Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Program Update

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Manure Management Manual

- Final notice published in the PA Bulletin on October 29, 2011
- Copies distributed to districts and partner agencies / organizations

Manure Management Manual Education and Outreach

- "Am I in Compliance" Brochures and "Barn Sheets"
- "Train the Trainer" sessions
- $1,000 grant to all districts for training
- District meetings / training should lead to development of a manure management plan.

Bay WIP Outreach

- 100 site visits in FY 2011; all agricultural operations in 5 years
- County developed Outreach Plan

District Outreach Plans

- All districts submitted plans

- Plans include:
  - 26 districts will continue site visits
  - 20 districts will host workshops
  - 9 districts will coordinate with Farm Bureau

Model Compliance Policy

- In WIP, Done by July 2012
- Draft is for Complaint Response
- Modeled after the Act-38 Compliance Policy

Unreported BMP's

- Transect Surveys
  - EPA approval for Conservation Tillage Survey
- Better reporting by Cooperating Agencies
- "On the Farm" Verification
  - If required, DEP will provide forms, guidelines, etc. so that information will be accepted by EPA

Contract Performance Evaluations

- To date 32 districts have been evaluated
  - 6 Outstanding
  - 5 Commendable
  - 20 Satisfactory
  - 1 Needs Improvement

Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP) 2011

- New Grant from EPA
- Funds could only be used for Regulatory and Accountability efforts
- DEP has hired 4 new Field positions
- These positions are Compliance Staff

Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP) 2012

- Additional funds to Conservation Districts
- Implementation of Chapter 91 requirements
- Revision to Nutrient Management Delegation Agreements
  - Specific outreach activities
  - Farmer Assistance
  - Farm consultant training
  - Development of a district manure management strategy
  - Compliance / referral actions

Request to Refill Vacant CBP Technician and Engineer Positions

- Once a position becomes vacant, Conservation District Manager must request permission to refill the position.
- Procedure in place since 2005.
- Decision made by DEP in 5 days.
- Formal letter of procedure out soon.

