leveraged for on the ground restoration work
- Accelerated scale and pace of BMP implementation

Figure 28. Virginia (Chesapeake Bay Watershed only): Cover Crops<sup>1</sup>

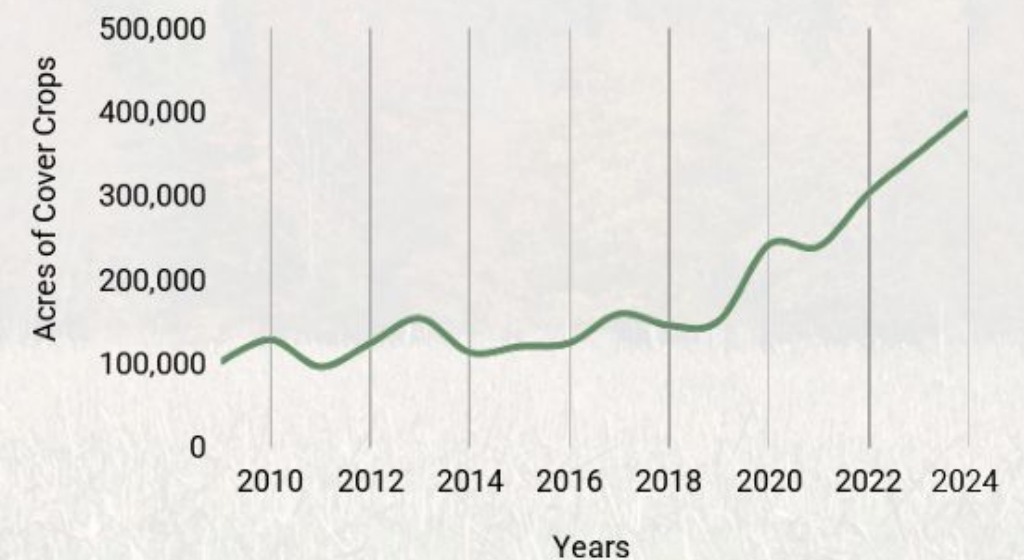
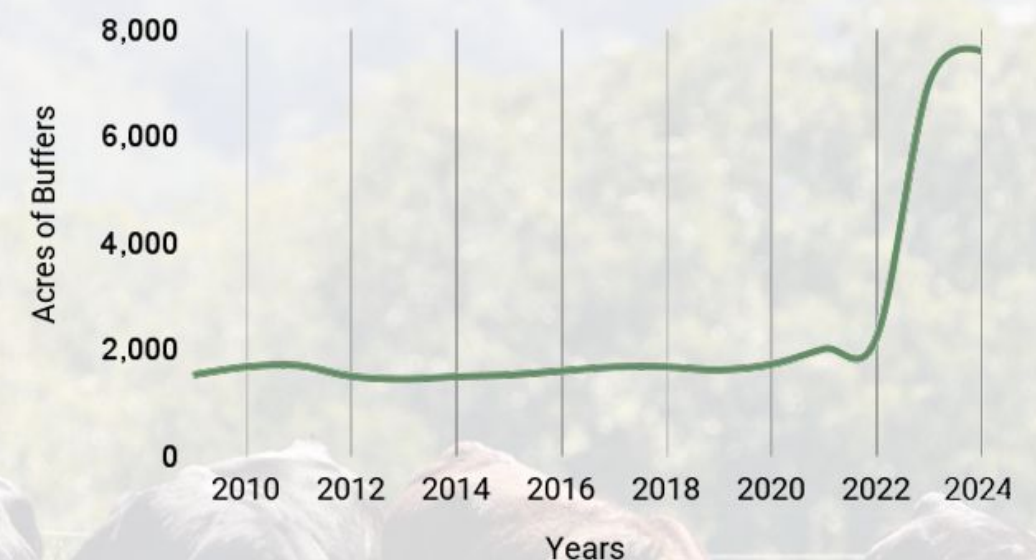


Figure 29. Shenandoah Valley: Buffers with Exclusion Fencing<sup>1</sup>







## Questions?

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Thank You!