





# State Conservation Commission



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Average farm size – 139 acres

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52,700 farm operations

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7.3 million acres of farmland

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\$7.8 billion in cash receipts from production agriculture

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593,000 jobs

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\$132.5 billion total economic input

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Top ten: mushrooms, poultry, apples, peaches, pumpkins, oats, eggs, maple syrup, honey, Christmas trees, silage corn, lambs and sheep

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2<sup>nd</sup> in nation in direct marketing

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3<sup>rd</sup> in nation in organic production



# Bureau of Farmland Preservation



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Number of farms preserved- 6,529

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Total acres preserved- 651,879

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Number of participating counties-58

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Number of farms currently on the wait list- 1,200

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State spending threshold-\$43 million

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County certified funds- \$17.9 million

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Total funding for 2025- \$60.9 million

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Number of registered land trusts-24

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Average number of farms preserved each year- 166



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Pennsylvania's participation in federal projects:

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ACEP.ALE (originally FRPP)

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-Since 1996, 42,208 acres preserved, totaling over \$39 million in funding

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2018 RCPP Implementing BMPs and CNMPs on PA Preserved Farms

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-Awarded \$6.3 million. 38 different BMPs installed (\$4 million in funding), and 525 acres preserved

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2019 RCPP Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape

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-Awarded \$10 million with 9 partners, To date, over 2,607 acres preserved totaling \$3.95 million