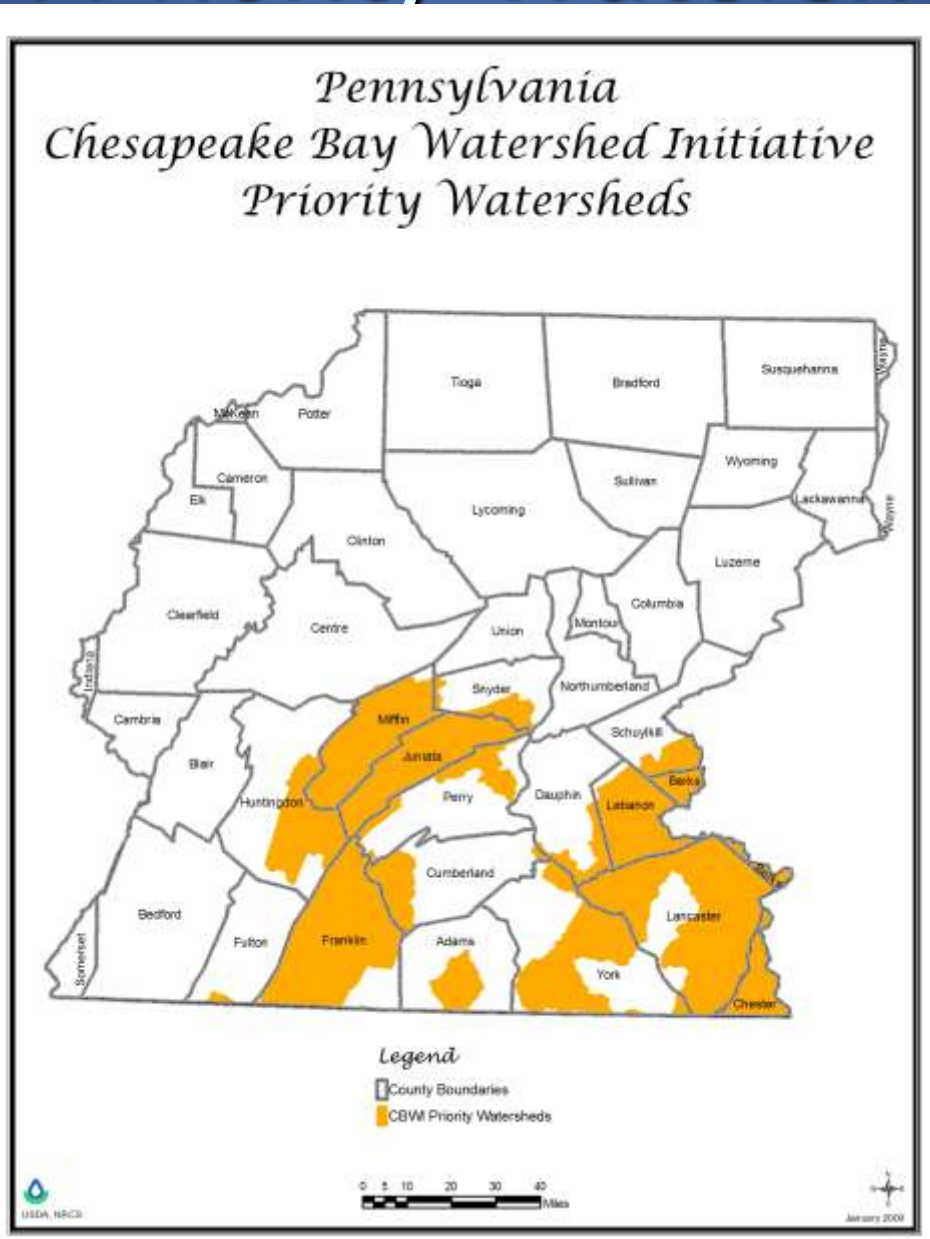
2012-13
Special Project Funding

- Formal announcement to submit application in February 2012
- Application due March 31, 2012

2012-13 Special Project Funding Priority BMPs

- Buffers / Streambank Fencing
- No-Till / Cover Crops
- Planning
- Implementation of County 5-year Outreach Plan
- Staff support of NRCS projects
- Farm Specific Projects – AHUAs, barnyards, etc.
  - Fit within County Implementation Plan
  - Match w/ other sources of funding

