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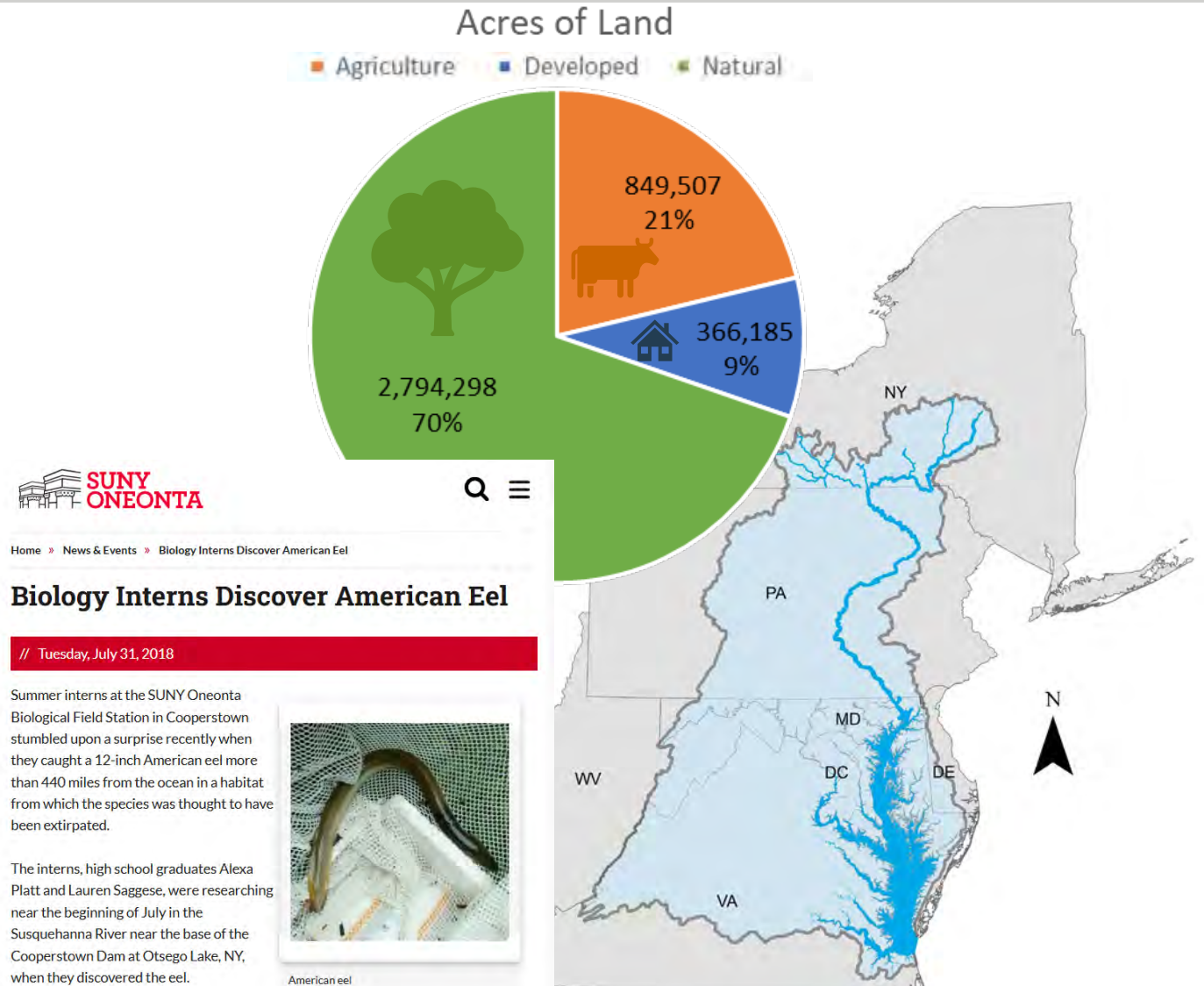
# Chesapeake Bay Local Leadership Workgroup

NY Susquehanna and Chemung Watersheds

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# New York's Connection to the Chesapeake Bay

- Susquehanna and Chemung Rivers are the northern headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay
- Portions of 19 counties in NY are within the watershed boundary
- Otsego Lake, Cooperstown NY is 444 river miles to the mouth of the Susquehanna River





# Top priorities for New York regarding water resources and Bay Watershed restoration

- Implement our Watershed Implementation Plan to protect and improve local water quality, increase resiliency, and restore habitats, focusing on co-benefits.
- Increase support for technical assistance and grant funding
- Improve communication among local stakeholders



Technical assistance, resources and/or funding opportunities that are available to local governments to support them in taking action in their communities

## Funding

- [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Funding Finder Tool](#)
  - Water Quality Improvement Project Grant
  - Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant
- [NYS Agriculture and Markets Funding Opportunities](#)
  - Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grant
  - Climate Resilient Farming Grant
- [Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Resiliency Grants](#)
- [Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Innovation Grant Program](#)



## Technical Assistance & Resources

- Regional Planning and Development Boards
  - [Southern Tier 8](#)
  - [Southern Tier Central](#)
- [Upper Susquehanna Coalition](#)
- Department of State – [Model Local Laws to Increase Resiliency](#)

# Statewide Climate Resilience, PFAs/Toxic & Emerging Contaminants, and Land Use & Development

## Climate Change

- Climate Smart Communities
- Resilient NY
- NY Climate Act

## PFAS

- 2016 creation of the PFAS Water Quality Rapid Response Team
- 2020 maximum contaminant levels established
- State Firefighting Foam Collection Efforts
- Statewide PFAS Survey
- PFAS guidance document on water quality sampling and analysis

## Land Conservation

- NYS 30x30: Conserving 30% of NY's land and waters by 2030
  - Statewide currently at 21.88%

