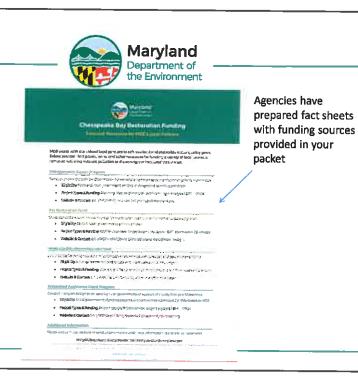


Funding at Record Levels

FY 2019 Budget Includes \$1.2-billion for Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts!

Highlights:

- \$52.9-Million for Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund
- \$253-milion (167-million) dedicated transfer tax programs like Open Space
- \$306-million in Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund
- \$70-million in Bay Restoration Funds for Wastewater Projects and \$15-million for septic upgrades





Status of New Programs and Funding

- Clean Water Commerce Act
- Water Quality Trading
- Septic Stewardship



Clean Water Commerce Act

- \$6-million in FY19, \$10-million in 2020 & 2021 (sunset)
- Incentivizes most cost-effective pollution reductions
- Regulations were adopted in March 2018 and request for proposals/solicitation will be posted shortly, possibly in June.
- Allows BRF \$ to be used for N, P, and Sediment load reductions (in addition to CSO/SSO, septic connections and stormwater)
- Agricultural Sector excluded
- Point of Contact: Walid Saffouri, <u>walid.saffouri@maryland.gov</u>



Water Quality Trading Program

- Creates marketplace for achieving sector pollution limits, stimulates sector participation, expands compliance options, incentivizes innovation and lowers costs.
- Allows N, P and Sediments trading between Sectors (Agricultural, Stormwater, Wastewater and On-Site systems) as long as local WQ met and baselines are met.
- · Necessary administrative process and permit modifications are still underway
- Credits must be certified, verified/maintained, registered, and include uncertainty, edge of tide, and reserve ratios.
- · Trading geography: Patuxent, Potomac, Eastern/Western Shores & Susquehanna
- · Final Regulations expected to be published by the end of June and effective by mid July.
- · Point of Contact: Marya Levelev, marya.levelev@maryland.gov



Septic Stewardship

- In FY2020 and 2021, financial assistance to local jurisdictions to develop septic stewardship plans.
- Provides financial assistance (grants, rebates or loans) to eligible homeowners for the reasonable cost of pump outs.
- Homeowner must verify pump out and must be in septic stewardship plan jurisdiction.
- · Department is reviewing the need for regulations.
- Point of Contact: Naomi Howell, <u>naomi.howell@maryland.gov</u>



How Else Can the State Help?

- · Are there local barriers to using State funds?
- Are there barriers with spending local stormwater funds or getting projects in the ground?
- Are there challenges with BMP verification and maintenance to ensure ongoing pollution credit?
- Are there local funding innovations or collaborations that are accelerating progress?
- · Other barriers or challenges?