

A satellite map of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, showing the extensive network of rivers and streams flowing into the bay. The land is primarily green, indicating forested areas, with some urban and developed areas visible. The water of the bay is a dark blue-grey color.

# Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (WILD) Program

On October 30, 2020, the America's Conservation Enhancement Act became law (Public Law No: 116-188). Title 1, Section 111 of the Act authorizes the creation of the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (WILD) program.

# Purposes of Chesapeake WILD

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Coordination among federal, state, local, and regional entities to establish a shared vision for sustaining natural resources and human communities throughout the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

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Engagement of diverse agencies and organizations to build capacity and generate funding that addresses shared restoration and conservation priorities.

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Collaboration to administer a grant program and implement projects to conserve, steward, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and related conservation values.



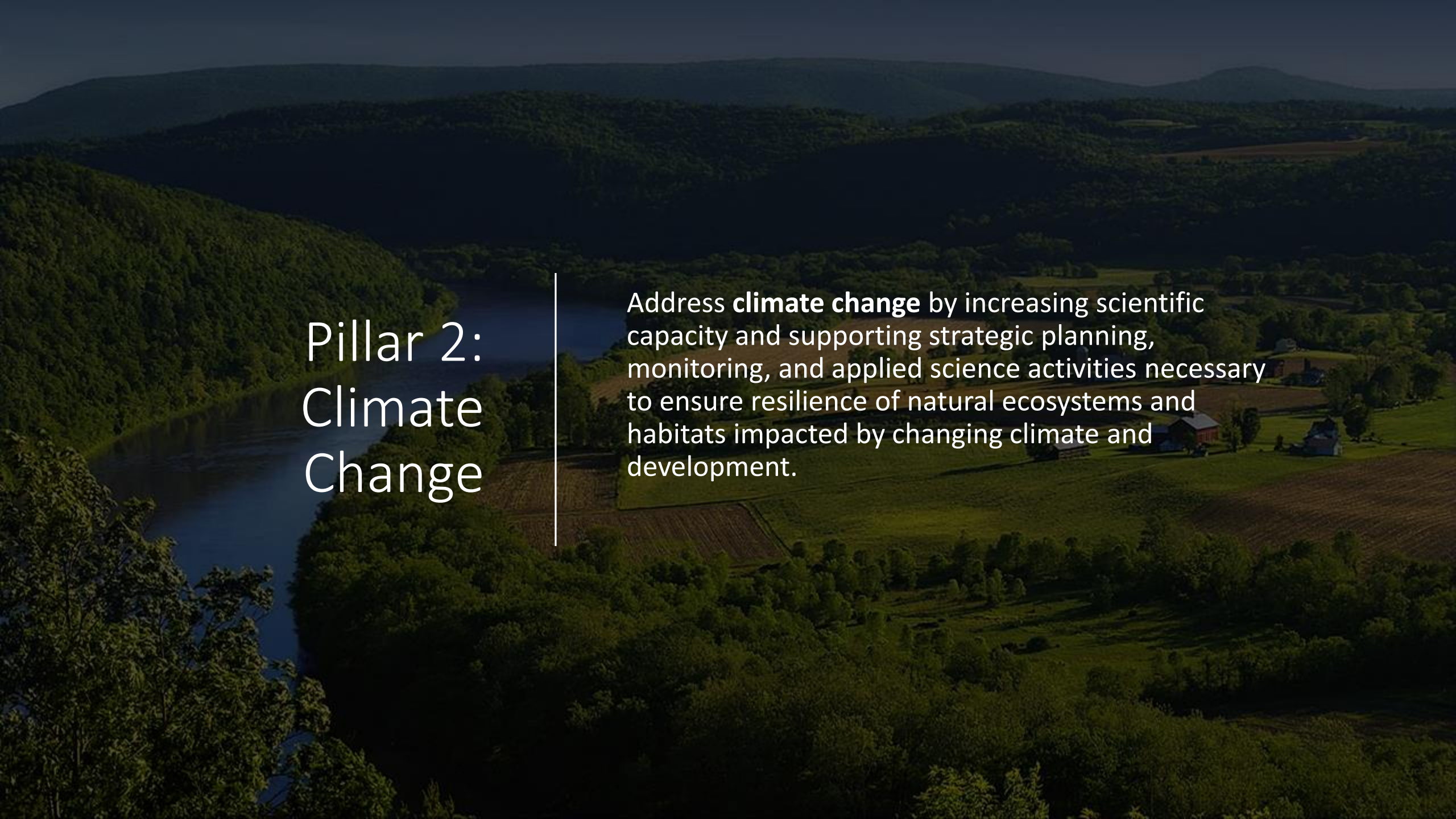


# Five Pillars of Chesapeake WILD

## Pillar 1:

Sustain and enhance **restoration** and **protection** activities by conserving a resilient network of fish and wildlife habitats and connecting corridors, with emphasis on **vulnerable species and habitats**.



