



# CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

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*Environmental Protection and Restoration  
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## **Senate Bill 366**

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund – Use of Funds

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 366, which places restrictions on use of funds from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund (2010 Trust Fund) to support the reduction of nonpoint source pollution – pollution of rainfall runoff from roads, rooftops, and agricultural lands.

The 2010 Trust Fund plays a critical role in meeting the Bay Blueprint by providing consistent, dedicated funding to projects that reduce nutrient pollution to the Bay and contributing to innovation on best practices. By restricting the transfer of these funds to the General Fund and other Special Funds we provide DNR with the ability to continue to plan ahead and fund practices that are annual or permanent.

Since the inception of the fund projects have been implemented in every County across the State – in ranging from urban to suburban to agricultural areas. As of the end of FY20 the funds have contributed to the reduction of 1,171,170 pounds of Nitrogen, 189,020 pounds of phosphorus and 188,006 pounds of sediment<sup>1</sup>. These projects range from cover crops, to tree plantings to wetlands restoration. These practices provide the co-benefits of also reducing carbon dioxide as well as reducing nutrient pollution to the Chesapeake Bay.

The projects that are funded through the 2010 Trust Fund are oftentimes delivered by local organizations or jurisdictions. To date, more than 39,000 volunteers have engaged with and contributed to projects across the State. In order to assist local jurisdictions and organizations with the development and implementation of the projects the 2010 Trust Fund also funds technical assistance providers with expertise on these best practices to reduce nutrient pollution.

**CBF urges the Committee’s FAVORABLE report on SB 366.** For more information, please contact Robin Jessica Clark, Maryland Staff Attorney, at [rclark@cbf.org](mailto:rclark@cbf.org) and 443.995.8753

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Publication/FY2020-2022-TrustFundReport.pdf>