

2018 WILL GO DOWN AS THE WETTEST YEAR ON RECORD FOR MANY PLACES ACROSS DE. PRELIMINARY DATA SHOWS SEVERAL LOCATIONS WITH GREATER THAN 70" FOR THE YEAR.

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“THE BACKBONE OF DELAWARE’S DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE” - 2000 MILES OF CHANNELS AND 234 ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE BENEFITS TO:

- 100,000 PEOPLE
- 1/2 OF STATE ROADS
- 23 MUNICIPALITIES
- 38,000 PROPERTIES
- 829 SQUARE MILES
- 1/3 OF THE STATE

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MULTIPLYING OUR INVESTMENT

DE’S CONSERVATION FUNDING IS LEVERAGED 550%

\$1.9M STATE INVESTMENT
 + \$6.6M FEDERAL INVESTMENT
 + \$2.1M LANDOWNER INVESTMENT
 = **\$10.6M TOTAL**

1/3 OF DE’S WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS IN THE CHESAPEAKE DEPEND ON COVER CROPS AND OTHER PRACTICES THAT IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH.

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CONSERVATION COST-SHARE

COVER CROPS ARE COST-EFFECTIVE TO REDUCE POLLUTION & IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.

CONSERVATION PRACTICES & COST TO REDUCE NITROGEN (LB)	
• COVER CROPS	\$4.70
• WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES	\$15.80+
• NEW STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	\$92.40
• STORMWATER RETROFITS	\$200+

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THE VALUE OF NATURAL GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY ECOSYSTEMS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED IS \$3.4 BILLION ANNUALLY.

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THERE ARE **12,800 JOBS** IN DELAWARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED IN DELAWARE CONTRIBUTES **OVER \$2 BILLION** IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ANNUALLY

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RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

“LONG TERM INVESTMENTS THAT WILL ENHANCE THE STATE’S INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE”

- 1,600 PROJECTS SINCE 1996
- NEW REQUESTS AVERAGE \$4.6M ANNUALLY
- GOVERNORS RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY18, FY19 & FY20: \$0

DELAWARE’S CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

- SINCE 1943 -

LOOKING FORWARD
to the
Next 75 Years

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