



Agriculture & Environment Initiative

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How does AFT protect farmland?

Protect the
Land Base

Viable Farm
Businesses

Environmental
Stewardship

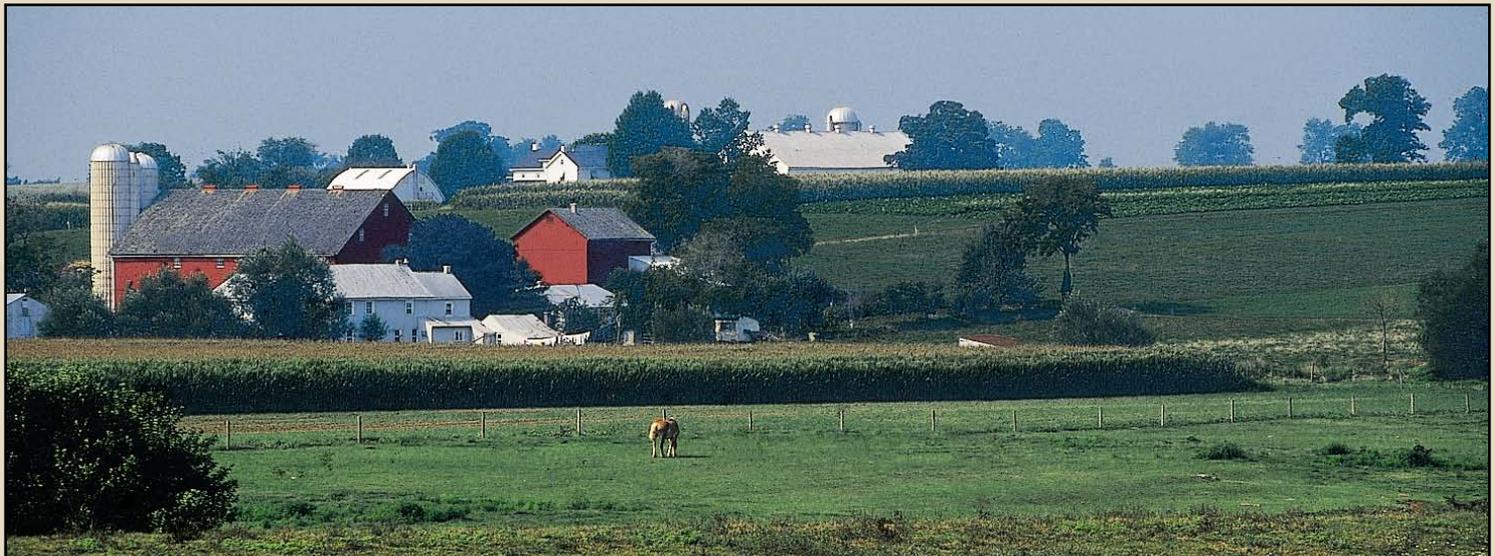
**Vibrant Ag
Industry**

“Neighbor Relations”
Right to Farm

Farm Transition
&
Next Generation

Agriculture is the largest user of land and water in the U.S.

Agriculture significantly affects our nation's environment





Chesapeake Bay Restoration



THE
PERFECT STORM



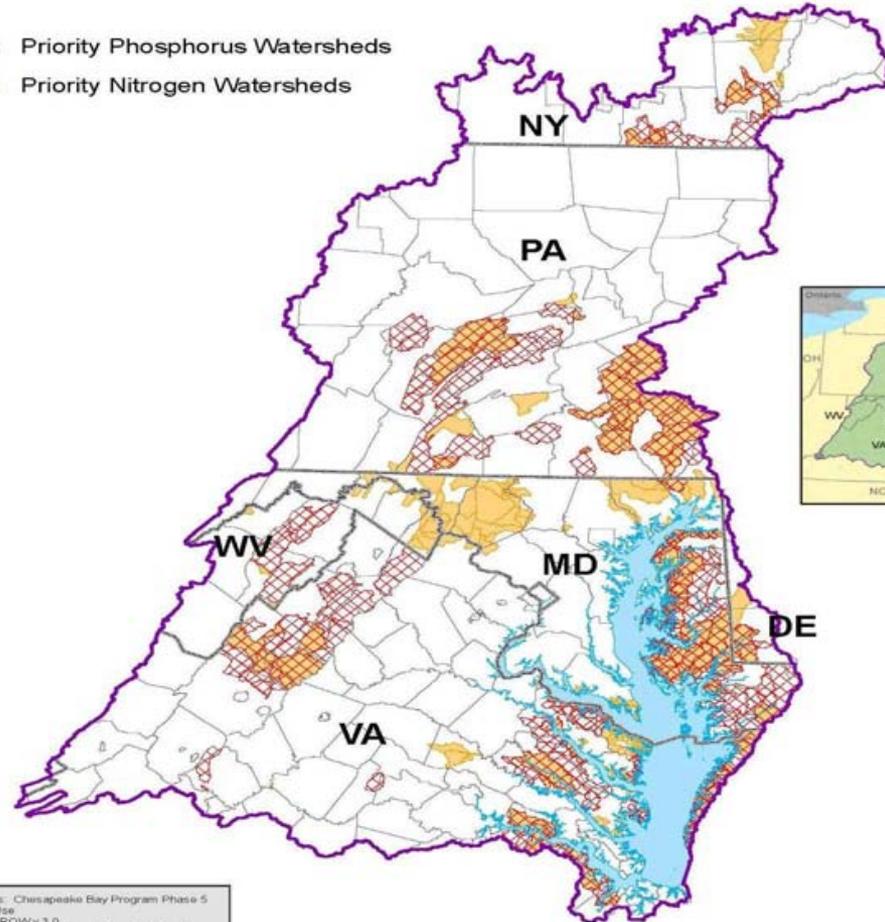
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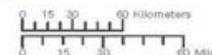
Agricultural areas with high nutrient yields to the Chesapeake Bay and nutrient-related local impairments



-  Priority Phosphorus Watersheds
-  Priority Nitrogen Watersheds



Data Sources: Chesapeake Bay Program Phase 5
 WGS Land Use
 USGS SPARROW v.3.0
 State 301d Data provided by State Contacts and
 EPA Region 3
 For more information, visit www.chesapeakebay.net



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Valuing Ag's Place



- *“Losing Farms and Forests is not in the interest of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Maintaining the viability of agriculture is an essential component to sustaining ecosystems in the Bay. Environmentally sound farming is a preferred land use in the region and we are committed to strong partnerships.”* — (Executive Order Draft Strategy)