

## Hardest Workers in the Region





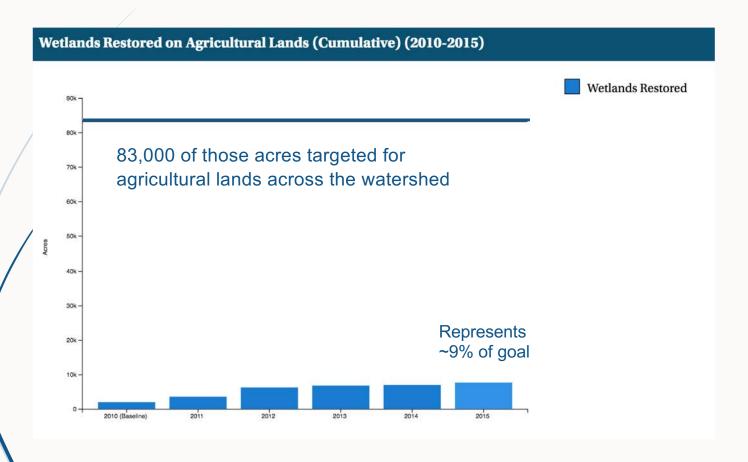


Agricultural producers in the region have implemented nearly \$1 billion worth of conservation practices since 2009 with the help of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

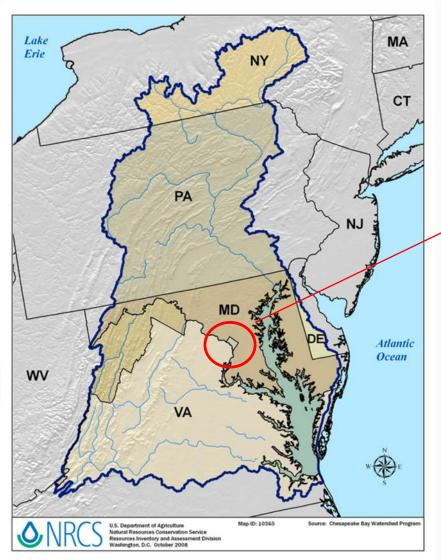
Thanks for the agricultural community, sediment loss has decreased by 15.1 million tons per year, which is enough soil to fill 150,000 train cars, stretching 1,704 miles or a distance further than from Washington D.C. to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

# 85,000 Acre Goal by 2025











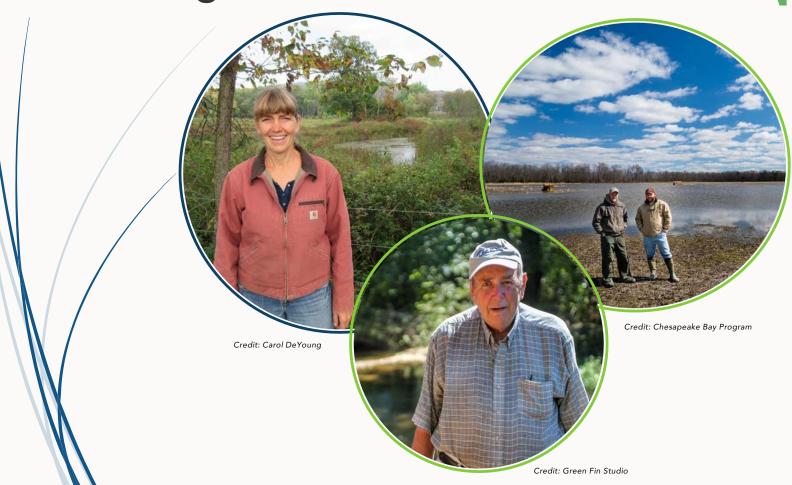
# 83,000 Acres in Perspective

- Washington, DC is roughly 44,000 acres
- So the goal is a little less than twice the size of DC distributed across the entire ~41 million acre watershed or .2% of the acreage in the watershed



# **Making Connections Easier**







#### **Wetlands Work for Farmland**





- Nutrient & sediment management
- Maintain the water table
- Store water for irrigation
- Economically
  attractive option
  for low yield &
  regularly wet areas
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#### **Wetlands Work for Clean Water**





- 1 acre of wetland can store and filter over 1 million gallons of water.
- Slow down and filter water, preventing polluted runoff from ending up in the Bay
- In combination with fencing, can provide buffer from cows to prevent streambank erosion
- Can be components of Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) to meet Chesapeake Bay TMDL commitments

#### **Wetlands Work for Wildlife**









## **Wetlands Work Financially**





- Some wetland restoration programs will pay for some or all of the restoration costs.
- Some programs will offer a one-time payout or annual rental.
- Wetlands provide \$100's per acre of ecosystem services









## Mark Furr, with Jake McPherson





Mark Furr, left, pictured with Ducks Unlimited service provider Jake McPherson, right. Credit: Chesapeake Bay Program

**Location:** Greensboro MD

Land: 397 acres bought in 2016, works with a farmer to farm soybeans, corn, wheat

Project: Restored wetland through Ducks Unlimited in 2017

Motivation: Love of wildlife and hunting



#### **WJ Davis**





W.j. Davis; Credit: Green Fin Studio

**Location:** Madison County

VA

Land: 500+ acres bought in

1967

**Project:** Restored 21-acre wetland through Wetland Reserve Easement Program in 2014

**Motivation:** Conservation, love of wildlife









Carol DeYoung; Credit: Carol DeYoung

**Location:** Broome and Chenango Counties, NY

Land: Owns 110 acres and manages an additional 125 acres, raises beef cattle and pigs, sells hay

**Project:** 40-acre project enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program in 2006

**Motivation:** Managing cows in streams, conservation







- WetlandsWork.Org to launch in November 2018
- This webinar will be available on the site
- Questions and feedback can be submitted through the site or before then to <a href="Hello@GreenFinStudio.com">Hello@GreenFinStudio.com</a>





# Thank you

