



# Riparian Forest Buffers CBP Strategy Review System Actions (2018 & 2020)

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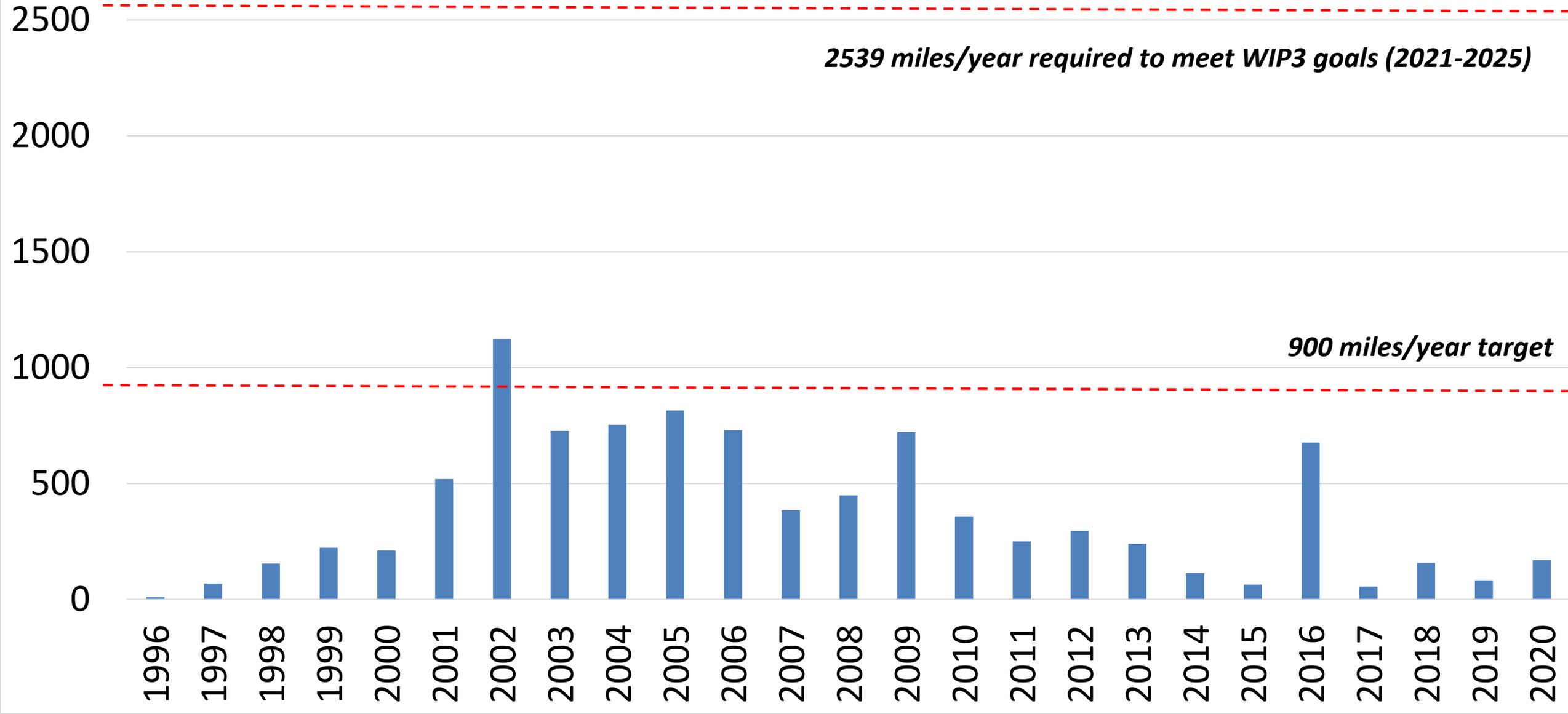
*Through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the Chesapeake Bay Program has committed to...*



## Vital Habitats Goal

**Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome: *Restore 900 miles per year of riparian forest buffer and conserve existing buffers until at least 70 percent of riparian areas throughout the watershed are forested.***

# Miles of Riparian Forest Buffers Planted in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, 1996-2020



FOREST BUFFERS OUTCOME:

