



# CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

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*Environmental Protection and Restoration  
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## **House Bill 921**

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

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Position: Support

To: Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Josh Kurtz, MD Executive Director

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** House Bill 921, which reserves the use of funds from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund (2010 Trust Fund) to support the reduction of nonpoint source pollution due to 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. It is the state's only funding source focused on reducing nonpoint source pollution from developed areas. By restricting the transfer of these funds to the General Fund and other Special Funds, DNR is able to plan ahead and fulfill the state's Watershed Implementation Plan funding commitments.

Since the inception of the fund, projects have been implemented in every County across the State – 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, wetlands restoration and practices in urban areas that reduce flooding and stop pollution. These practices provide the co-benefits of trapping carbon dioxide and cooling developed areas while they reduce 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 HB 921.** 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> Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, [2020 Annual Report and FY22 Expenditure Plan](#), Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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