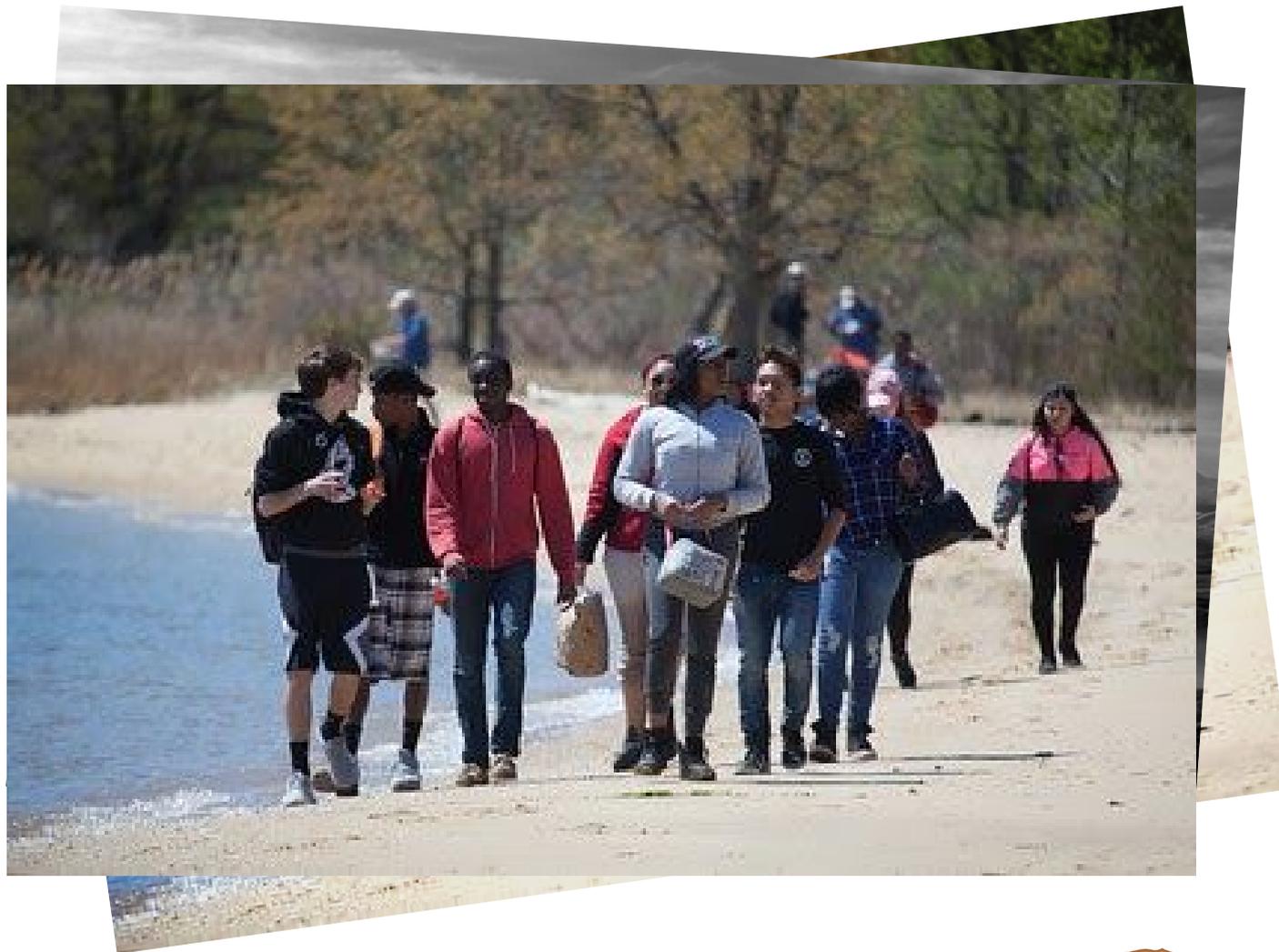


CHESAPEAKE *Youth* INITIATIVE



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OUR TEAM

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What is the Chesapeake Youth Initiative?

A word cloud centered around the theme of youth voice and community. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern around the central text 'Youth Voice'. The words vary in size and color, with 'fresh perspective' and 'Youth Voice' being the largest. Other prominent words include 'advocacy', 'policy', 'peer', 'community', 'network', and 'stewardship'. Smaller words include 'career ladder', 'engagement', 'Diversity', 'enthusiasm', 'mentorship', 'ambassador', 'Environmental Literacy', and 'leadership'.

career ladder
engagement peer
advocacy policy
Diversity
Youth Voice
enthusiasm
fresh perspective
mentorship community ambassador
Environmental Literacy
leadership network
stewardship

DIVERSITY

to identify stakeholder groups that are not currently represented in the leadership, decision-making and implementation of conservation and restoration activities and **create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage them in the Bay Program's efforts.**



Our strategies and actions fall under four approaches:

1. Enhance communication and outreach with **underrepresented stakeholders**
2. **Create and expand employment opportunities** for underrepresented individuals and communities by **strengthening connections to existing resources and creating new avenues for career building**
3. Promote **environmental justice through the meaningful involvement** and fair treatment of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin or income, in the implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement
4. **Advance diversity, equity, inclusion and justice** in all aspects of organizational culture and work



ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

Enable students in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed.



