

# CBPO Program Update

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# Infrastructure Funding: Chesapeake

- BIL included funds allocated to EPA for the Chesapeake Bay \$238 million over 5 years.
- FY 2022 EPA Chesapeake funds – \$47.8 million:
  - \$40 million directed to fund Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants, Small Watershed Grants and Most Effective Basins
  - Remaining infrastructure funding will be targeted to advance Administration goals and Partnership priorities

# Conowingo WIP Update

- On January 24, 2022, EPA released its review of Conowingo WIP.
- EPA applauded the effort and the logic behind the plan, including targeting cost-effective practices in the most effective areas of the Susquehanna Basin.
- However, there were no financial commitments in place to pay for the minimum \$53 million a year to implement WIP.
- Therefore, EPA stated it had no confidence that the additional nutrient reductions would occur by 2025.

# Conowingo WIP Update

- Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan included \$25 million in his Fiscal Year 2023 capital budget for improvements in the watershed linked to the Conowingo pollutants
- Maryland state legislators on the Chesapeake Bay Commission have sponsored legislation to allow those funds to be spent throughout the Susquehanna watershed.
- EPA is currently in discussions with the jurisdictions on identifying a viable path forward to address the nutrient loads.

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