



FEDERAL FARM BILL

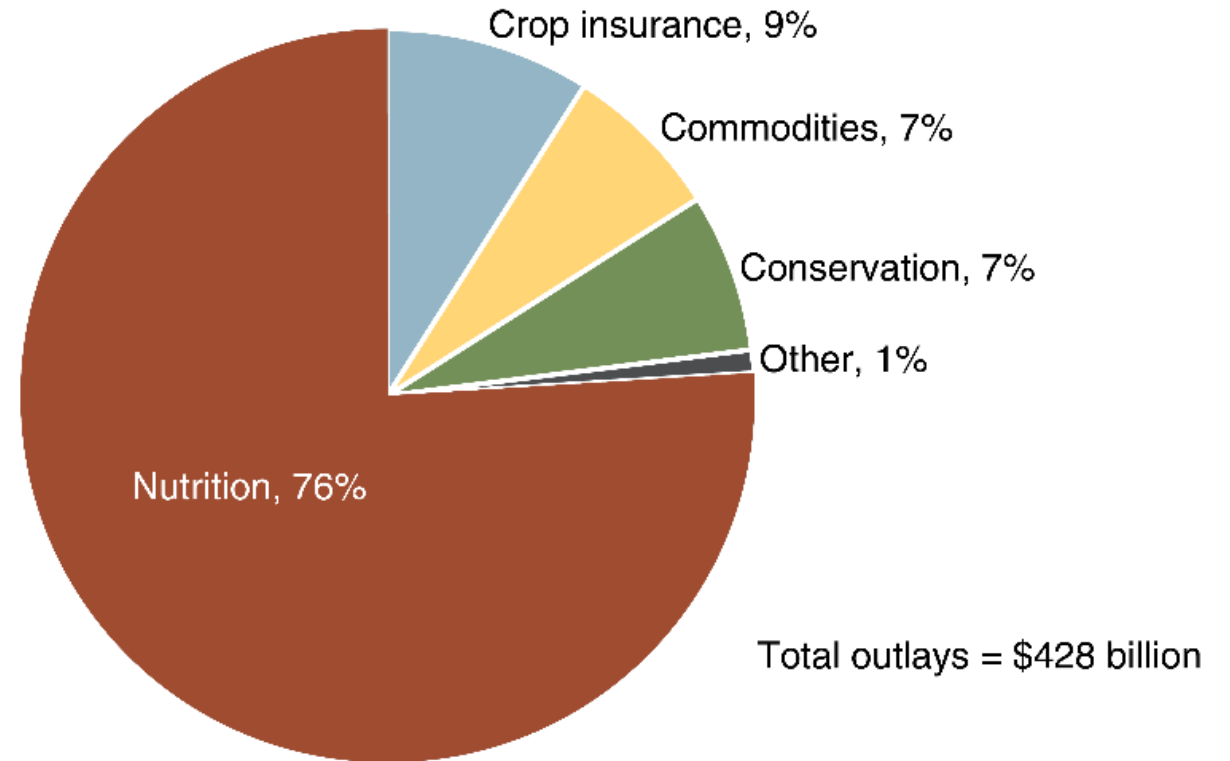
THE CONSERVATION TITLE AND CHESAPEAKE BAY

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WHAT IS THE FARM BILL?