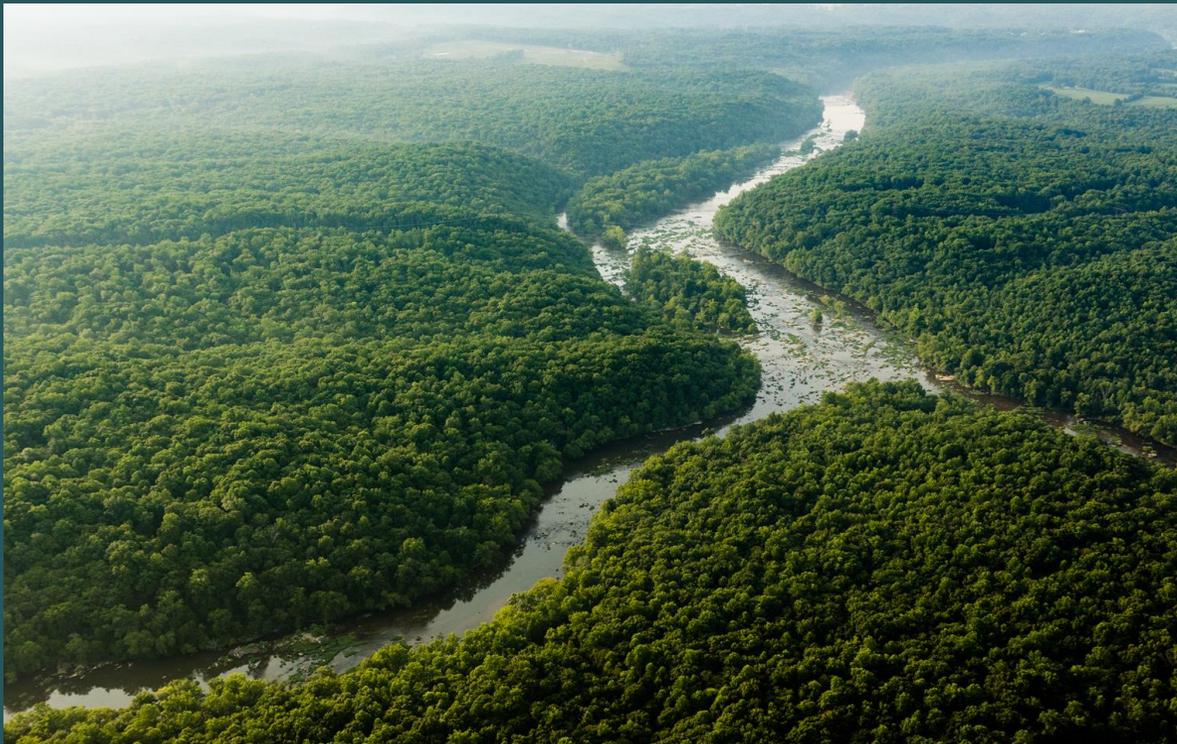
# Logic & Action Plan

Chesapeake Bay Program partners have committed to taking a series of specific actions to support the management approaches guiding this outcome...

## Primary 2018 SRS Outcomes:

- Stepped-up leadership (not just foresters) is needed
- Programs other than CREP are needed
- Formation of a Riparian Forest Buffer Action Team

# 2020 Workplan Priorities



## 1: Renew Leadership

- Develop state high-level **Action Strategies** in each jurisdiction to help focus and coordinate RFB efforts...
- Develop Natural Filters restoration-type **programs with innovative financing**
- Work on **policies to maintain and increase RFB** on landscape

## 2: Improve existing programs and develop new ones

- Increase demand for RFB by **leveraging** relevant, **complementary programs**

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### 3: Improve Technical Assistance

- Develop state plans with goals for improved technical assistance (see 1.2)
- Training and improved support networks for TA providers