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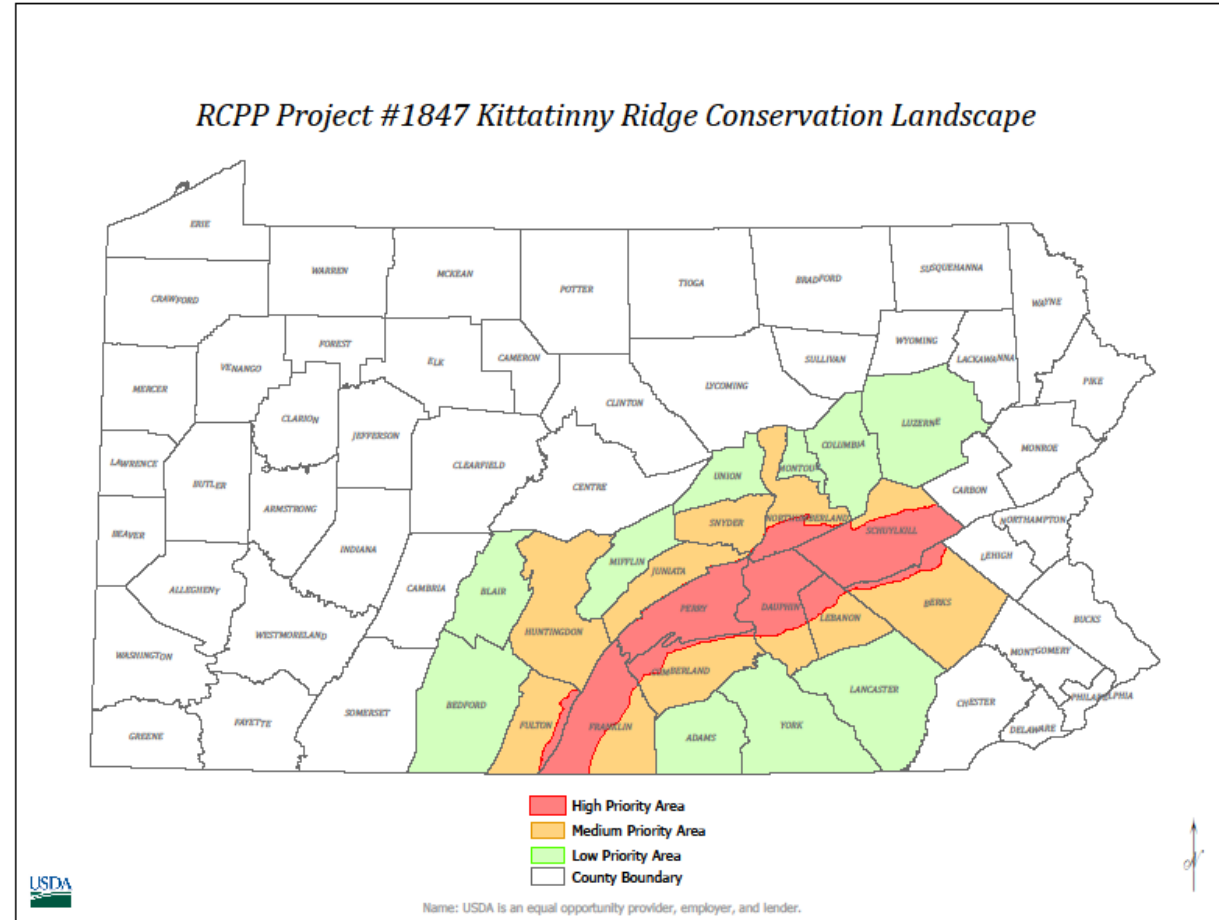
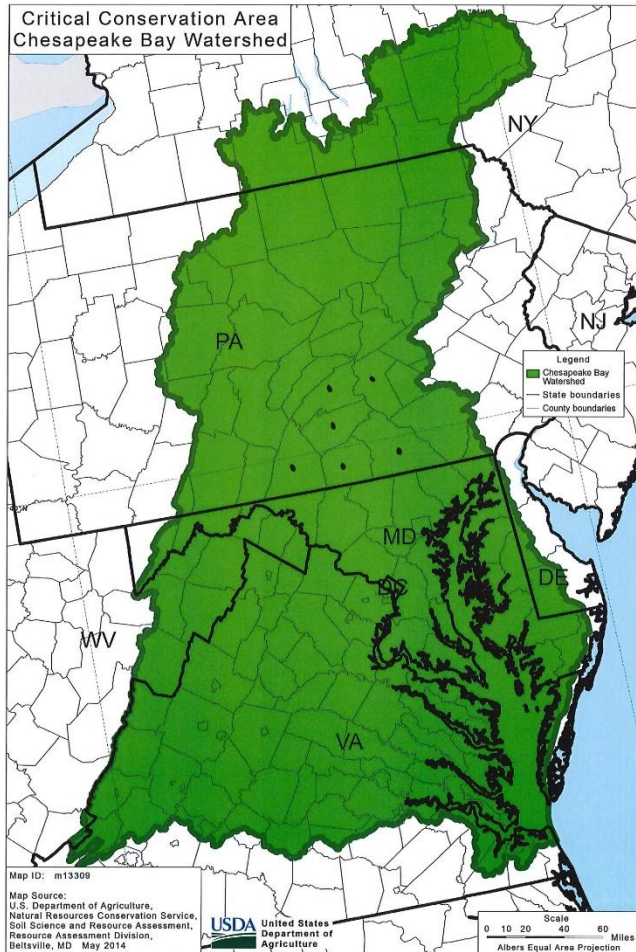
2022 RCPP Farmland Preservation and Climate Change Mitigation

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-Awarded \$7.85 million with 4 partners. To date, \$855,000 in climate-smart practices. Plus, \$2.1 million in supporting BMPs



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Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)

Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG)

Sustainable Agriculture Board (SAB)