- Omnibus farm, food, and rural aid legislation
- Re-authorized ~every 5 years

Projected outlays under the 2018 Farm Act, 2019-2023

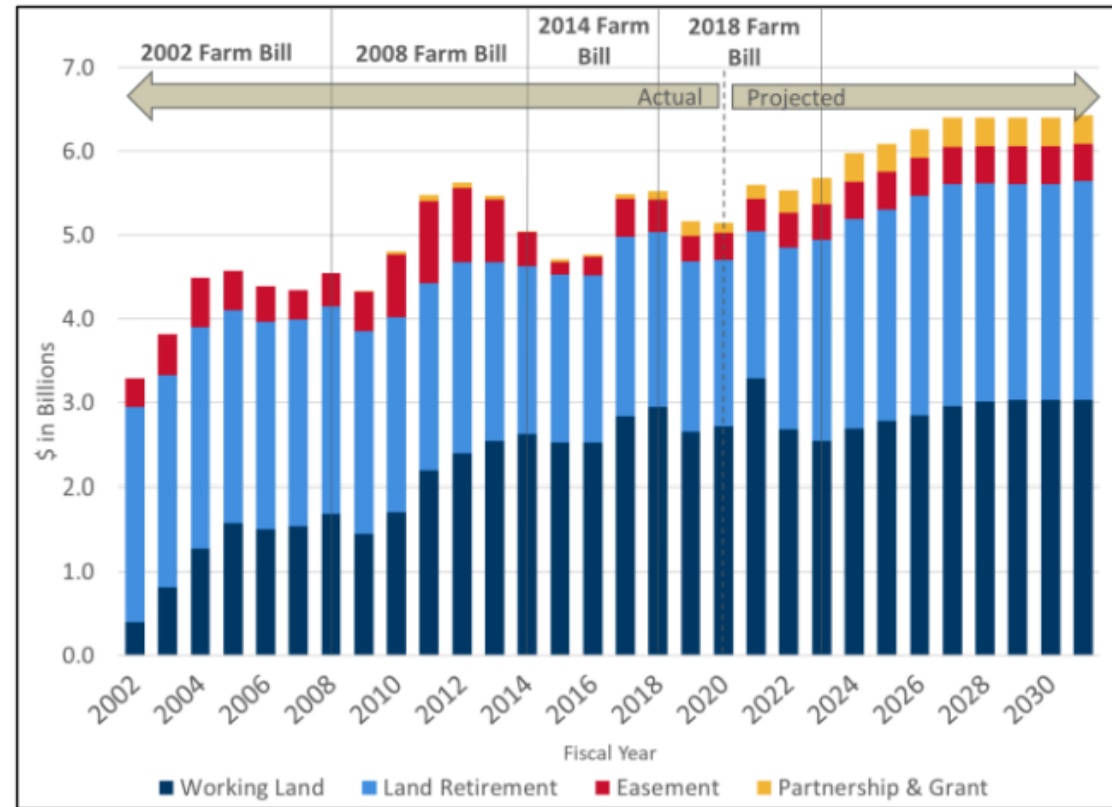


Source: Congressional Research Service based on USDA-ERS calculations based on CBO estimates.

HISTORY OF THE CONSERVATION TITLE

- 1930s response to the Dust Bowl
- Growing significance since 1985
- Four program categories:
 - Working Lands
 - Land Retirement
 - Easements
 - Partnerships

Farm Bill Conservation Program Mandatory Spending, FY2002-FY2031; in millions of dollars (actuals adjusted for inflation)