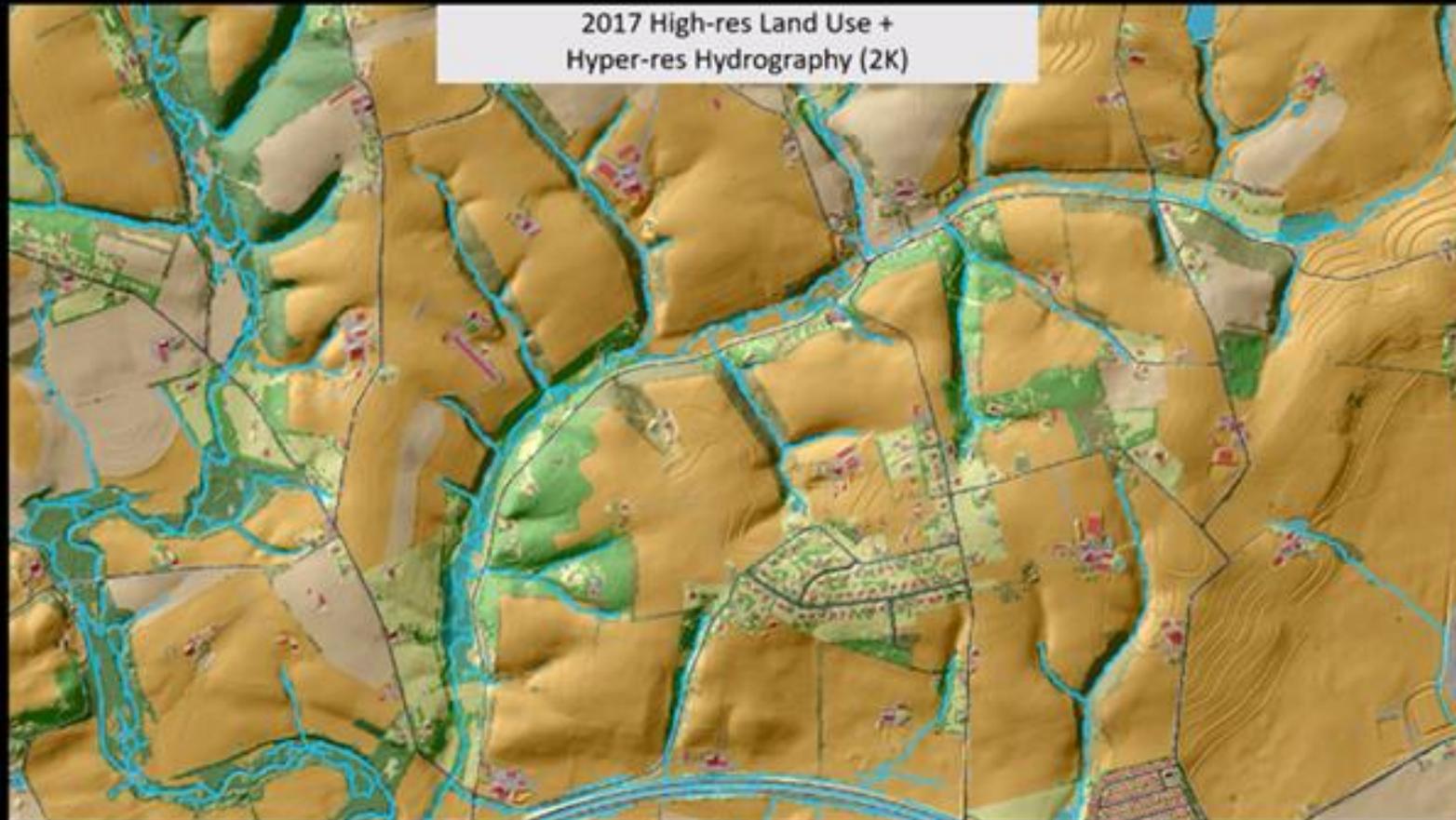
### 4: Improved RFB Outreach and Communications

- Develop communication and outreach plans for RFB, tree canopy, land use change products, and Natural Filters Restoration Program

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### 5: Strategic Planning and Buffer Delivery

- Continue to assess multiple benefits of RFB (e.g., stream temperature, habitats, etc.) and issues of cost, design and targeting
- Analysis of RFB Loss/Gain



## Ongoing efforts at CBP



- Advancing conservation finance efforts for forest buffers (upcoming GIT-funding project)
- Evaluation of existing outreach and communications products and best practices
- Supporting networking among technical assistance providers and practitioners (i.e. hosting riparian forester exchanges and agroforestry working group discussions)
- Supporting implementation of the Chesapeake Shared Stewardship agreement and Forest Restoration Strategy

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- Advancing buffer restoration and conservation through land conservation efforts (i.e. Forest Legacy, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership)
- Improving tracking and reporting of riparian forest buffer implementation
- High resolution imagery analyses and assessments
- THIS WORKSHOP (including pre-workshop webinars and state buffer program synthesis effort)

# Thank you!!

