

# Drinking from the Firehose



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# UMD Environmental Finance Center

- Working throughout the mid-Atlantic
- Network of centers across the country
- Provide the information, tools and resources to build community capacity to pay for resource protection and restoration priorities



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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- \$1.2 trillion
- Infrastructure and jobs
- 350 programs, > dozen agencies
- grants and loans

## Inflation Reduction Act

- \$370 billion
- Clean energy and jobs
- 100s more programs
- grants, loans, rebates, incentives



# The Challenge

**Funding is not the only limiting factor:**



- Navigating hundreds of programs
- Competing timelines
- Prioritizing needs
- Proposal development capacity
- Grants management capacity
- Loan payback requirements
- Procurement and reporting requirements



# EFC Resources and Technical Assistance



- WaterTA Program
- Small System Capacity Building Program
- Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center
- MOST Center
- Advancing Energy Justice (Maryland)

# Discussion



- What do you think about the BIL and IRA?
- Are you pursuing these funds?
- What are your limiting factors?
- What is working really well?
- What resources or technical assistance would help?

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