# POTOMAC VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AG ENHANCEMENT & CHESAPEAKE BAY FY26 PRACTICES

## <u>Agricultural Enhancement Programs</u>

Applications will be accepted June 16<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Lime: 60% cost share up to \$50 per ton/max cost share payment \$30 per ton/50 acre max/pasture or hay only

(Must have current soil test and map within the past 3 years)

Hay or Pasture Re-seeding: \$60 per acre/\$3,000 max per producer/50 acre max/includes seed and equipment

(Must have current soil test and map within the past 3 years)

**Hay Establishment:** \$125 per acre/\$6,250 max per producer/50 acre max/includes seed and equipment

(Must have a current soil test and map within the past 3 years)

HUAP (Concrete Pads - Poultry): \$9.66 per sq. ft./\$7,500 max per producer/2 Houses max

Invasive Species Management: Cost Share max payment of \$500 per producer 50% cost share on commercial applications and chemicals

75% cost share on self-application (50% Chemical Bill, 25% of chemical bill in labor) Must provide map of fields applying

### <u>Urban & Community Agriculture</u>

- Rain Barrels & Kits
- Composter
- Cold Frames/Hot Beds
- Raised Beds
- Landscape Fabric



50% cost share/\$250 max cost share payment/
1 practice max per producer

The purpose of the Urban & Community Agriculture Practice is to assist producers with small operations or limited space the opportunity to grow crops.

### Chesapeake Bay Programs

Cover Crop: 50 acre max per producer/\$50 per acre. Must be planted by: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Must provide map of fields applying.

Litter Transfer: \$10 per ton flat rate/250 ton max/\$2,500 max per producer/litter must be removed from the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

### **Interior Fence & Water Facility Practice:**

Cost Rates will be based on USDA/NRCS EQUIP rates/\$8,000 max cost share per producer. Sign up period will be held in January 2026.

# Frost Seeding and Warm Season Annual Seeding

Applications will be available December 1st, 2025 - January 9th, 2026

<u>Frost Seeding:</u> Cost Share is TBD/ Practice must be completed by <u>March 15, 2026</u>

<u>Warm Season Annual Seeding:</u> \$60 per acre/\$3,000 max per producer/50 acres max

\*\*Program Funding is limited/Applications will be approved based on ranking and available funding

\*\*New Policy: Cooperators must complete ALL practices approved for, or will be ineligible to apply for 1 year