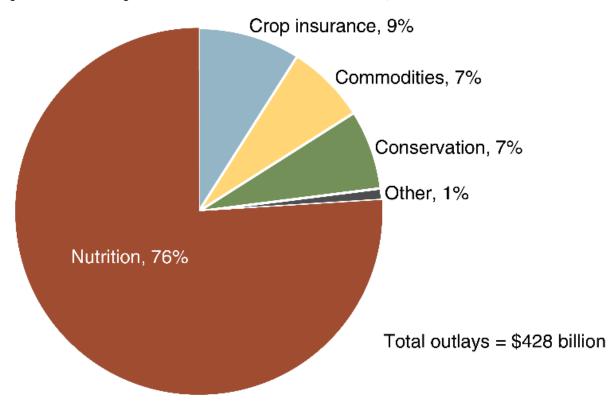


## WHAT IS THE FARM BILL?

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

#### Projected outlays under the 2018 Farm Act, 2019-2023

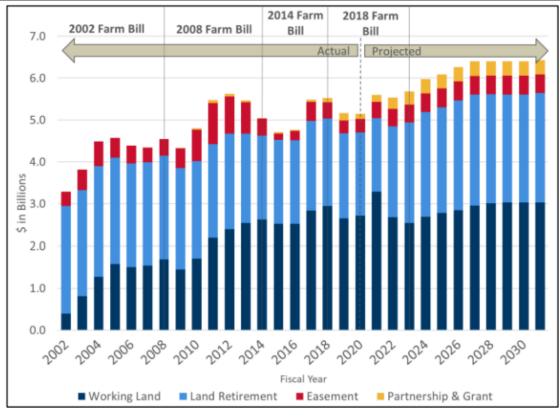


Source: Congressional Research Service based on USDA-ERS calculations based on CBO estimates.

# 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.

#### 2002

- Partnered in "Lego Workgroup"
- Executive Council Resolution



## to Enhance the Role of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay Partnership

A Watershed Partnership

#HEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and historically the most productive estuary in the world, and #HEREAS, the federal, state and local governments

#HEREAS, the federal, state and local governments and citizens of this watershed have worked in partnership to stop the decline and accelerate the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and

#HEREAS, farmers in this watershed have been leaders in the voluntary restoration effort and a national model for cooperation, and

#HEREAS, it is apparent that all sectors, including agriculture, must do more if we are to remove nutrient impairments to the Chesapeake Bay, and

#HEREAS, we, as leaders of the Chesapeake Executive Council, have recognized that the new Farm Bill of 2002

provides an unprecedented opportunity to provide support for many Chesapeake Bay conservation, resource restoration and environmental needs, and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Executive Council recognizes that the new Farm Bill of 2002 can support both technical and financial resources in addressing nutrient reduction needs, as well as encouraging conservation, innovation and partnerships in watersheds such as the Chesapeake Bay, and

#HEREAS, the Chesapeake Executive Council has discussed with USDA innovative approaches utilizing the unique federal-interstate joint working partnership that has made significant progress in reducing nutrients throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the Secretary of Agriculture to make the Chesapeake Bay watershed a priority objective by heightening coordination efforts with other Federal departments and agencies in order to leverage resources available from Federal programs, such as the Farm Bill, the private sector and the States; and

FURTHER, that the Secretary of Agriculture will utilize, where appropriate, the experience of the Chesapeake Bay Program as Farm Bill rules are developed for programs included in Title 2: Conservation; Title 7: Research; Title 8: Forestry, and Title 9: Energy.

Given under our hand this 31st day of October 2002

CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FOR THE CHEMPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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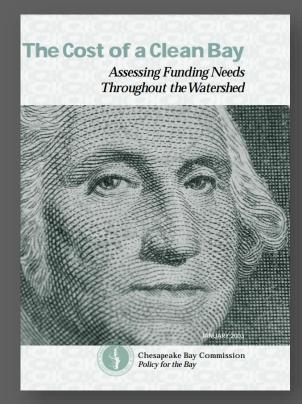
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2003: Cost of a Clean Bay