The background image is a scenic landscape. On the left, a river flows through a lush green forest. In the center and right, rolling hills are covered in dense green trees. In the distance, a small farmstead with a red barn and a house is visible on a grassy field. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

## Pillar 2: Climate Change


Address **climate change** by increasing scientific capacity and supporting strategic planning, monitoring, and applied science activities necessary to ensure resilience of natural ecosystems and habitats impacted by changing climate and development.



A photograph of three people wearing yellow hard hats and high-visibility safety vests, working in a wooded area. They are all smiling and appear to be pulling on a branch or log together. The background is filled with trees and greenery.

## Pillar 3: Environmental Justice

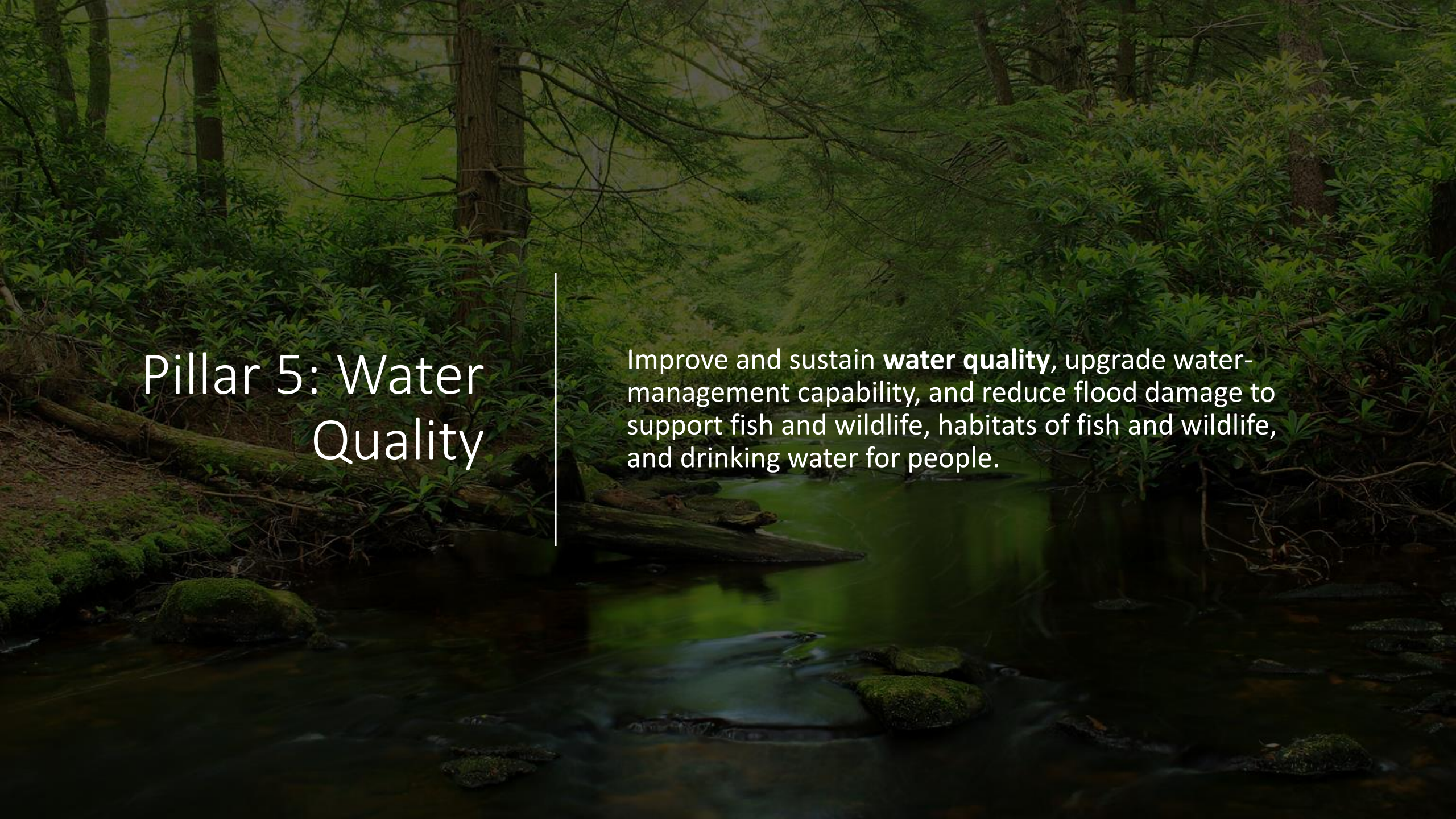
Increase capacity and support for coordinated restoration and protection activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, particularly in **under-resourced communities**, through **outreach**, education, and civic engagement.