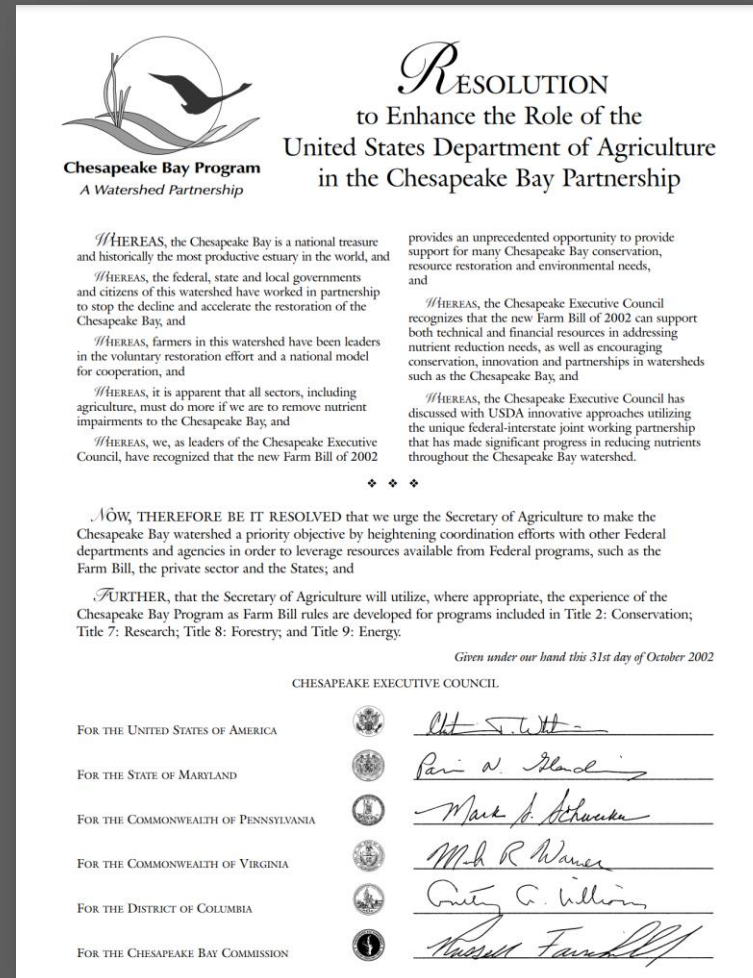


Sources: CRS using Congressional Budget Office baseline data, FY2001-FY2021; and Office of Management and Budget, Table 10.1—Gross Domestic Product [GDP] and Deflators Used in the Historical Tables: 1940-2026, May 2021.

HISTORY OF CBC ACTION

2002

- Partnered in “Lego Workgroup”
- Executive Council Resolution



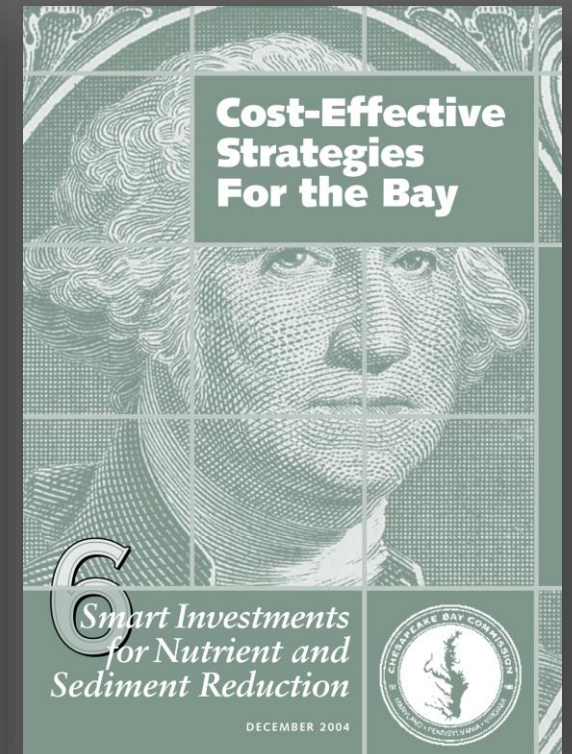
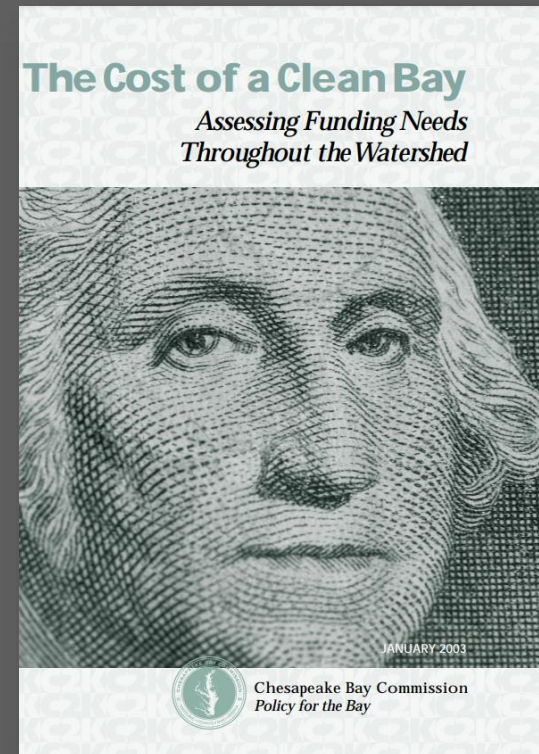
HISTORY OF CBC ACTION