Nutrient and Odor Management Program

Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program

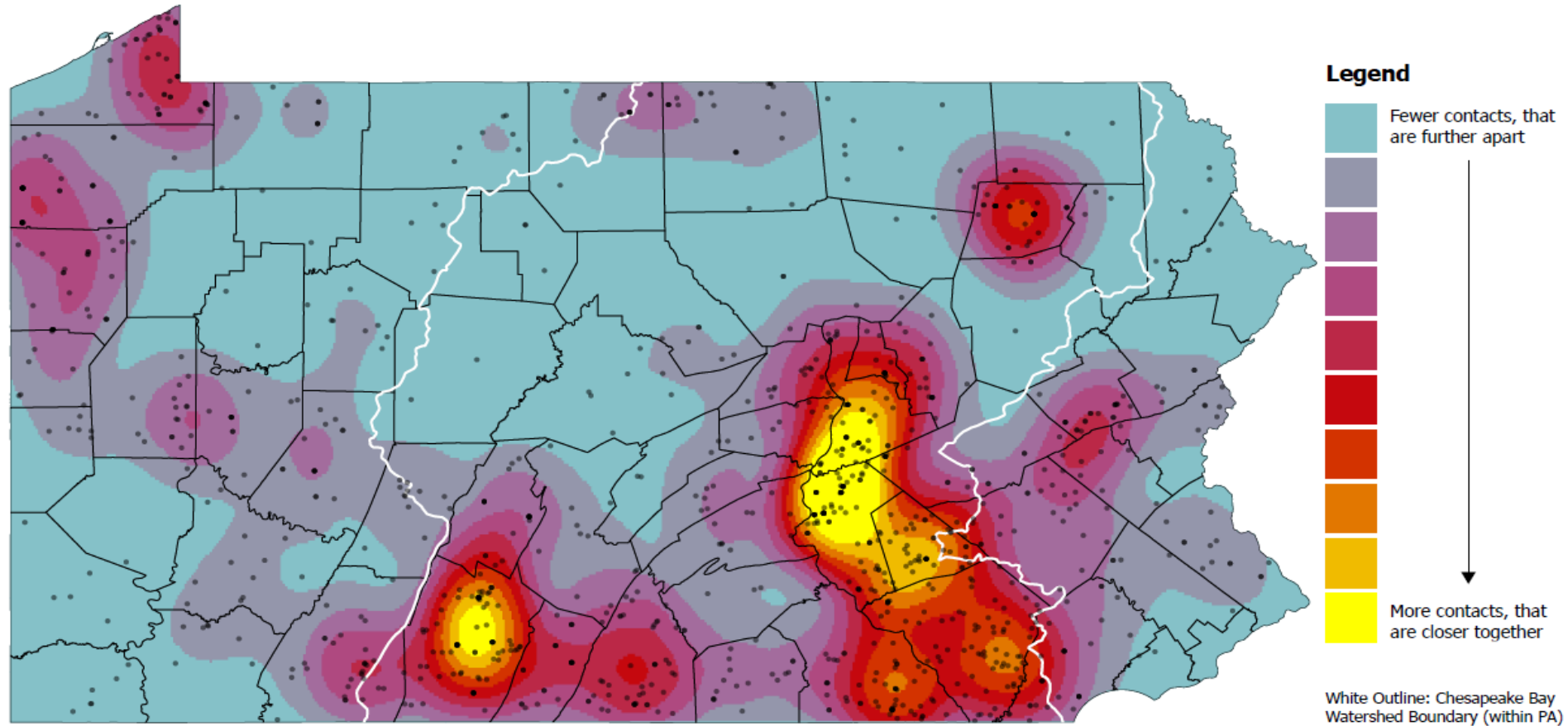
Conservation District Fund Allocation Program

Agriculture Innovation Grant

PA Ag Conservation Stewardship Program (PACS)



# Heat Map of ACAP Contracts





# Stacking Conservation Outcomes

- Ag Conservation Assistance Program – priority ranking for eased farms (82 contracts totaling \$14 million)
- PA Ag Conservation Assistance Program – points given in farm ranking\*
- Ag Plan Reimbursement Program – priority for preserved farms
- Certified planner positions – priority for preserved farms
- Sustainable Ag Board – target preserved farms in Bay watershed
- Lancaster Farmland Trust – Conservation Excellence Grant



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Maintain conservation momentum through partnerships



Continue to provide technical and financial assistance for voluntary incentive-based conservation



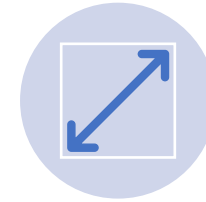
Invest in technology and innovation



Preserve farmland, forestland and open spaces



Engage new and beginning farmers



Expand opportunities for on-farm energy systems



Grow conservation network through public-private partnerships with focus on water quality, climate resiliency, and sustainable farms



Soil health as a foundation for water quality and sustainable farms



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Thank you!