# Categorizing Federally Funded BMPs to Prioritize Our Efforts

Vanessa Van Note, Coordinator

# Categorizing NRCS/Federally Funded BMPs

Source: PA 2020 Annual Progress Submission

## **Barnyard Management Practices**

**Composting Facility AWMS Roof Runoff Structure** Roof Runoff Management Watering Facility **Prescribed Grazing** Diversion Loafing Lot Management Waste Storage Facility Structure for Water Control Bioretention Wet Pond

### **Land Management Practices**

Nutrient Management Core **Conservation Plans** Conservation Crop Rotation Pasture and Hay Planting **Conservation Cover** Terrace (CPS) **Brush Management Contour Farming** Critical Area Planting Land Retirement **Hedgerow Planting Grazing Management Protection Irrigation Protection** 

## Categorizing NRCS/Federally Funded BMPs

Source: PA 2020 Annual Progress Submission

#### **Habitat Creation Practices**

Wetland Restoration
Wetland Creation
Wetland Rehabilitation
CREP Wildlife Habitat

#### **Herbaceous/Vegetative Practices**

Exclusion Fence with Narrow Grass Buffer Exclusion Fence with Narrow Grass Buffer RI Wastewater Treatment Strip Grassed Waterway Riparian Herbaceous Cover

Lined Waterway or Outlet

Filter Strip

Contour Buffer Strips

Field Border

Lined Waterway or Outlet

**Grass Buffers** 

**Grassed Waterways** 

Vegetated Treatment Area

**Filtration** 

#### **Forest/Tree Planting Practices**

Riparian Forest Buffer
Tree Planting
Forest Stand Improvement
Windbreak/Shelter Establishment
Tree/Shrub Establishment

**Streambank and Shoreline Protection** 

# Next Steps for this Effort

#### Confirm

Confirm
grouping/categorization
with NRCS
Representatives and Ag
Experts at the Bay
Program

## Provide

Provide grouped BMPs to states for review and input.

#### Elevate

Once states have reviewed the BMPs, elevate the list for input from management.

# **Discussion Questions**

- To confirm, WV, DE, PA and VA rely on aggregate NRCS data?
  - For each state, is every aggregated practice from NRCS/USGS submitted to the Bay Program for Progress Reporting?
- Which BMPs are the most difficult to verify?
  - Does the level of difficulty correlate to the funding source?
     Geography? Type of BMP?
  - Are all federally funded practices difficult to verify? How have states overcome this challenge for select BMPs to reach the sample necessary for statistical sub-sampling?