2003: *Cost of a Clean Bay*

- \$11.5 B needed, \$2.1 B available

2004: *Cost-Effective Strategies for the Bay*

- 5 of 6 are agricultural



HISTORY OF CBC ACTION

The graphic features a circular icon with a stylized farm scene (barn, silo, and field) in the top left corner. To the right of the icon, the year '2007' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below '2007', the words 'FEDERAL' and 'FARM BILL' are stacked in a very large, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the graphic is a photograph of a grassy field with a few cows in the foreground and a cloudy sky in the background.

2007 FEDERAL FARM BILL

*Concepts for
Conservation Reform in the
Chesapeake Bay Region*

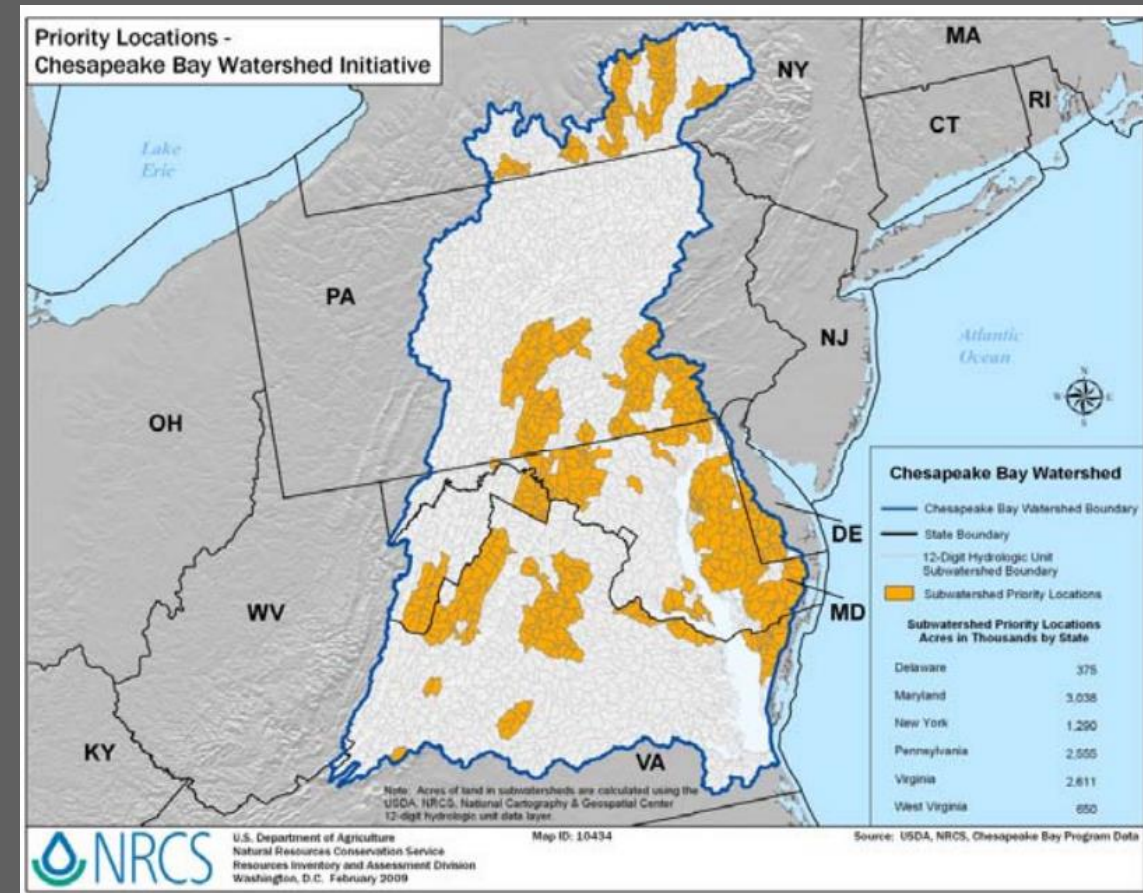
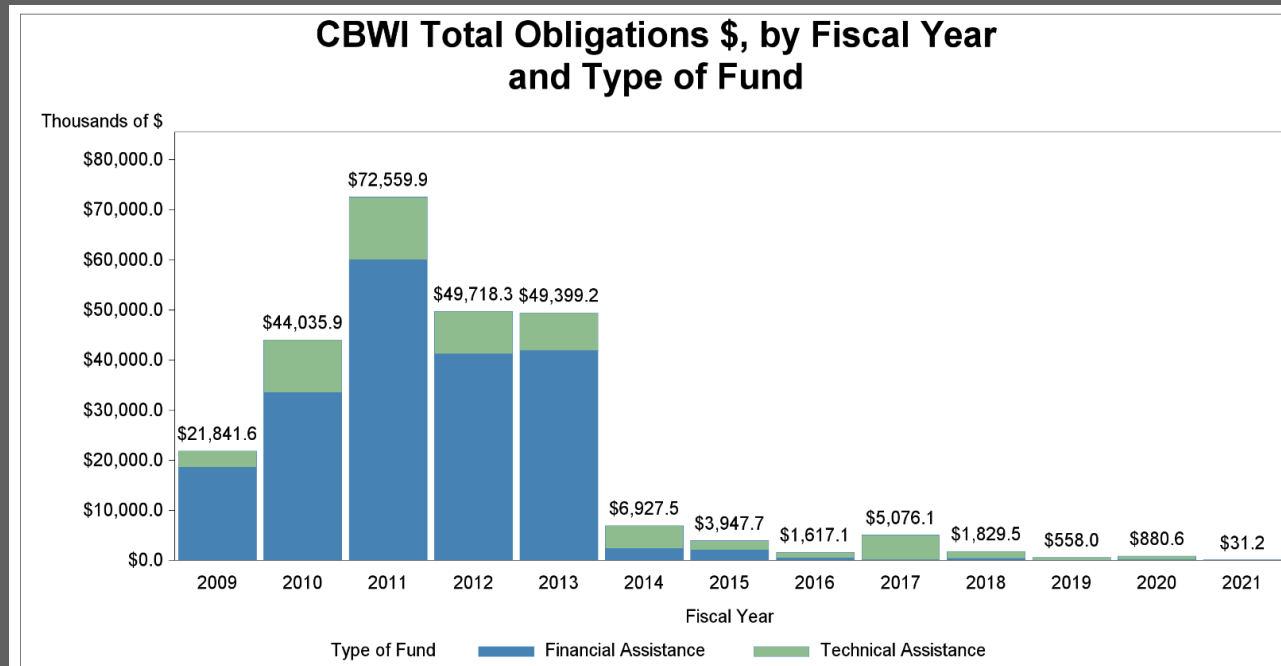
2005: Looking ahead to a 2007 Farm Bill

- 5 recommendations:
 - Establish “Regional Stewardship Funds” based on local priorities
 - Reauthorize and expand Conservation Security Program (CSP)
 - Target funds
 - Support farm viability
 - Increase conservation funding and technical assistance