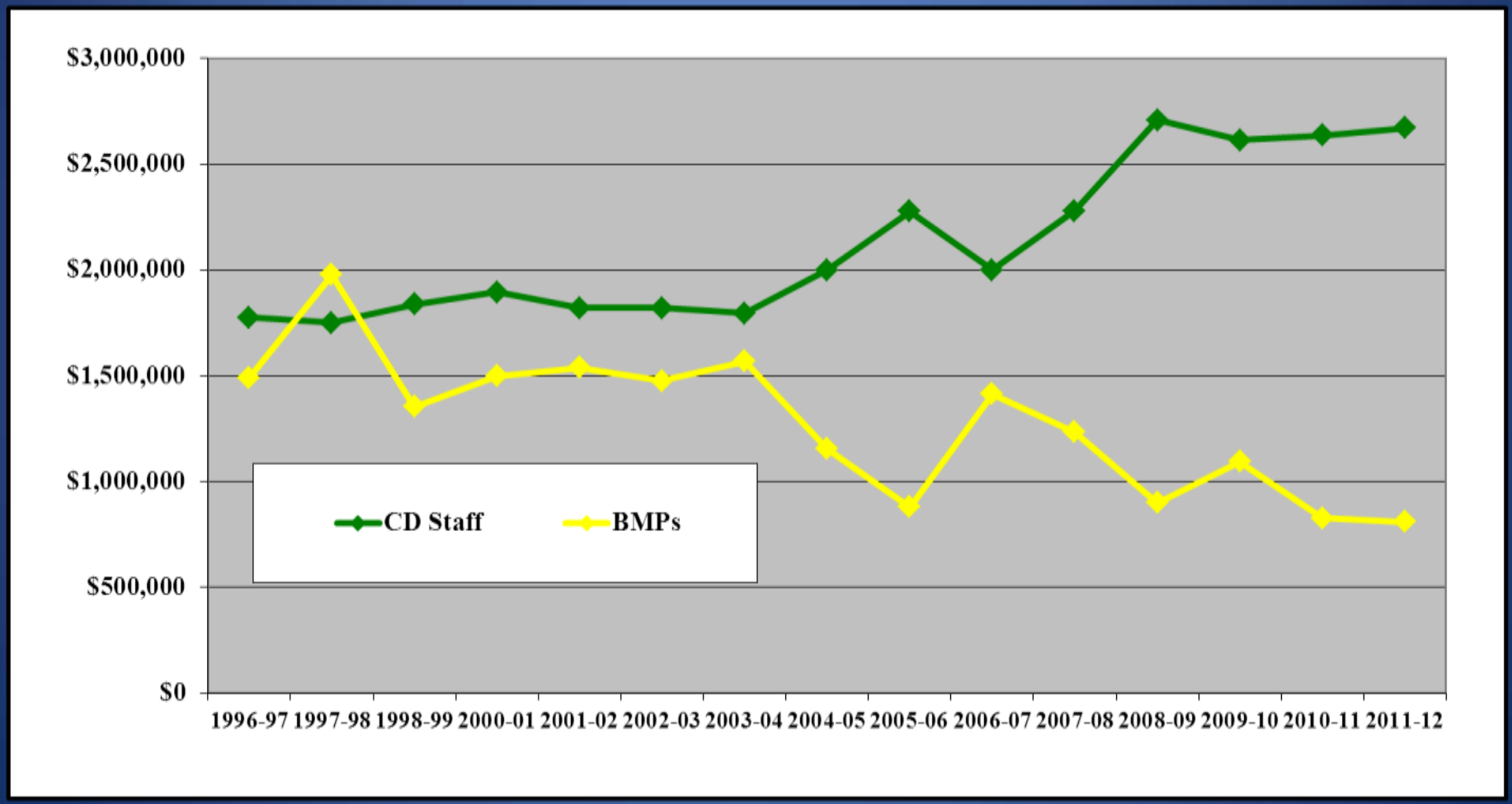
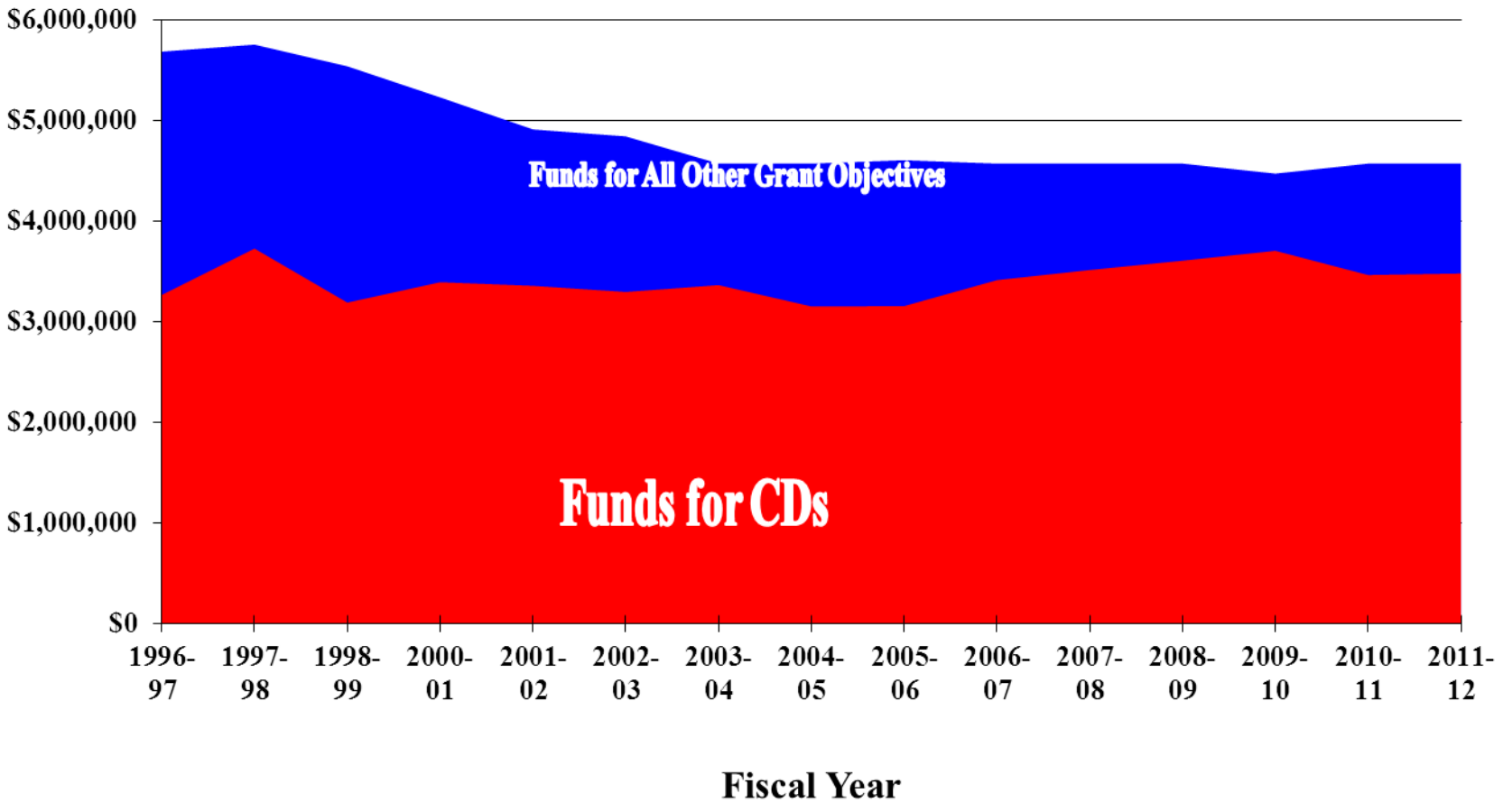
EPA Priority Watersheds



Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant
2011-12 Budget

Objective	Federal	State	Total Budget
Program Management	**$ 32,855**	**$ 824,200**	**$ 857,055**
TMDL Development (SRBC)	**$ 205,500**		**$ 205,500**
Chesapeake Bay Education Office (PACD)	**$ 32,200**		**$ 32,200**
Technical Assistance: Conservation District Technicians and Engineers	**$ 1,173,438**	**$ 1,462,800**	**$ 2,636,238**
BMP Implementation: Conservation District Projects, DEP Stream Bank Fencing/BMPs	**$ 842,977**		**$ 842,977**
TOTAL	**$ 2,286,970**	**$ 2,287,000**	**$ 4,573,970**

Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant Conservation District Funding



Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant
FY 2010-11 = $4.574 Million