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Funding at Record Levels

FY 2019 Budget Includes \$1.2-billion for Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts!

Highlights:

- \$52.9-Million for Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund
- \$253-million (↑ 67-million) **dedicated** transfer tax programs like Open Space
- \$306-million In Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund
- \$70-million in Bay Restoration Funds for Wastewater Projects and \$15-million for septic upgrades



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Agencies have prepared fact sheets with funding sources provided in your packet

MDE works with state and local partners to help maximize restoration funding opportunities. Below you can find packets, on the right column, for the funding, a variety of local sources, and an additional multi-use packet for all current and potential funding sources.

- Watershed Assessment Program**
 - **Project Types & Funding:** Funding for watershed assessment projects
 - **Website:** [Watershed Assessment Program](#)
- Bay Restoration Fund**
 - **Project Types & Funding:** Funding for wastewater treatment plant upgrades
 - **Website:** [Bay Restoration Fund](#)
- Watershed Assessment Grant Program**
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Status of New Programs and Funding

- Clean Water Commerce Act
- Water Quality Trading
- Septic Stewardship



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Clean Water Commerce Act

- \$6-million in FY19, \$10-million in 2020 & 2021 (sunset)
- Incentivizes most cost-effective pollution reductions
- Regulations were adopted in March 2018 and request for proposals/solicitation will be posted shortly, possibly in June.
- Allows BRF \$ to be used for N, P, and Sediment load reductions (in addition to CSO/SSO, septic connections and stormwater)
- Agricultural Sector excluded
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Water Quality Trading Program

- Creates marketplace for achieving sector pollution limits, stimulates sector participation, expands compliance options, incentivizes innovation and lowers costs.
- Allows N, P and Sediments trading between Sectors (Agricultural, Stormwater, Wastewater and On-Site systems) as long as local WQ met and baselines are met.
- Necessary administrative process and permit modifications are still underway
- Credits must be certified, verified/maintained, registered, and include uncertainty, edge of tide, and reserve ratios.
- Trading geography: Patuxent, Potomac, Eastern/Western Shores & Susquehanna
- Final Regulations expected to be published by the end of June and effective by mid July.
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Septic Stewardship

- In FY2020 and 2021, financial assistance to local jurisdictions to develop septic stewardship plans.
- Provides financial assistance (grants, rebates or loans) to eligible homeowners for the reasonable cost of pump outs.
- Homeowner must verify pump out and must be in septic stewardship plan jurisdiction.
- Department is reviewing the need for regulations.
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How Else Can the State Help?

- Are there local barriers to using State funds?
- Are there barriers with spending local stormwater funds or getting projects in the ground?
- Are there challenges with BMP verification and maintenance to ensure ongoing pollution credit?
- Are there local funding innovations or collaborations that are accelerating progress?
- Other barriers or challenges?