



REPI UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE **READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM**

The REPI Program: Partnerships for Resilience and Military Readiness

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**Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Tenth Annual Meeting
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SUSTAINING

Military Mission Capabilities

THROUGH

INNOVATIVE

Land Protection Solutions

The Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool for promoting innovative and land conservation partnerships that benefit national defense, neighboring communities and the environment.

Realistic combat training, pristine test environments, and operational capability are keys to keeping our service members safe. However, encroachment issues are creating obstacles that threaten military activities.

Parachute training is halted when housing developments are built near drop sites



80% of military bases have surrounding development that is higher than the national average

Flight testing, training, and operations are impeded by cellphone towers, wind farms, and developments



Weapons testing and training causes noise, dust, and smoke complaints from nearby communities

Urban sprawl decreases habitat and may cause Federally protected species to seek sanctuary on military lands

Night training is compromised when light pollution from nearby commercial areas spreads



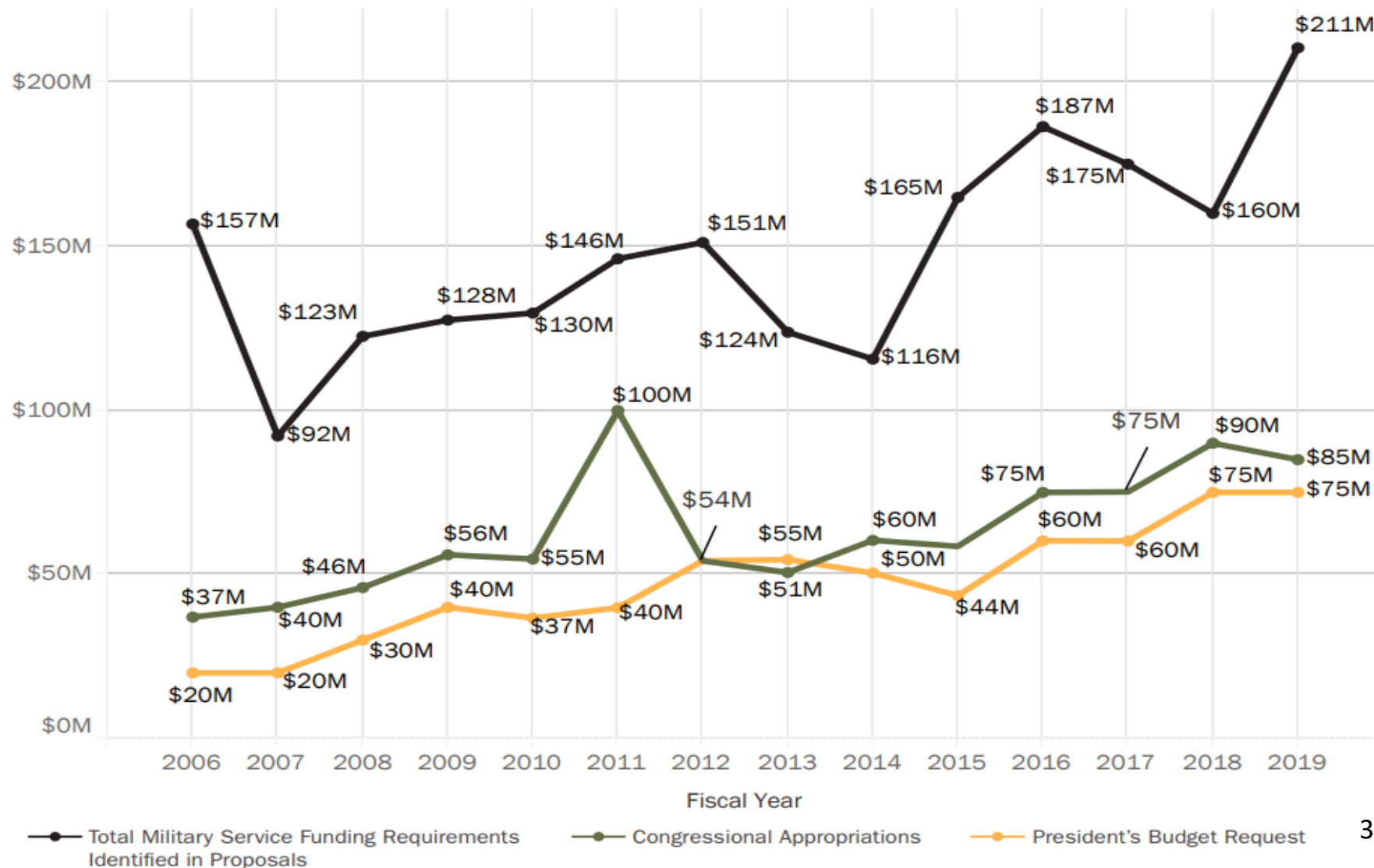


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Program Funding

\$857 million in DoD funds have been leveraged with \$788 million in partner funds under the REPI authority