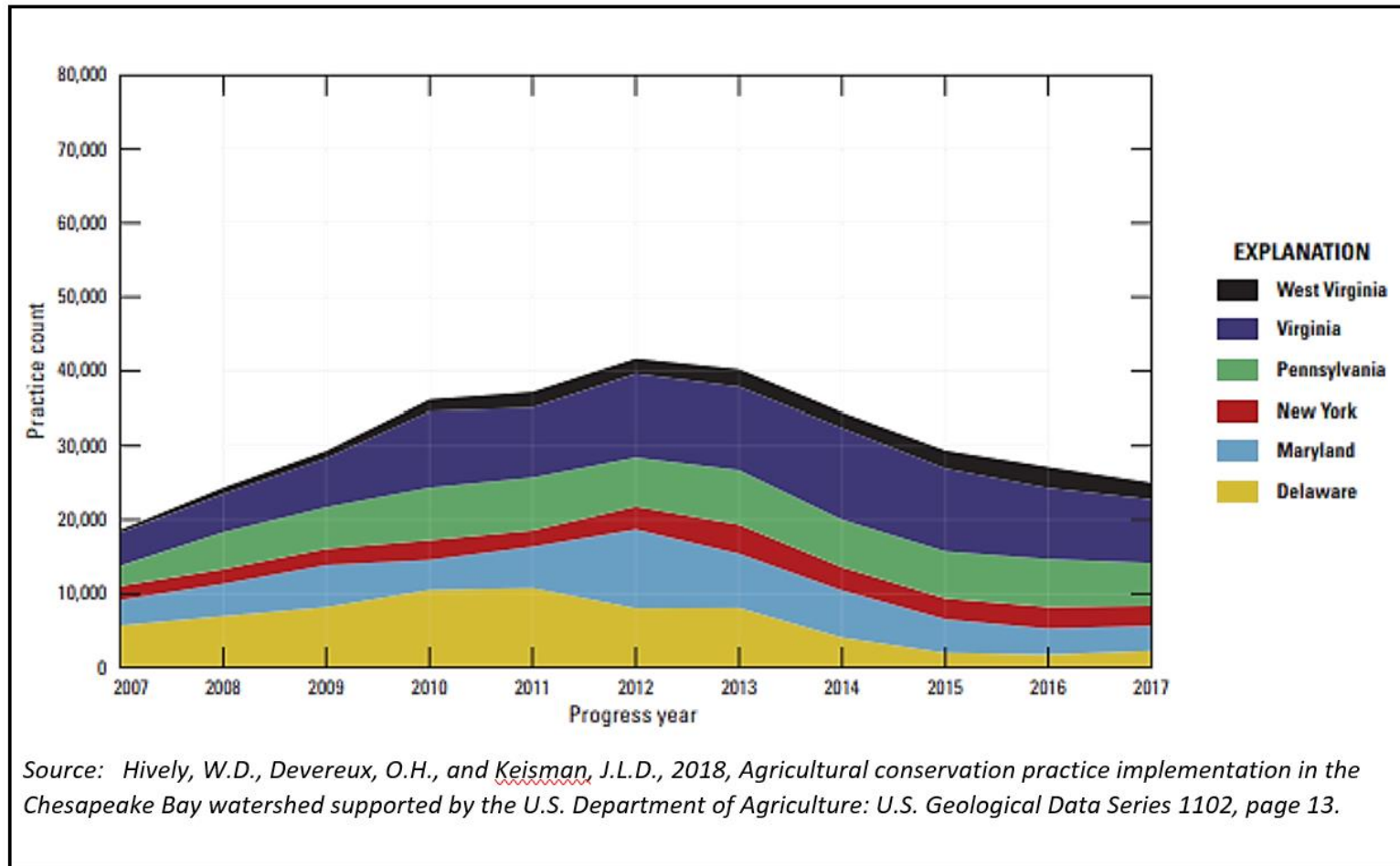
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2008: Farm Bill Results

- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative



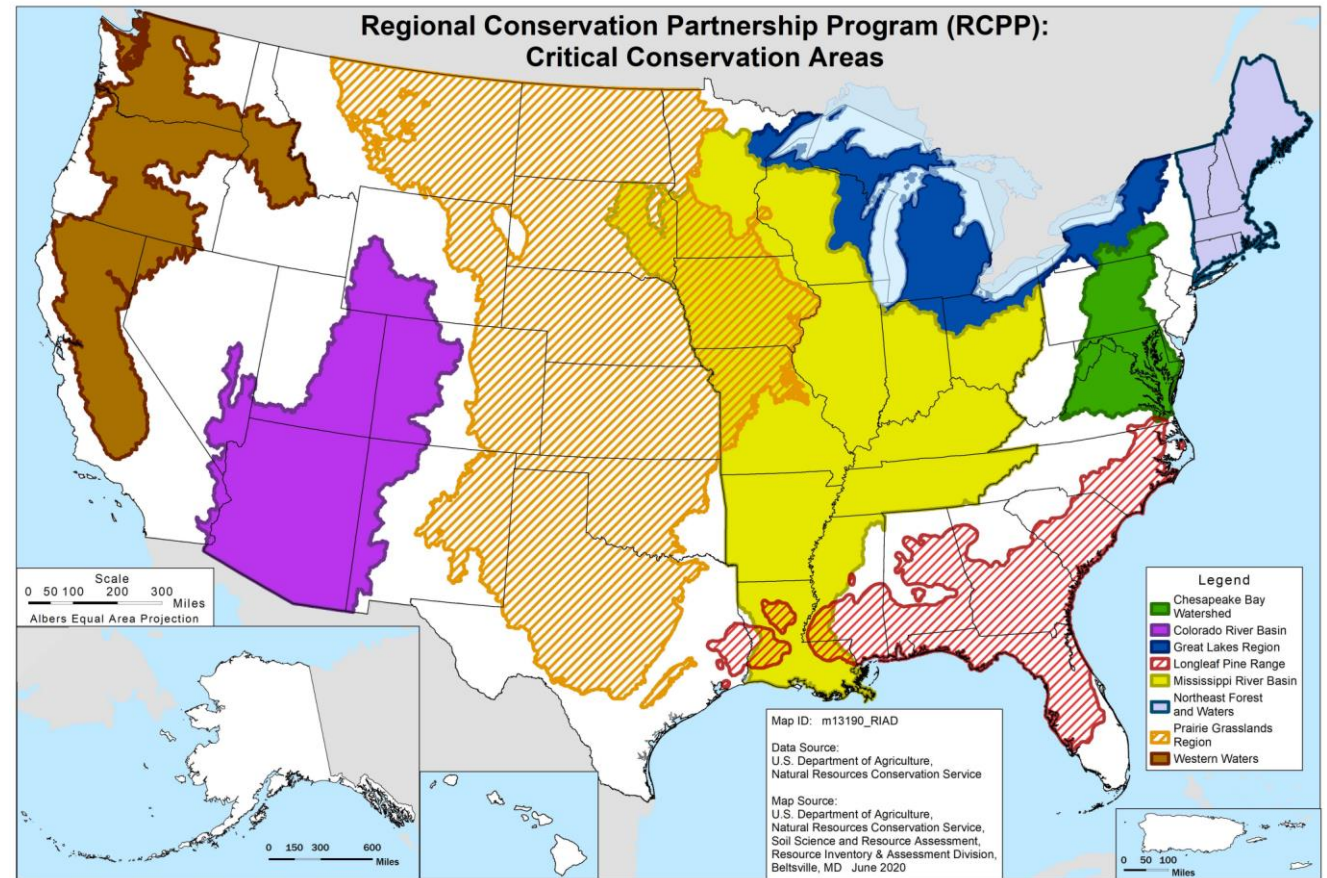
New USDA-funded practices per year in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



HISTORY OF CBC ACTION

2014 Farm Bill

- Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Since 2018, \$300M annually, nationwide



LOOKING AHEAD

