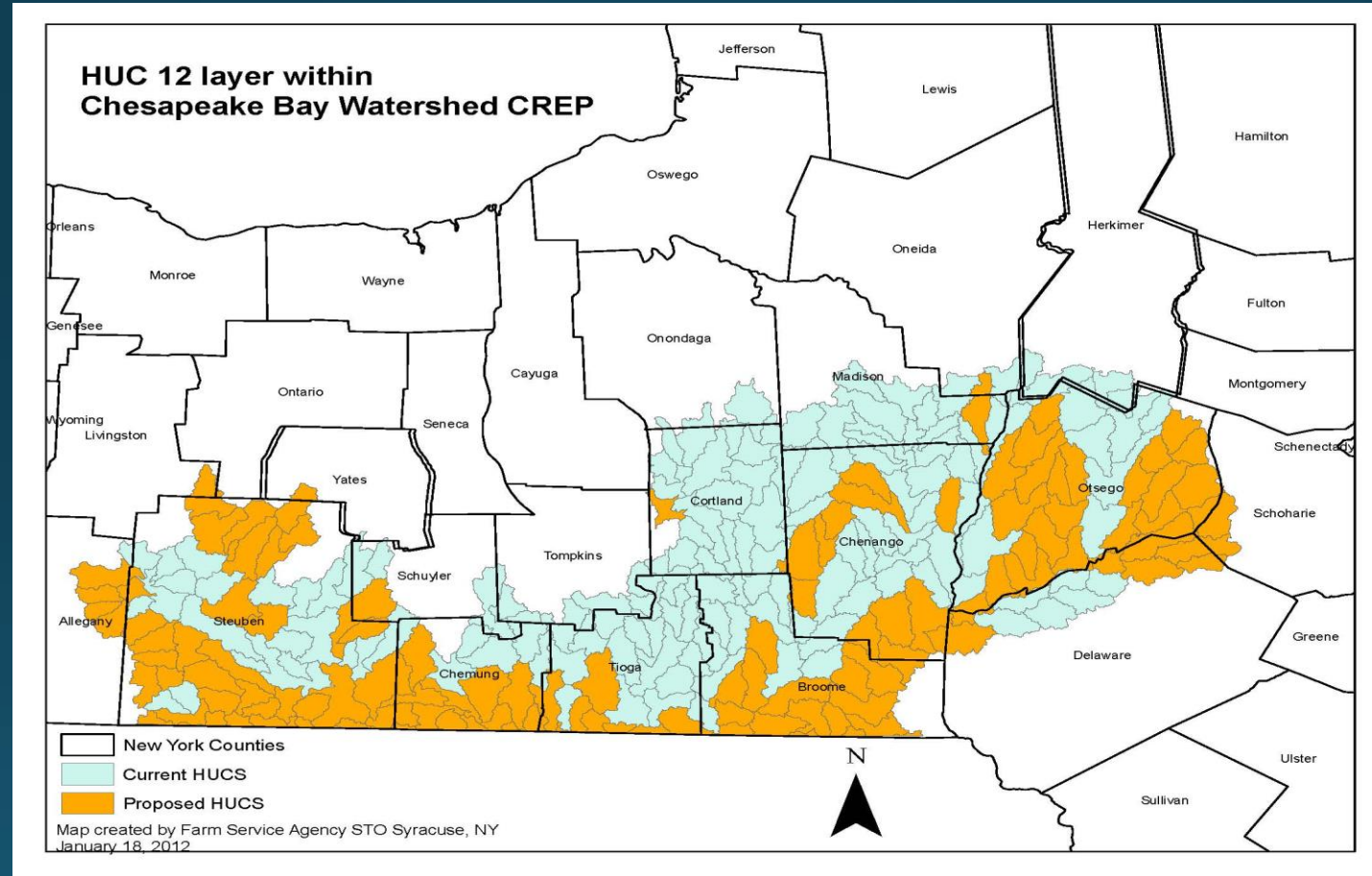


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New York Task Force Report

New York Chesapeake Bay Watershed



NY Chesapeake Bay Incentive Payment (CBIP)

