

# **Update on DCR Initiatives Chesapeake Bay SAG Meeting**

**September 3, 2015**

# Agenda

- Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion
- Agricultural Needs Assessment Process
- Resource Management Plans
  - Chesapeake Bay
  - Outside of the Chesapeake Bay

## Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion

- 100% guarantee began late calendar 2012
- Sign up ended June 30, 2015
  - Only for SL-6 practice
  - No expiration on guarantee of funding
  - Must sign contract within 90 days of offer of funds
- Sign up after June 30, 2015 – three options
  - State cost share alone – 80% w/\$70K cap
  - 100% + w/USDA-CREP if plant buffer
  - RCPP - \$1.45 million w/state match through Sept '17

## **Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion**

- As of August 31, 2015
- Approved (expended/obligated) \$53.5M
  - ChesBay \$30.5M
  - Includes \$1.7M from Bay Grants
  - Outside ChesBay/So. Rivers \$23M
- Benefits in Chesapeake Bay from \$30.5M
  - ~2.5M linear feet of stream bank protected
  - ~30,000 animal units excluded

## **Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion**

- As of August 31, 2015
- Changing every few days
- SWCDs have begun using FY2016 funds
- Backlog (Pending) SL-6 sign up - \$68M
- Chesapeake Bay <\$34M
- Outside ChesBay/So. Rivers >\$34M

## **Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion**

- **Additional benefits to Chesapeake Bay**
  - 3.2M more feet of stream bank protected
  - 42,000 more animal units excluded
- **Benefits statewide of SL-6 initiative**
  - \$121M expended/obligated/or still needed
  - 9.9 M feet of stream protected
  - 131,000 animal units excluded

# Agricultural Needs Assessment Process

- Calculate reduction benefit from SL-6
  - N benefits of SL-6s very promising
  - Bacteria benefits promising but not WIP
- Remaining 2025 reduction needs
- Evaluate projected funding needs
- Extend projections
- Make adjustments to funds needed if necessary

## **Resource Management Plans**

- Original goal of 40 RMPs by Dec '15
- DEQ/Bay Grant \$472,000
- Awarded 2015 calendar year contracts
- New goal 274 RMPs in ChesBay
- 47,000 acres
- As of August 31, 2015 met both targets
- 285 RMPs/47K acres for SWCDs review
- Implementation will then follow

## **Resource Management Plans**

- Will provide report to Soil and Water Conservation Board in December 2015
- 2016 expansion into OCB/Southern Rivers
- \$100,000 for contracts in OCB
- \$120,000 for contracts in ChesBay

**Questions?**