

## DRAFT 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

- **Support Investments in Water Infrastructure** – Support mechanisms such as tax credits, infrastructure banking, Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding, state revolving funds (SRFs), and maintain tax exemption status for municipal bonds. Ensure that local infrastructure investments built to meet water permit load allocations, as well as to handle future growth, ~~continue to be recognized~~ are protected.
- **Ensure Stormwater Regulatory Feasibility** – Endorse legislation that supports a feasible pace for MS4 stormwater permits, and applies the “Maximum Extent Practicable” standard. Ensure that burden does not increase for local governments to compensate for delayed issuance of stormwater permits. Support flexibility for generating local funding for stormwater management and ensure that reporting requirements are reasonable.
- **Support Climate and Flood Resiliency Initiatives**– Support funding ~~for technical support including to address~~ robust climate change analysis, adaptation and resiliency planning, flood control and management, and local implementation.
- **Ensure Local Government Input** – Ensure that local governments and wastewater and drinking water utilities are given opportunities to provide timely and meaningful input on management decisions about the Chesapeake Bay and local water quality.
- **Support Affordability and Regulatory Flexibility** – Support cost-effective approaches for scheduling and financing of water quality programs, including efforts for streamlining and prioritization of permits.
- **Support Water Security** – Support water quality, wastewater, and drinking water security and resiliency research, planning, and programmatic support.
- **Drinking Source Water Protection** – Support drinking water source protection policies and programs that ensure people’s basic need for a clean, safe, and abundant water supply is reliably met.