Total funding \$1 Million

- Practice CP22 Riparian Buffer only
- Enrolled and Re-enrolled acreage
- All land must be physically located in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- CBIP will be paid at contract approval like SIP

NY Chesapeake Bay Incentive Payment (CBIP)

Total funding \$1 Million

- One-time payment
- \$25.00/acre
- Full years of CRP-1 Contract (10-15 years)
- Up to \$375.00/acre
- Example: 10 acre Contract for 15 years

$\$25.00/\text{acre} \times 15 \text{ years} \times 10 \text{ acres} = \3750.00 CBIP

State Practice Incentive Payment (SPIP)

\$200,000 total funds (CBIG)

- One-time payment
- Base SRR Multiplier payment based on land type and width of buffer
- Practice CP-22 Riparian Forest Buffer only
- Planted buffers only – natural regeneration not eligible
- **Re-Enrolled acreage not eligible**
- Paid after Riparian Buffer is installed and performance is certified by NRCS
- These payments will on average be paid within 2 years of contract approval

State Practice Incentive Payment

\$200,000 total funds

Average Buffer Width	Land Type	Incentive
Less than 35 feet	Cropland or Marginal Pastureland	\$0
35 to 50 feet	Cropland	Ten (10) times the per acre base soil rental rate
35 to 50 feet	Marginal Pastureland	Five (5) times the per acre base soil rental rate
More than 50 feet	Cropland	Fifteen (15) times the per acre base soil rental rate
More than 50 feet	Marginal Pastureland	Ten (10) times the per acre base soil rental rate

Example: Total Payments for 1 acre of CP22

BREAKDOWN OF PAYMENTS ON 1 ACRE:

land type	buffer width	base SRR	CREP rental	FSA SIP	# of yrs	FSA CBIP	SPIP	total inctv	/year pmt	total pmts
cropland	35-50	50	124.5	100	15	375	500	975	190	2843
cropland	>50	50	124.5	100	15	375	750	1225	206	3093
MPL	35-50	40	100	100	15	375	200	675	145	2175
MPL	>50	40	100	100	15	375	400	875	158	2375

NYS CREP Agreement Revision Proposed

- Added Chesapeake Bay Incentives
 - FSA – CBIP
 - State – SPIP
- 3-Tiered Approach to Waiver Approvals
 - Livestock crossings
 - Water developments
 - Pipeline
 - Water Facilities
- Conversion of practice from CP21 to CP22 cropland and CP29 to CP22 if willing to plant trees at re-enrollment

Key Action Items Attained

- Additional Technical Assistance for Forest Riparian Buffers
 - Potential contribution agreement between NRCS and USC
 - SWCD employees will assist with field work, conservation plan development, and implementation supervision
 - USC program with local college students to plant trees and assist with contract maintenance
- Media rebranding - USC grants funded promotional items
 - Landowner buffer calendars – Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG)
 - Chesapeake Bay Incentive Rack Cards – US Forest Service (USFS)
 - Trees for Tribes outreach material – (USFS)
- NYDEC Trees for Tribes Program - Provides trees for forest riparian buffer planting sites not eligible for, or if landowner is unwilling to participate in CREP.

Other action items to work on

- Cost-share funds available for increased frequency of herbicide treatment during establishment and early years of contract
- Better coordination between FSA and SWCD on CREP enrollment and Ag Non-Point Source Grants throughout the watershed
- Increase targeted outreach to CREP participants in last 1-2 years of CREP contract
- Additional training for FSA/NRCS and SWCD employees on benefits of Riparian Forest Buffers
 - Training with Stroud Water Research Center
 - Annual Staff development/field training
 - Interagency buy-in for the practice (scientifically and financially)

Partner Training – Starting at the Stream

March 2nd – Training Coordinated by Lydia Brinkley, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

- Multi-Agency Training – FSA, NRCS, SWCD, and DEC Employees
- New vision for Riparian Forest Buffer - In stream benefits of buffers
- Buffer Prioritization in state programs
- A landowner perspective – 2 landowner testimonials
- Team Panel - How to promote buffers at the counter
- What's new with CREP
- Conservation Planning
- NEW CREP CP22 INCENTIVES