

Federal – Special Appropriations

Infrastructure: \$238 M to EPA Chesapeake Bay over 5 years

- FY22: \$25 M NFWF
\$15 M MEB
\$7.8 M CBPO

ARPA: COVID recovery, including water infrastructure

- Must be committed by 2024, spent by 2026
 - MD: \$3.9 billion state; \$2.3 billion local
 - VA: \$4.3 billion state; \$2.9 billion local
 - PA: \$7.2 billion state; \$6 billion local

Federal - USDA

Chesapeake Bay States' Partnerships Initiative

\$22.5 M in FY22

- \$10 M EQIP
- \$10 M ACEP
- \$2.5 M CSP

Joint Task Force with EPA to improve practice accounting

Climate-Smart Commodities

\$1 billion nationwide

- 1st application round (projects \$5-\$100M) closed May 6
- 2nd application round (projects \$250k-\$4.99 M) closes June 10

Federal – DoD Stormwater

FY22 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes funding of stormwater infrastructure projects through several accounts:

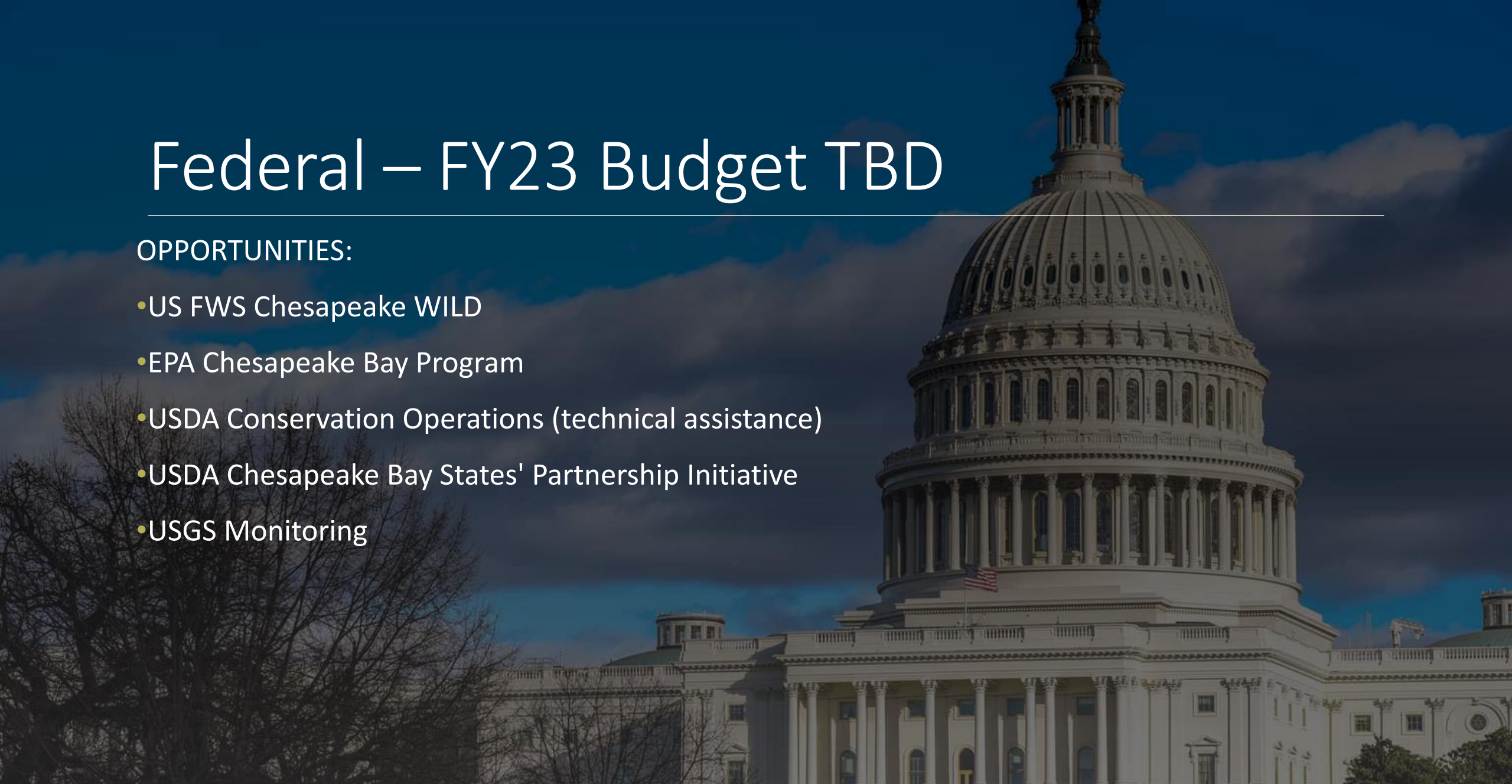
- Military Construction
- Resilience
- Energy Resilience & Conservation Investment Program (ERCIP)
- Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
- Defense Access Roads



