

# Healthy Streams Farm Stewardship Program





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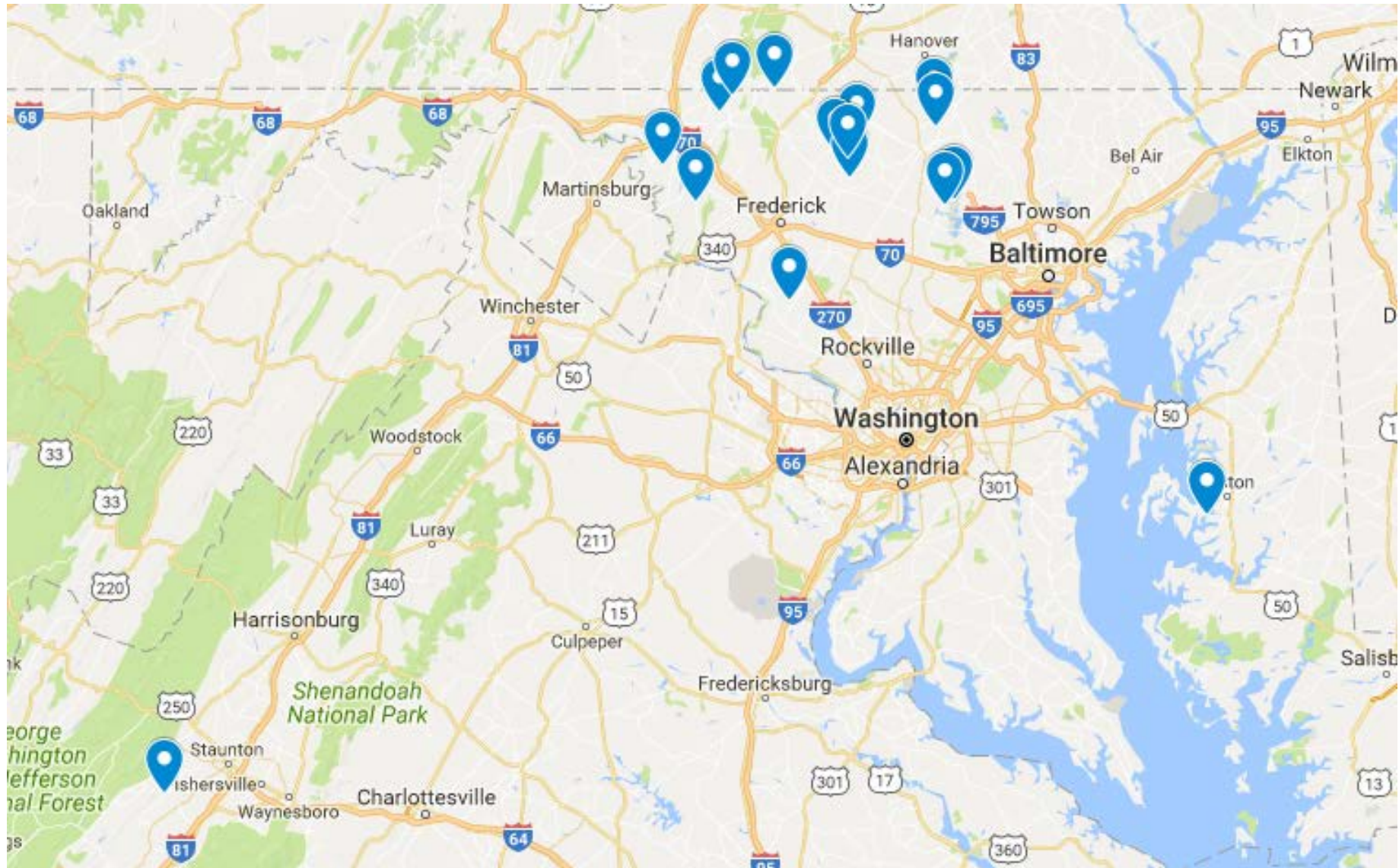


# What are the details?

- Every acre of streamside forest planted with livestock exclusion earns \$4,000 in “Conservation Vouchers” capped at \$20,000 per farm
- Vouchers can be used for any conservation purpose including public funding gaps
- Farmers encouraged to leverage USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program



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## Results so far...