Who is participating this pilot year?



12 Mentors

Number of Chesapeake Bay Program staff committed



4 Student Leadership Programs

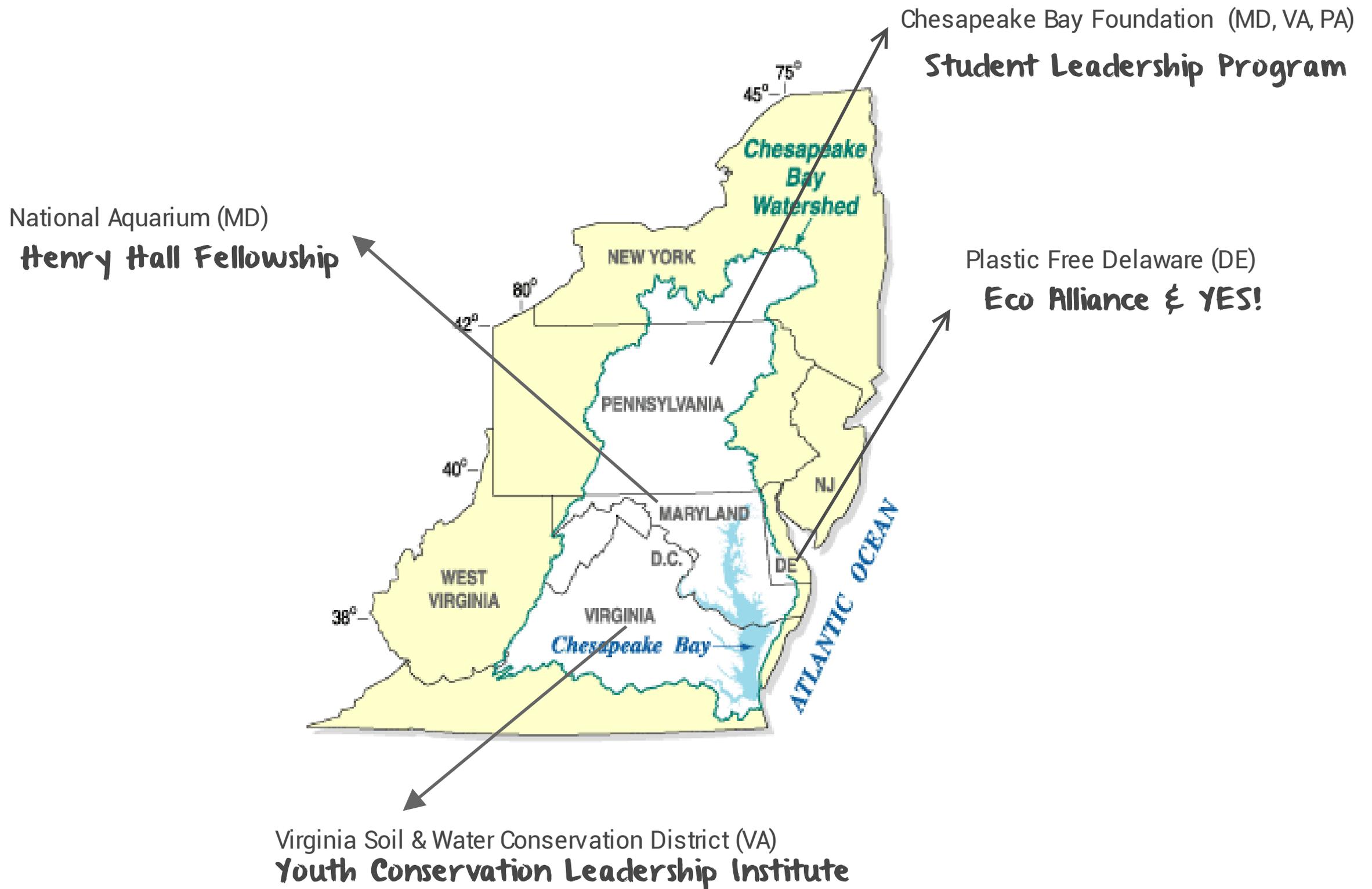
Number of partner organizations nominating students



16 Student Ambassadors

Number of high school students to participate in pilot year

PROGRAMS



GIT <-> CORE GROUPS

Sustainable Fisheries

Kristin Saunders & Mike Bednarski

Neha Veeragandham
Khloe Brooks
Sara Cho

1



Water Quality & Toxic Contaminants

Sally Claggett & Julie Lawson

Kiersten Brooks
Erica Hong
Isadora Marquez

2



Vital Habitats & Species

Laura Catlett Noll, Stephen Faulkner
& Suzanne Sullivan

Marissa McDine
Maria McDonald
Emma Evans

3



Conservation & Public Access

Debbie Herr Cornwell, Norah Jackson,
& Julie Mawhorter

Natalie Yang
Emma deGarbolewski
Emma Bisson

4



Climate Resiliency

Allison Breitenother & Trystan Sill

Claire Conner
Maniyah Clark
Arielle Flaherty
Isabella Erber

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NEXT STEPS