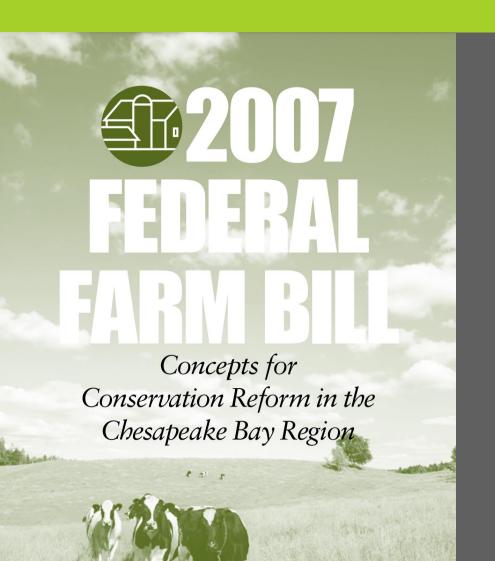
• \$11.5 B needed, \$2.1 B available

2004: Cost-Effective Strategies for the Bay

• 5 of 6 are agricultural





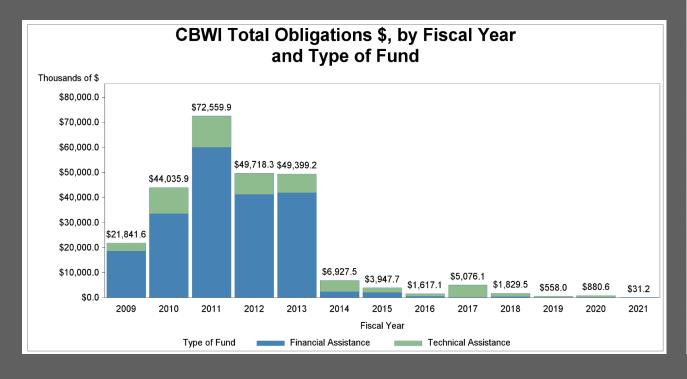


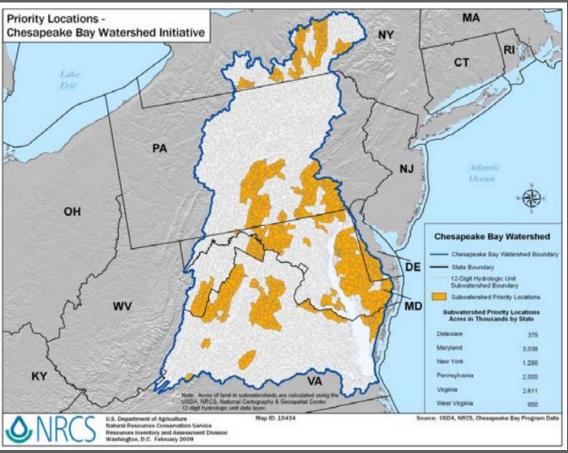
2005: Looking ahead to a 2007 Farm Bill

- 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

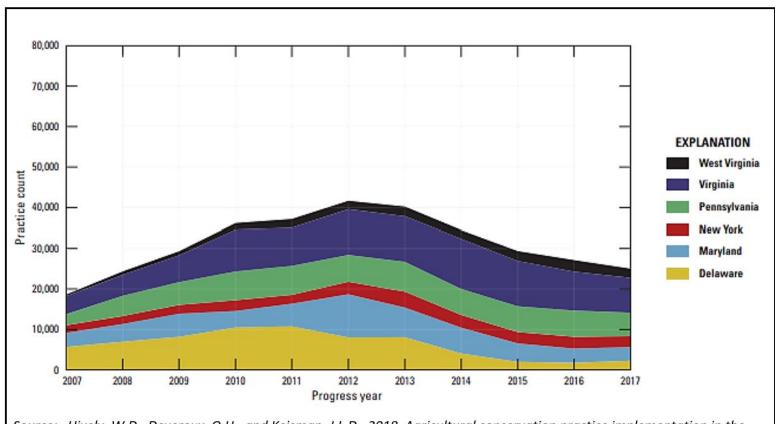
#### 2008: Farm Bill Results

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative





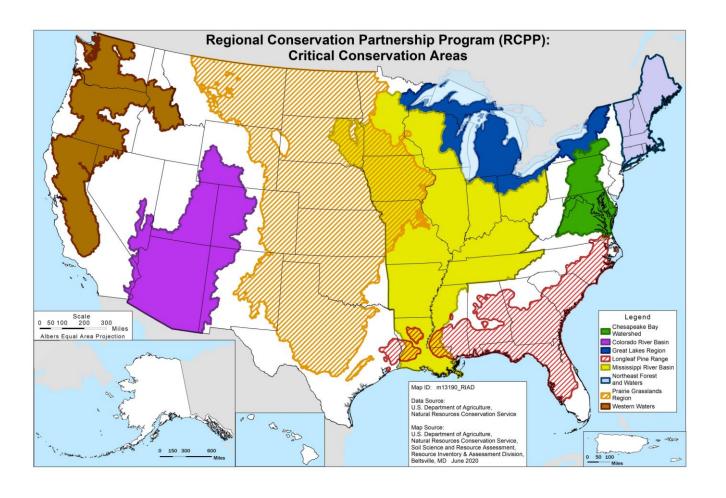
#### New USDA-funded practices per year in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



Source: Hively, W.D., Devereux, O.H., and Keisman, J.L.D., 2018, Agricultural conservation practice implementation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture: U.S. Geological Data Series 1102, page 13.

#### 2014 Farm Bill

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



## LOOKING AHEAD

Congressional Leadership

C-SPI

2023 Farm Bill

CTA Appropriations