

We write today to request your support for a bold plan to stimulate state and local economies in the Mid-Atlantic region and restore America's largest estuary – the Chesapeake Bay. Our proposal is the *Billion for the Bay Initiative*: a significant and much needed infusion of new funds that will jumpstart the final phase of Bay restoration and put people to work building clean water infrastructure, including green infrastructure that will reduce stormwater and agricultural water pollution, the restoration of natural landscapes, and helping us adapt to the impacts of climate change.



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We look forward to additional conversations with you and your colleagues from the rehow to design and implement this important program for maximum success.

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EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Funding (IIJA) - \$238M Total Funding Clean Water State Revolving Fund (IIJA) - \$878.475M Total Funding\* USDA Conservation Programs (BBB) - \$579.8M Total Funding\* \*Estimates based on past allocations

EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Funding (IIJA)

\$238M IN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OR \$47.6M FROM FY2022-FY2026 EPA allocation plans still unclear Future Appropriations still needed

#### Clean Water State Revolving Fund (IIJA)

FY 2020 CWSRF funding for the Chesapeake Bay region was \$122.832M. Supplemental funding through IIJA:

> FY2022 -\$142.65M FY2023 -\$165.15M FY2024 -\$180.225M FY2025-\$195.225M FY2026 - \$195.225M

#### USDA Conservation Programs (BBB)

\$360M from Environmental Quality Incentives Program

FY22- \$12M, FY23 - \$20M, FY24 - \$70M, FY 25 - \$120M, FY26 -\$138M

\$121.5M from Conservation Stewardship Program

► FY22 - \$3.75M, FY23 - \$7.5M, FY24 - \$12.75M, FY25 - \$11.25M, FY26 - \$22.5M

\$38M from Regional Conservation Partnership Program

FY22- \$1.5M, FY23-\$2.5M, FY24-\$7.5M, FY25-\$7.5M, FY26-\$15.25M

\$24.3M from Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

► FY22-\$1.3M, FY23-\$2.6M, FY24-\$3.9M, FY25-\$7.5M, FY26-\$9M

\$36M from NRCS Conservation Operations

\* All still subject to change based on BBB negotiations

# Chesapeake Bay Commission top FY 2022 budget priorities

**Environmental Protection Agency** 

Chesapeake Bay Program: \$90.5M

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (WILD): \$15M

**Department of Defense** 

Stormwater and Environmental Resiliency

**U.S.** Geological Survey

Chesapeake Ecosystem Science and Monitoring: \$16M

\*All FY 2022 appropriations are operating under a continuing resolution until 2/18

### Environmental Protection Agency Chesapeake Bay Program

- The House and Senate FY 2022 Appropriations bills include \$90.5M for the EPA Bay Program.
- ► The funding increase of \$3M over FY 2021 would benefit the grant programs and most-effective basins allocation.
- The EPA Bay Program is authorized at the following levels going forward: FY 2022 - \$90.5M; FY 2023 - \$91M; FY 2024 - \$91.5M; FY 2025 - \$92M.
- Continued advocacy to sustain these funding levels and uses through the regular appropriations process will be required.

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Water Investments for Landscape Defense (WILD)

- New program created in 2020 to fund grants for wildlife and ecosystem restoration in the Bay region.
- The House FY 2022 Interior Appropriations bill funds WILD at the authorized level of \$15M
- The Senate FY 2022 Interior Appropriations bill funds WILD at \$5M.
- Conference negotiations will take place in February.

# U.S. Geological Survey Chesapeake Ecosystem Science & Monitoring

- Decision-makers at all levels throughout the watershed rely on USGS science, monitoring and analysis.
- The House FY 2022 Interior Appropriations bill includes a \$400K increase for activities in the Bay region.
- The Senate FY 2022 Interior Appropriations bill includes a \$1.2M increase for activities in the Bay region.
- Conference negotiations will take place in February.

# Department of Defense stormwater and environmental resiliency

The FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, as signed into law on December 27, 2021, provides new authorization for funding of stormwater infrastructure projects through several accounts: military construction, resilience, Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program (ERCIP), Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), Defense Access Roads.

The House and Senate FY 2022 Military Construction Appropriations bill encourage use of ERCIP funds for stormwater infrastructure.