

# Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative

Developing State Strategies

USDA Family: FSA, NRCS, Forest Service  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

# How do we plant more forest buffers?

- USDA/EPA leadership looking for new ideas from states
- USDA providing \$5+ million in new incentives
- State task force process
- Final due February 2015





Leadership

Outreach

Financial  
Incentives

Technical  
Assistance

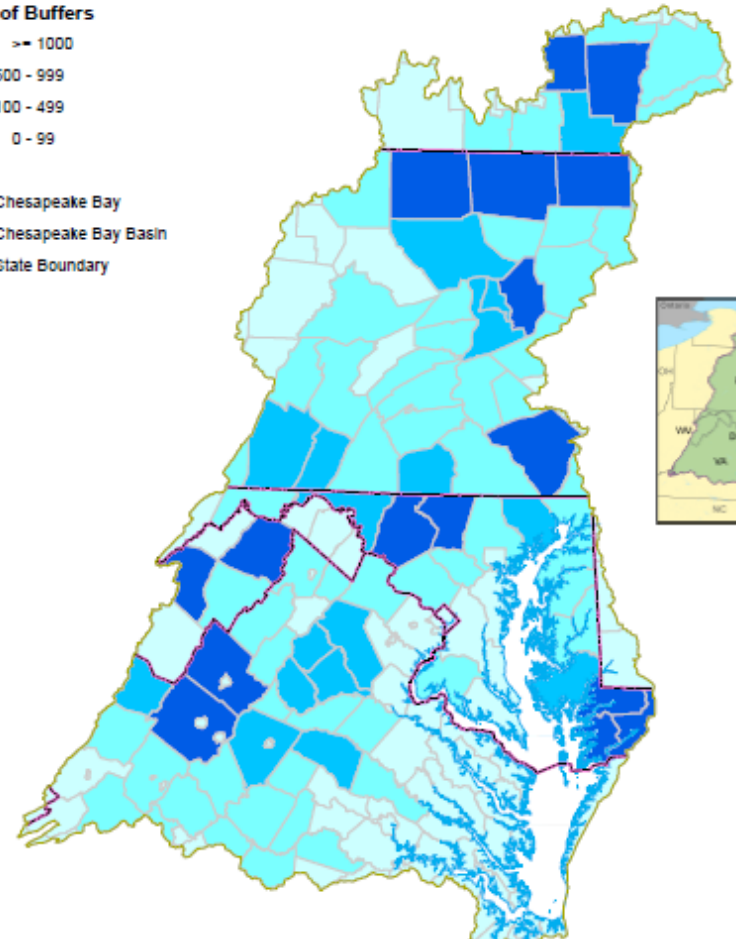
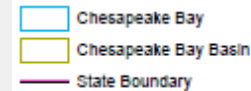
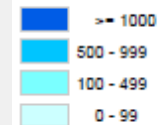
# Leadership

- Key to Success
- Local champions
- Incentives/Credit

Acres of Forest Buffers Restored Through CRP/CREP in the Chesapeake Bay Basin, by County (1998-2012)



Acres of Buffers



# Outreach

- Coordination
- Varied audiences
- Cross-sell
- Re-enrollment



# Financial Incentives

- Partial Incentive Payment adjustment
- Raise cropland soil rental rates
- Better leverage programs (e.g. EQIP rankings, state programs)



# Technical Assistance

- Staffing/partners
- One-stop shop/circuit rider teams (enrollment and maintenance)
- Training