A group of people, including children and adults, are standing on a wooden boardwalk or bridge. They are looking through binoculars and cameras, observing a natural area with trees and water in the background. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

## Pillar 4: Public Access

Enhance recreational opportunities and **public access** with a strong emphasis on equitable access to nature, consistent with the ecological needs of fish and wildlife habitat.



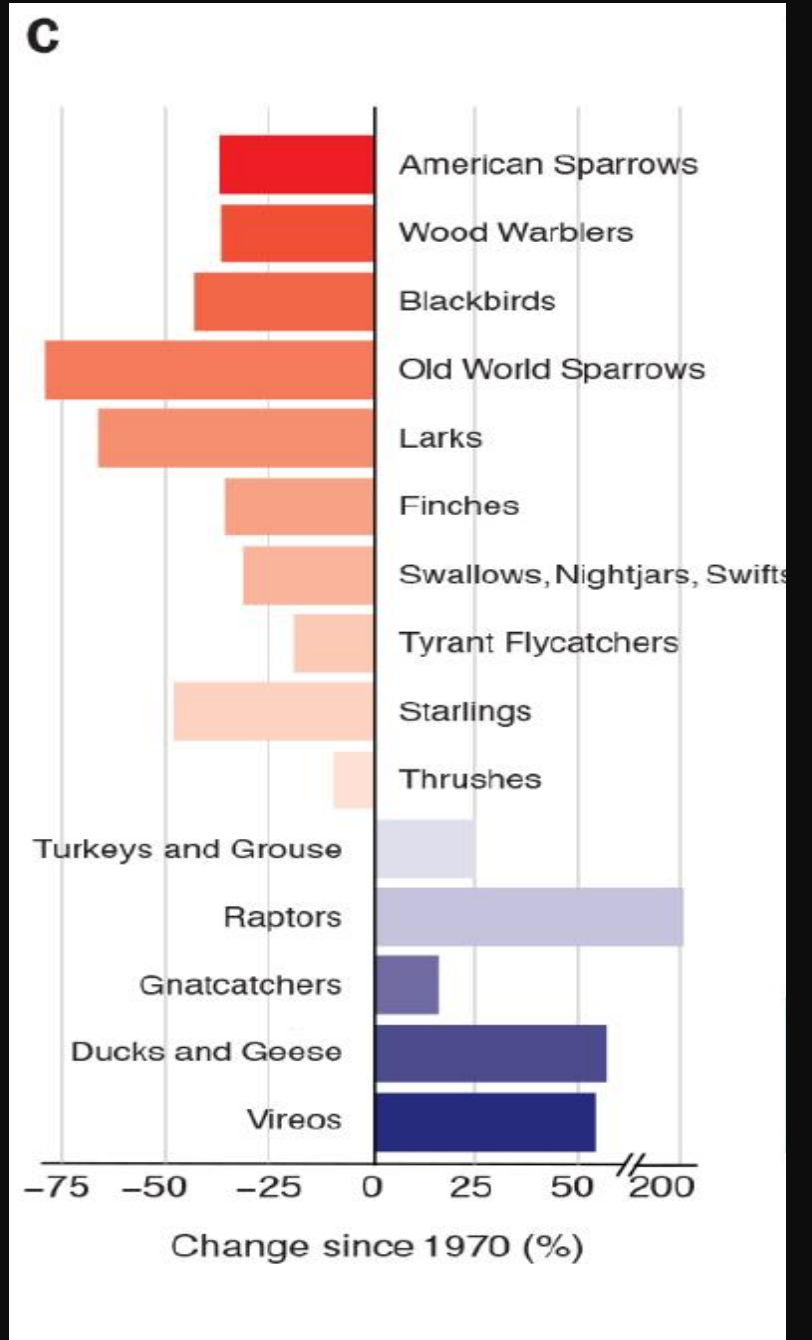
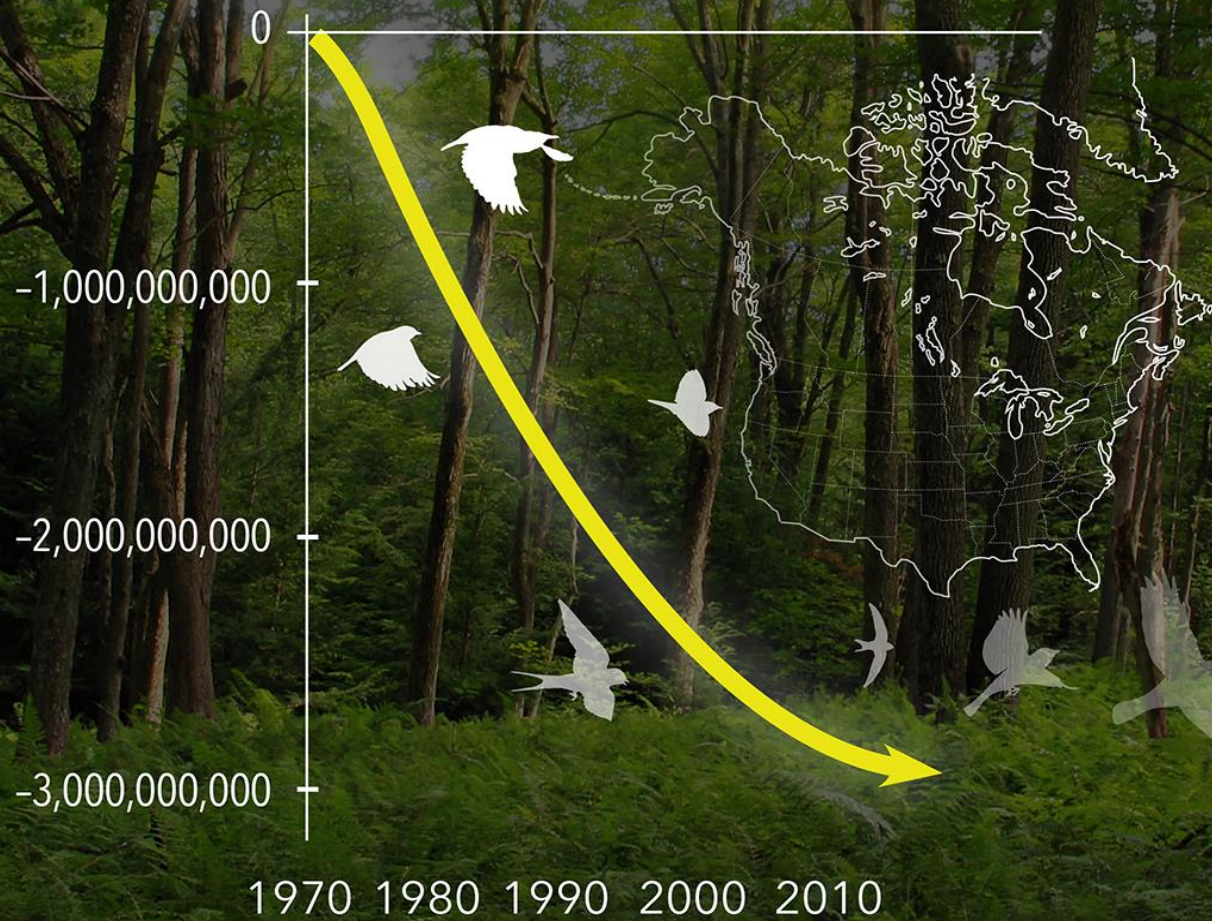


## Pillar 5: Water Quality

Improve and sustain **water quality**, upgrade water-management capability, and reduce flood damage to support fish and wildlife, habitats of fish and wildlife, and drinking water for people.



# 2.9 billion birds gone since 1970





# Landscape Scale Conservation

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Chesapeake WILD provides an opportunity to extend work into the headwaters area in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York to reach at-risk species and sensitive habitats.