- 16 farms
- 125 acres of forest buffers planted
- 6 Counties: Frederick, Washington, Talbot, Carroll and Montgomery in MD, and Augusta in VA

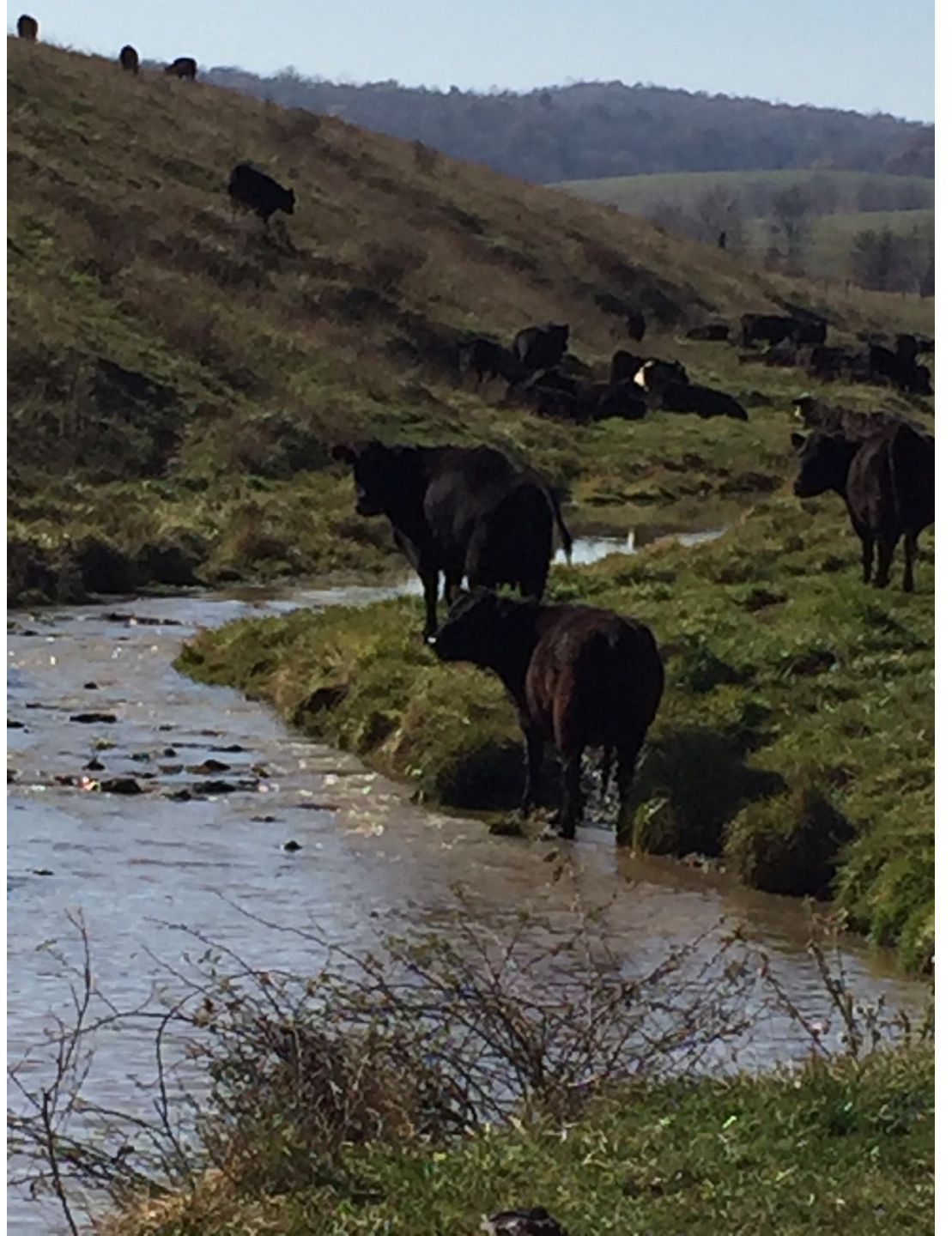
## Conservation Vouchers used for...

