CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Reducing Animal Manure and Poultry Litter Pollution in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Agriculture is a defining feature of our region's economy and heritage. We are committed to the successful attainment of the *Chesapeake 2000* water quality goals, while helping to strengthen the viability of agriculture in the watershed. Animal manure and poultry litter contribute about half of the agricultural nutrient load to the Chesapeake Bay. As agricultural animal operations become more concentrated and the acreage of cropland available for proper manure application is lost to development, the challenge of managing animal manure and poultry litter nutrients in the watershed will only intensify.

We intend to implement fully programs we have in place to address surplus animal manure and poultry litter nutrients such as nutrient management plans, animal waste storage systems, stream fencing and manure and litter transport to areas in need. We recognize that in order to restore the Chesapeake Bay and keep agriculture viable, we need to build on these core programs and take further steps to ensure sustainable nutrient reductions into the future.

By adopting this "Strategy for Managing Surplus Nutrients from Agricultural Animal Manure and Poultry Litter in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed," we commit to the priorities and actions within.

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COOPERATOR

In the spirit of Cooperative Conservation, and in addition to other nutrient management strategies USDA uses to assist landowners with livestock waste and poultry litter, USDA through its authorized programs, in consultation with the State Technical Committees, will agree to assist with the implementation of this strategy.

FOR THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  _____