Federal – FY23 Budget TBD

OPPORTUNITIES:

- US FWS Chesapeake WILD
- EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
- USDA Conservation Operations (technical assistance)
- USDA Chesapeake Bay States' Partnership Initiative
- USGS Monitoring



MD – Funding

FY23 Budget:

- \$25 million for practices upstream of Conowingo
- \$6 million for Conowingo Dredging
- \$13.8 million for oyster restoration
- \$78 million for Bay Restoration Fund
- \$46.2 million for Bay Trust Fund

Conservation Finance Act (HB0653/SB0348)

- Cost-share participants are eligible to participate in GHG markets

Sustainable Maryland Program (SB 0014/HB0100):

- New fund supporting local sustainability projects

MD – Toxics

PAHs (HB0133/SB 0372)

- Prohibits sale and use of high-PAH sealants after 10/1/23

PFAS (HB0275/SB0273)

- Prohibits use, manufacture and sale of certain PFAS-containing products after 1/1/24
 - Fire-fighting foam
 - Rugs and carpets
 - Food packaging

MD – Climate

Office of Resiliency (HB0706/SB0630)

- Established in MDE, headed by a Chief Resilience Officer

Climate Solutions Now Act (SB0528)

- Establishes a net-zero GHG goal, efficiency standards for buildings and state vehicle fleet, and an electric school bus pilot program

MD – Living Resources

Irreplaceable Natural Areas (HB0784)

- Established in DNR to preserve biodiversity on DNR land

Invasive and Native Plants (HB0015/SB0007)

- Requires MDA to maintain and publish a native plant list and requires the priority of native plants in state-funded projects

Oysters (HB1228/SB0830)

- Requires MAR-BIDCO to provide financing for seafood processing; promotes oyster shell recycling and research/planning for spat and substrate

VA – Budget (pending)

Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund (SB 756/HB 1309)

- \$25 million (House); \$10 million (Senate)

Soil & Water Conservation Districts Administration & Operations

- \$3.6 million

Environmental Literacy

- 2 positions at DCR



VA – Climate

Flood resiliency and protection (SB 551/HB 516)

- Guidelines for a Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan
- Requires 5-year updates of the Coastal Resiliency Master Plan by a Technical Advisory Committee with community outreach and engagement

Chief Resilience Officer (HB 517)

- Moves position from under Public Safety & Homeland Security to Natural & Historic Resources

VA –Living Resources

Trees (SB 537)

- Allows municipalities to adopt ordinances to protect and replace trees during development

Oysters (SB 629)

- Extends patent tong oyster season to March 31 (previously March 1)
- Allows VMRC to close the season in any area where the oyster condition warrants it

PA – New Funding? (FY22-23 budget due 6/30)

SB 832/HB 1901 Clean Streams Fund \$250 million

- NEW ag cost-share (50%)
- NEW stormwater (10%)
- NEW nutrient procurement (10%)
- Nutrient Mgt Fund (7.5%)
- Keystone Trees (2.5%)
- AMD (20%)

SB 525/HB 2020 Growing Greener III \$500 million

- DCNR (45%)
- DEP (40%)
- PDA (15%)

Governor's Proposal \$450 million

- DCNR (30%)
- DEP (40%)
- PDA (30%)

PA – Policy Bills – WIP-Related

Fertilizer: SB 251

- Has passed the full Senate plus House Ag Committee
- "On the Table" in the House
 - Must come "off the table" for a vote

Livestock Stream Exclusion: HB 810

- Would remove the current provision preventing any requirement for stream exclusion
- Would allow for appropriate crossings
- In House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee

PA – Policy Bills - Other

PFAS: SB 302/HB 1166

- Would restrict the use of firefighting foams containing PFAS for training and testing
- In House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

C-PACE: SB 635

- Would expand the Property-Assessed Clean Energy program to include “resiliency” projects

“Stream Cleaning: HB 2404-2411

- Package of bills to streamline the permitting process for stream maintenance (flood mitigation)

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Please follow this link for more information on the above bills and others:

<https://www.chesbay.us/library/public/documents/Meetings/May-2022/12-Legislative-Summary-2022.pdf>

