

## Ches Bay States' Partnership Initiative: Federal Crediting Task Force

- USDA and EPA united in commitment
- Task force will develop an action plan over a year to identify improvements to more fully credit farmers' conservation efforts in cooperation with the Bay States and the agricultural community
- Will work ensure producer privacy
- Leverage findings from successful data sharing pilots and integrate time-saving technologies and methodologies to identify conservation practice implementation
- Identify opportunities to better credit federal and independently (non-cost shared) implemented conservation practices
- Maintain scientific integrity and Bay decision-making process