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Chesapeake Bay Wetlands Workshop

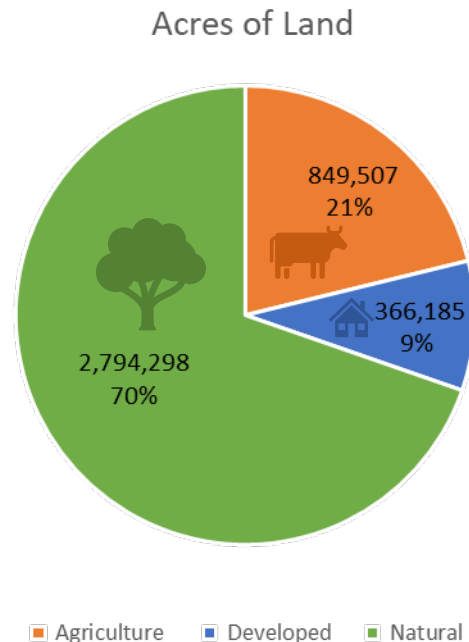


How do we access funding in the Upper Susquehanna and Chemung Watersheds?

Chesapeake Riparian Wetland Workshop
August 3rd, 2022

Chesapeake Bay's Northern Headwaters

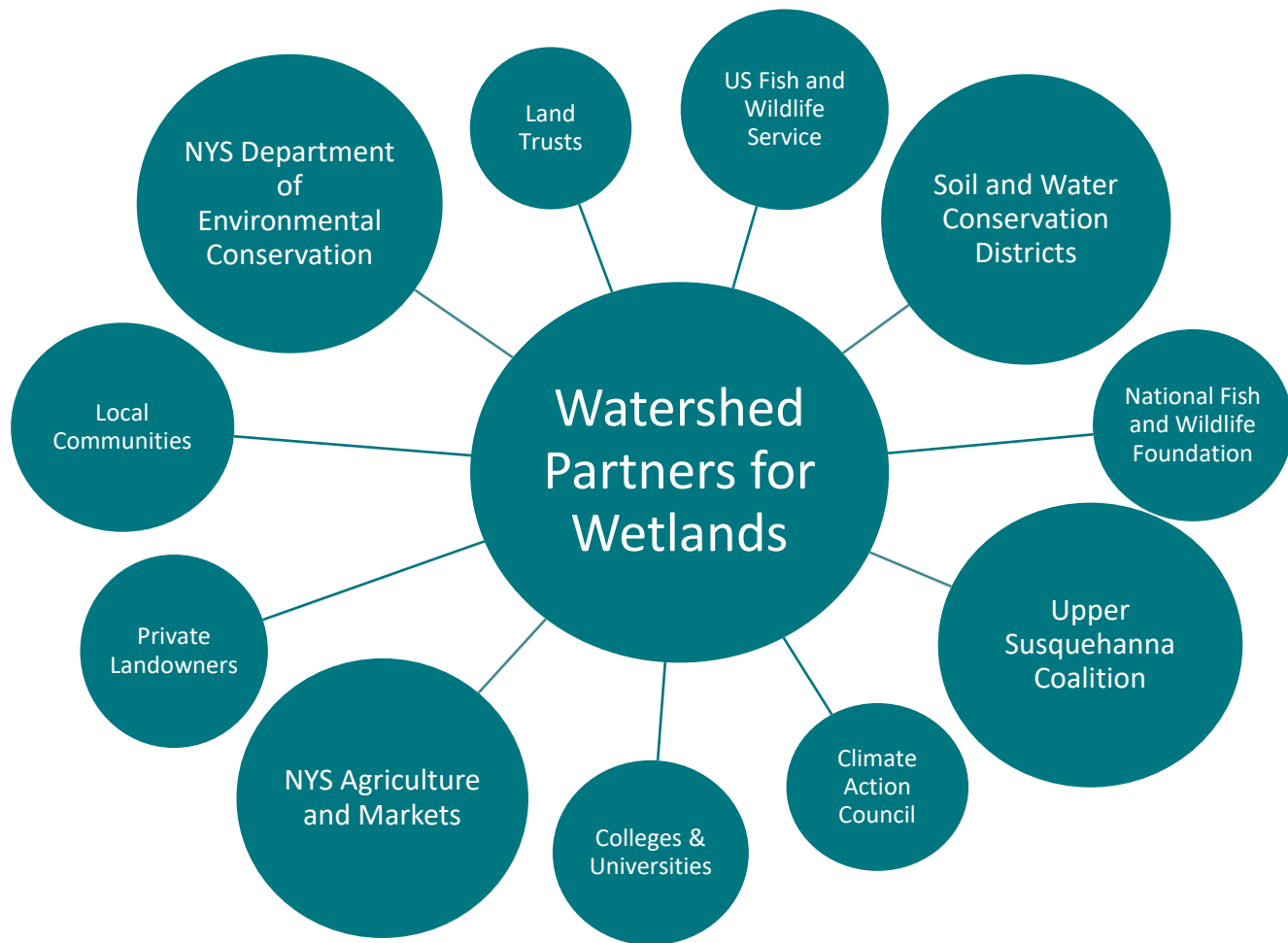
- Upper Susquehanna River and Chemung River Basins
- Portions of 19 counties in NY are within the watershed boundary
 - 70% of the watershed is forested, wetlands, or water
 - 1.6% is non-tidal floodplain wetlands
 - 1.5% is headwater or isolated wetlands



