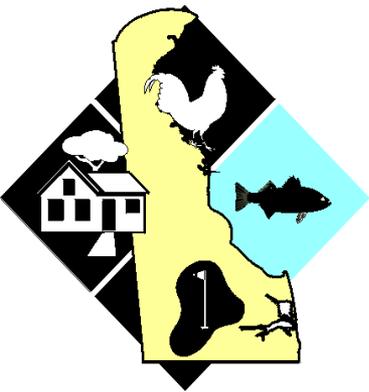


# Agricultural Ditch BMP Panel: Update/Review

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# Panel Background

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- Existing and soon to be approved NRCS BMPs related to ditches are not currently credited in Chesapeake Bay Model
- BMPs installed in ditch systems represent a potentially significant source of nutrient/sediment reductions
- 70% of Delaware's tax ditches most of Maryland's 821 miles of ditches are in the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- In the interest of assisting with a backlog of Expert Panels faced by the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Delaware and Maryland Departments of Agriculture are coordinating the panel and providing technical support



# Panel Charge

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- Define which specific BMPs have sufficient research to warrant inclusion in the CBWM.
- Define the conditions in which a reporting agency can receive a nutrient and/or sediment reduction credit for a BMP.
- Define the units to report practices to the CBWM.
- Recommend procedures for reporting, tracking and verification of the BMPs.
- Analyze any potential unintended consequences associated with the BMPs.



# Panel Membership

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# BMPs

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- Drainage Water Management/Structure for Water Control
- Channel Bed Stabilization
- Subsurface Drain
- Denitrifying Bioreactors
- Vegetated Subsurface Outlet/Saturated Buffer
- Open Channel/Two-Stage Ditch
- Phosphorus Removal System
- Gypsum Curtain
- Blind Inlet
- Ditch Dipouts



# Current/Future Steps

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- Public stakeholders meeting complete
- Currently eight pages of literature review are complete
- As sections are finished, they will be released to the panel membership for review