- Crossing
- Fencing
- Invasive plant control
- Forest Stewardship plan
- Buffer maintenance
- Watering system
- Barnyard run-off control
- Pollinator habitat planting
- Upland tree planting
- Personal cost share
- Large caliper trees
- Chemical storage facility
- High agricultural use area

















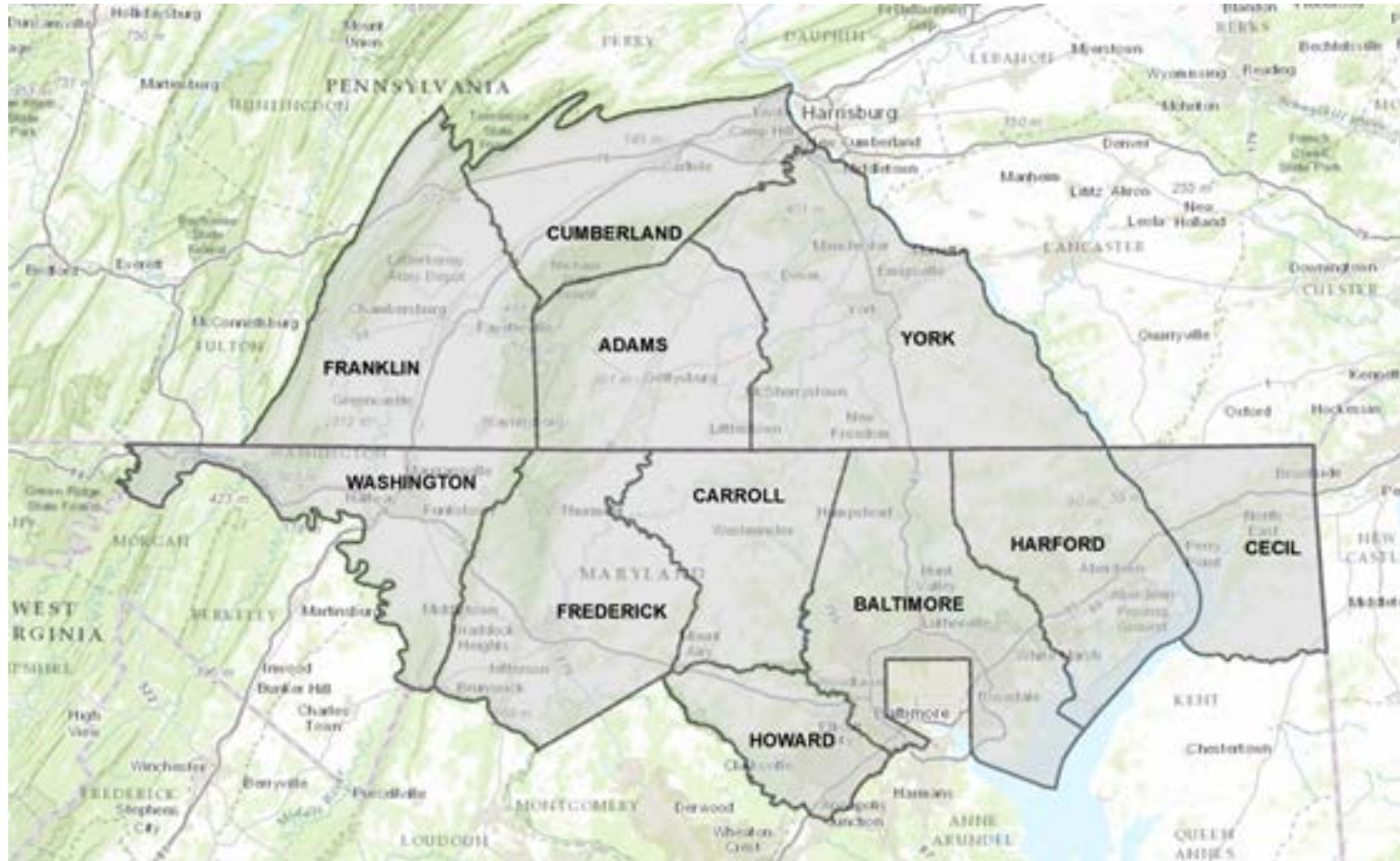
## Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



## Mason-Dixon Working Lands Partnership

- Use EQIP screening and ranking tools and leveraged financial incentives to promote priority BMPs
- All streams need to have forest buffers

# Mason-Dixon Working Lands Partnership





# Comprehensive Watershed Conservation in Dairy and Livestock Landscapes of the Chesapeake Bay

