

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

Support Investments in Water Infrastructure

Support sustained and expanded funding for EPA's water quality programs, including the Chesapeake Bay Program and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and for state programs including grants for local governments and water utilities, state revolving funds (SRFs), and stormwater local assistance funds. Ensure that local water infrastructure investments meet water quality permit load allocations and handle future population and economic growth are protected. Invest in workforce training and development to ensure the availability of skilled workers to fill water sector jobs.

Support Climate and Flood Resiliency Initiatives

Support funding to address robust climate change analysis, adaptation and resiliency planning, flood control and management, drought management, and development and coordinated implementation of local best practices.

Ensure Stormwater Regulatory Feasibility

Support actions that provide for a feasible pace for future MS4 stormwater permits and reasonable reporting requirements.

Ensure Local Government Input

Ensure that local governments and wastewater and drinking water utilities are given opportunities to provide timely and meaningful input on legislation and management decisions affecting the Chesapeake Bay and local water quality.

Support Affordability and Regulatory Flexibility

Support cost-effective scheduling and financing of water quality programs, including streamlining permits, flexibility to achieve nutrient and sediment reduction across wastewater, stormwater, and other sectors, affordability of water, and full funding for agricultural conservation programs.

Support Water Supply Security

Support water quality security and resiliency through research, planning, and programs and drinking water source protection policies and programs to ensure a resilient, reliable and clean drinking water supply for the region.