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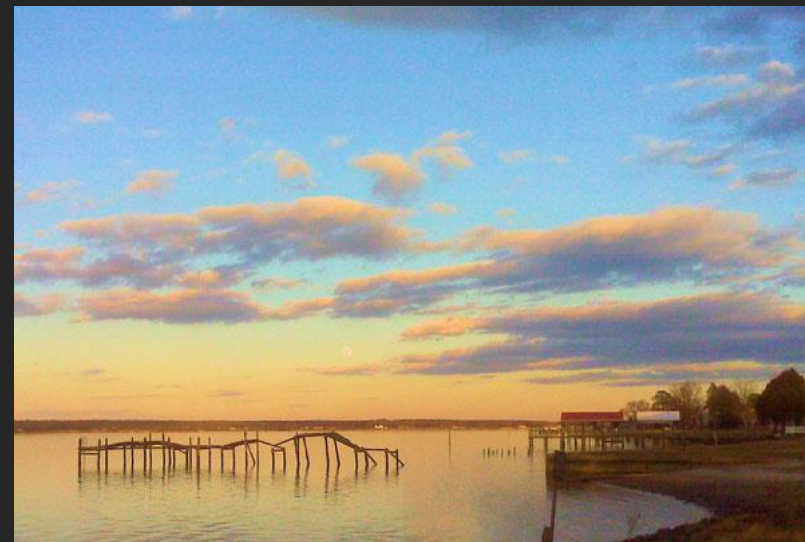
# Challenges & Opportunities

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- Complementary to EPA Bay Program
- Opportunities to accelerate Chesapeake Bay Agreement goals in areas of need:
  - Riparian forest buffers
  - Wetland restoration
  - SAV restoration
  - Brook trout habitat expansion
  - Shad/herring fish passage
  - Black duck habitat





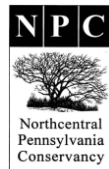


  
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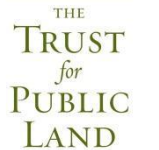


# Chesapeake

## CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP



Chesapeake Bay Program  
Science. Restoration. Partnership.



National Trust for  
Historic Preservation  
Save the past. Enrich the future.™





# Chesapeake Conservation Atlas

The Chesapeake Conservation Partnership is a coalition of diverse organizations and agencies engaged in land conservation and related fields within the Chesapeake Bay watershed





# What's Next...

- Appropriation
- Cooperative agreement with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Enhance Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund
- Infuse partnership priorities into grant review process to ensure investments align with priorities.

delaware river basin restoration program

## DELAWARE WATERSHED CONSERVATION FUND



**\$9,700,000** PROGRAM BUDGET AS-PROPOSED



**89%**  
GRANTS  
Figure reflected in RFP  
**\$7,871,515**

The DWCF addresses near-term and long-range issues for measurable gains for fish and wildlife conservation, clean water, access to outdoor recreation, and other natural and economic benefits for people living in the basin. 2018 and 2019 projects will collectively restore 17 miles of stream, conserve and enhance 119 acres of wetlands, restore 251 acres of floodplain, improve 3,737 acres of forest habitat, and open 200 acres for public access.

**5.5%**  
NFWF Staff Support



\$485,485

- NFWF program staff, grants administration staff, science staff
- Expenses associated with facilitating partner/grantee meetings and promoting DWCF

**0.85%** Outcome Tracking

\$75,000

- Detailed project/program performance, metrics, and outcome tracking via FieldDoc.org

**\$873,000**

Delaware River Basin  
Conservation Act  
administration and  
implementation

\$20,000  
**0.23%**  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SUPPORT



**3.2%**  
Technical Assistance  
\$280,000


- Includes NFWF field liaisons who provide technical assistance, project/proposal guidance, partnership development, peer-to-peer learning, and capacity building efforts.
- Multiple contracts, competitively selected

**1.1%** Grantee Compliance Assistance  
\$95,000



NEPA (and other) guidance and grantee assistance to meet federal and state compliance requirements for





## West Virginia Potomac Headwaters: Home Rivers Initiative

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To date, partners have leveraged \$3.2 million to restore 400 acres of riparian habitat, install 12 miles of agricultural exclusion fencing, stabilize 3.5 miles of eroding stream banks using natural stream channel design, restore 20 miles of in-stream habitat across both public and private lands, and engage 2,000 local residents and volunteers in conservation stewardship activities







## Coastal Resilience Land Prioritization Effort

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In 2020, TNC partnered with the U.S. Navy to secure \$3 million through the Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge to permanently protect 4,000 ± acres in TNC's priority area and the Navy's Atlantic Test Ranges.





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