

KEY FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION

PROGRAM	Enacted Appropriations for FY 2010	President's FY 2011 Request	House Continuing Resolution FY 2011	Senate Continuing Resolution FY 2011	President's Request FY 2012
EPA Ches. Bay Program	\$50 million	\$63 million	\$40 million	-----	\$67.35 million
Clean Water SRF	\$2.1 billion	\$2.0 billion	\$0.69 billion	-----	\$1.55 billion
USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$1.174 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$1.174 billion	-----	\$1.408 billion
USDA Ches. Bay Watershed Initiative (2008 Farm Bill)	\$43 million*	\$72 million*	Not specifically cited	-----	\$50 million*

*Full authorized amount for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative under the 2008 Farm Bill – each year of this Program has a different authorized monetary level, with the highest amount designated for FY 2011.

The House Republicans' Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011 has drastic cuts for programs that are critical to clean the waters of the Chesapeake region. The EPA Chesapeake Bay Program is targeted for a 20% cut from last year's level, a 36% cut from the President's budget for this year and would be over 40% below the President's budget for next year. The draconian cuts to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund would leave local governments and taxpayers holding the bag for local clean water infrastructure improvements which are critical to protecting the public health and local drinking water supplies – cutting this critical program by 65% over the President's budget request for this year. This budget proposal in the House of Representatives putting the financial burden of cleaning up the mess of polluters on the backs of local taxpayers throughout the six state region. This proposed budget bill is a "Polluter's Dream" that will delay the march toward clean water in this region and by doing so, will increase the price tag.

EPA Chesapeake Bay Program – This is the base budget for the Program that coordinates all of the Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration and protection efforts. The vast majority of the Bay Program's money is passed through to the states and local communities for on-the-ground restoration work through programs such as the Small Watershed Grants, State Implementation Grants and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) – This program allocates money to the states based on a set formula, which is then used for low interest loans to local governments for critical capital construction improvement projects to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution from wastewater treatment and stormwater facilities; nonpoint sources of pollution, such as farms and development; and other sources.

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – A national Farm Bill conservation program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. EQIP provides a formula based allocation to farmers by state and is used for various conservation practices, such as cover crops, fencing animals out of streams, restoring vegetative buffers along streams, etc.

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative – Also a Farm Bill conservation program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, but this program specifically helps Bay watershed farmers to implement conservation practices that improve water quality, restore wetlands and enhance wildlife habitat. Similar to EQIP, but focused on high priority targeted areas within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that will have the greatest benefit for water quality improvements.