Current Efforts and Intended Rate of Implementation

Best Management Practice	2021 Progress Acres	WIP III Acres	Percent Achieved	Acres Remaining	Acres Needed per Year
Wetland Restoration	1,166	1,274	91.5%	108	36.1
Wetland Creation	64	-	-	-	-
Wetland Rehabilitation	509	-	-	-	-





NY Grant Programs

- Water Quality Improvement Program
- Climate Smart Communities Grant Program
- Environmental Justice Grant Program
- Climate Resilient Farming Program



Upper Susquehanna Coalition

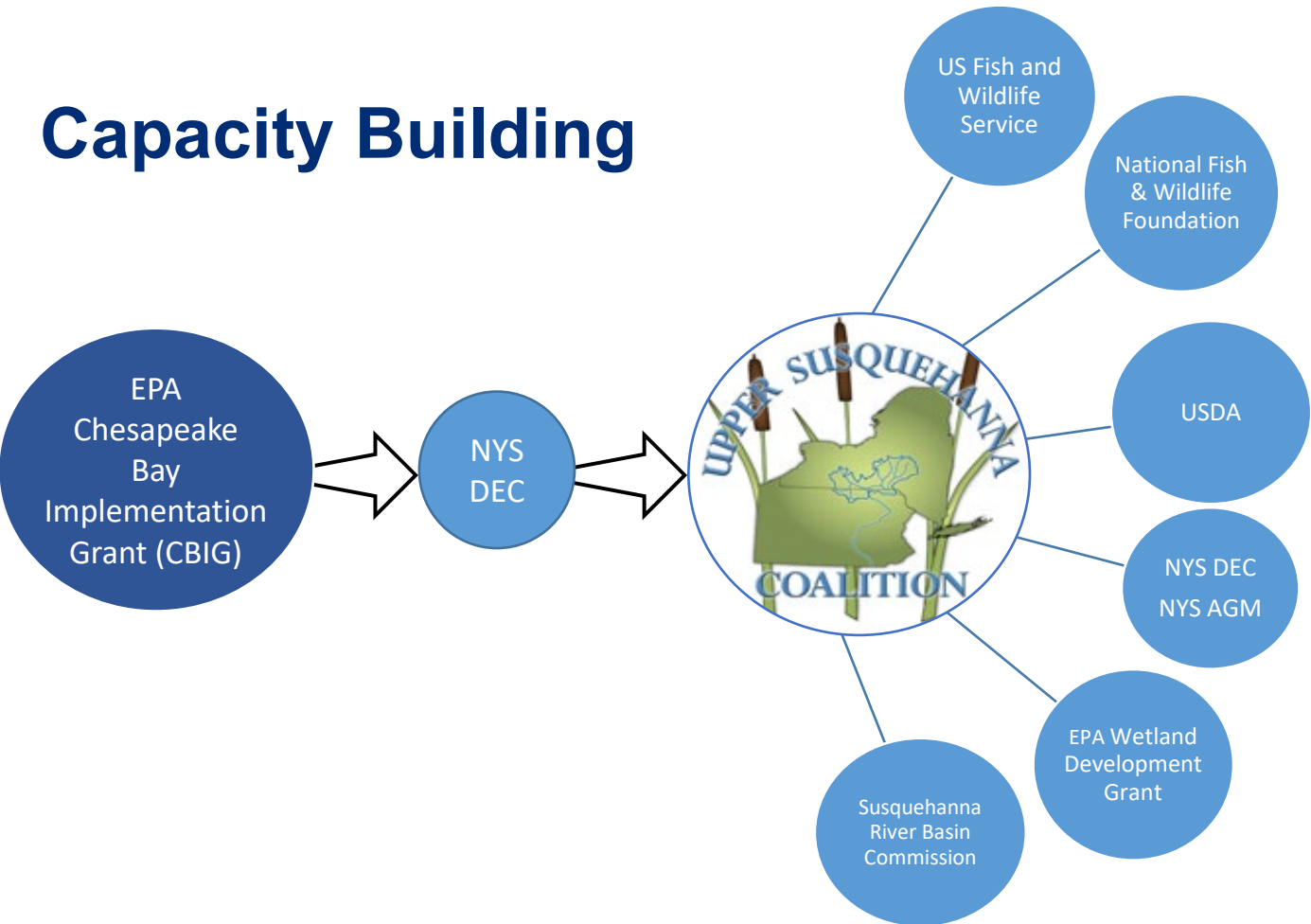
The USC provides on the ground implementation and technical support in the areas of agriculture, stream corridor rehabilitation, and wetland restoration.

- Designated Wetland Team
 - Innovation
 - Sustainability
 - Partnerships
- USC Wetland Program was 2014 Environmental Excellence Award Winner and 2015 US EPA Environmental Champion for Exceptional Work to Protect the Environment.



Photos from USC Wetland Team

Capacity Building



Support Needed

- Increase USC staff capacity
- Continued funding for technical assistance and project design and implementation
- Flexible programs and funding sources that allow for project bundling
- Consistent funding mechanisms
- Re-invest in aging capital equipment



Thank You!

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