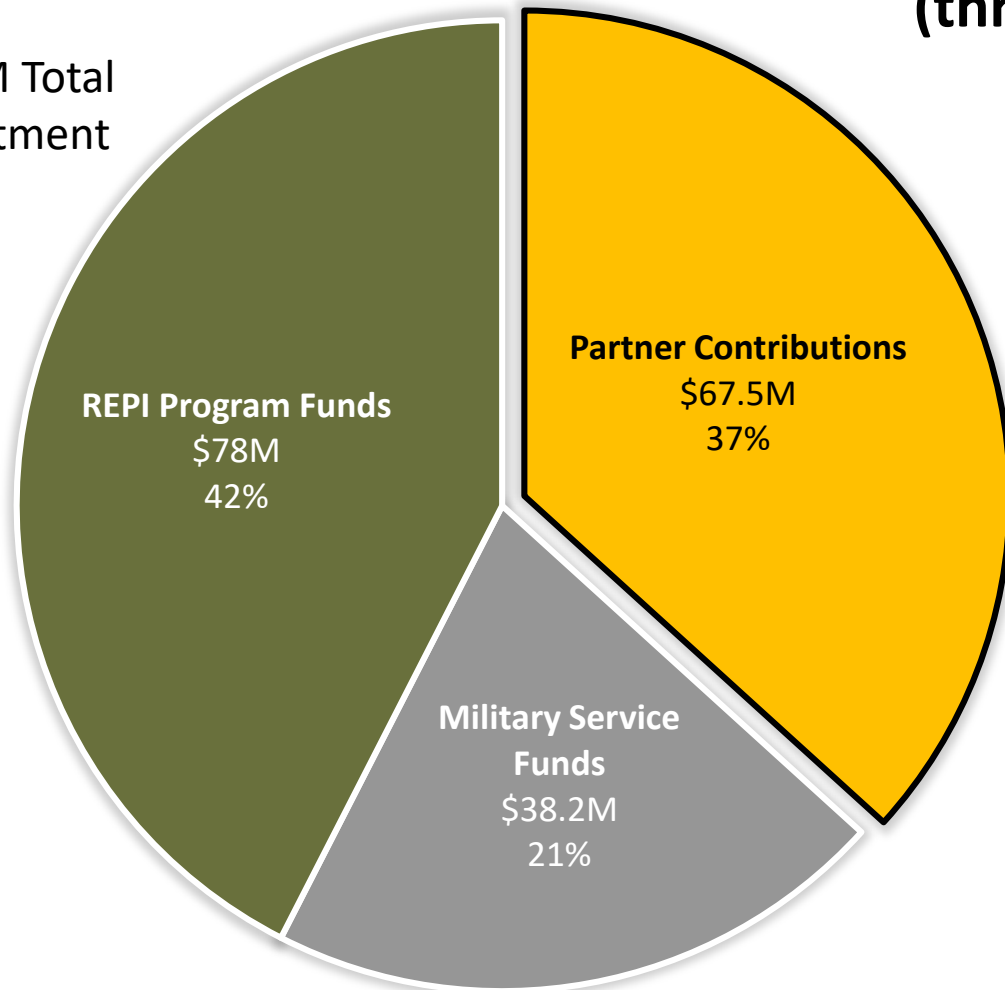




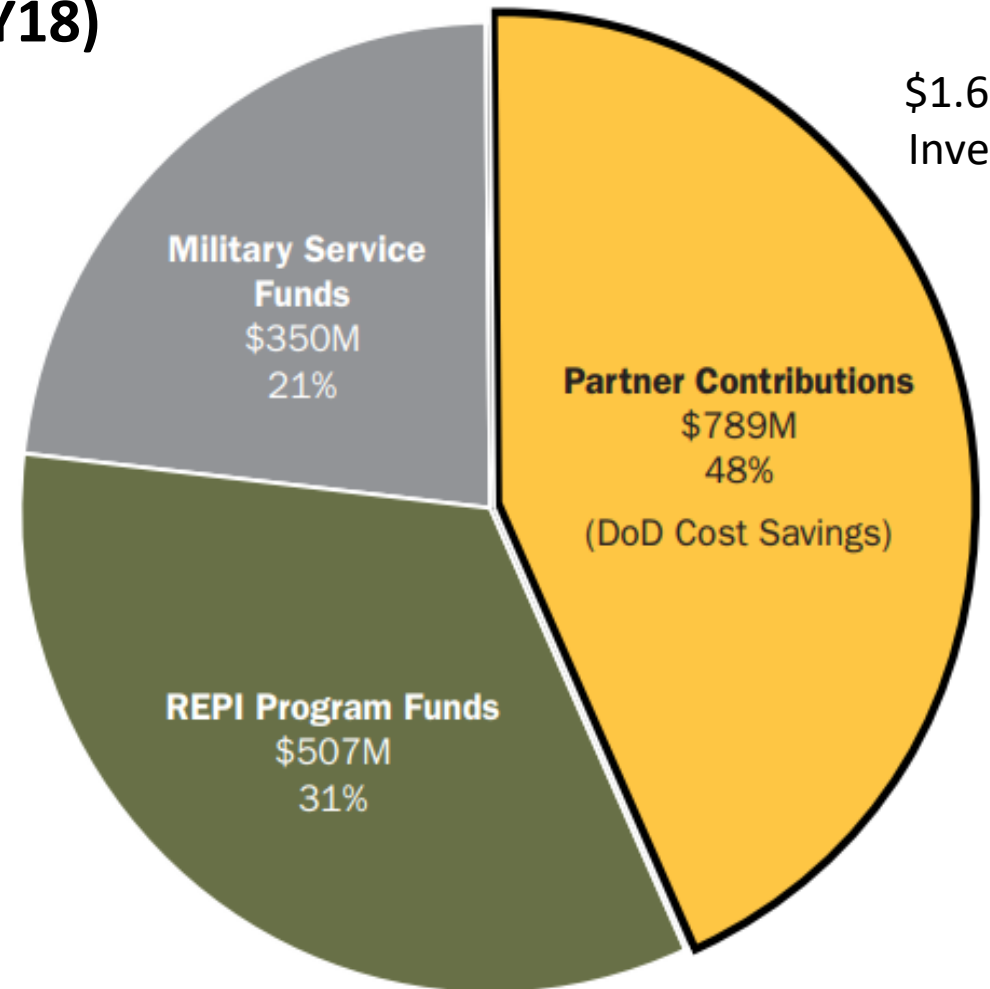
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Chesapeake Bay vs. Nationwide Investments (through FY18)

\$184M Total
Investment



\$1.6B Total
Investment



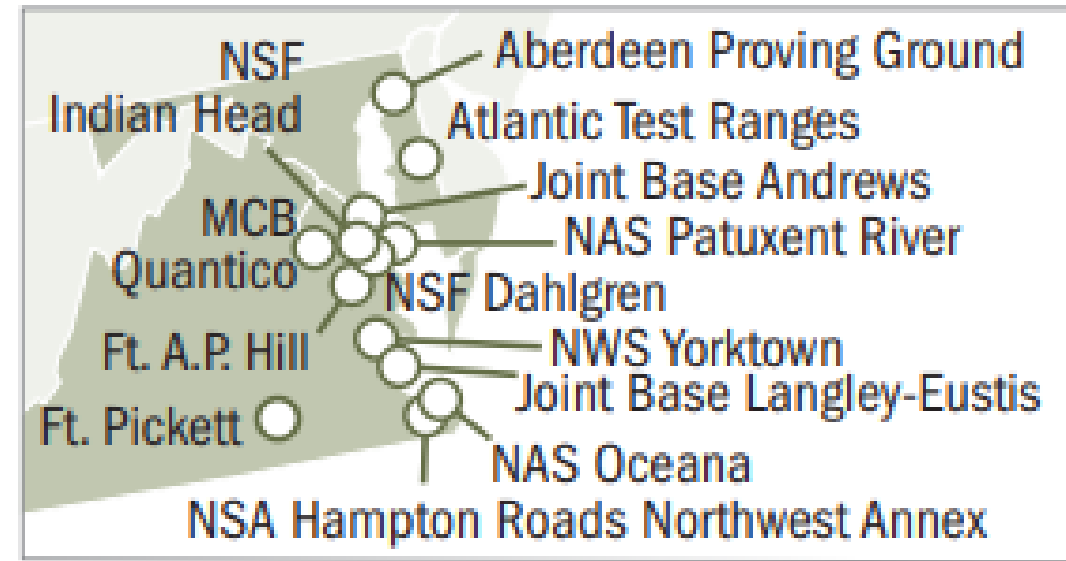


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Partnership Locations



Virginia and Maryland Inset:



**50,235 acres
protected within the
Chesapeake Bay
watershed**



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Partners in the Chesapeake Bay

- Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable
- Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Audubon Pennsylvania
- Brunswick County
- Camden County
- Charles County
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- City of Chesapeake
- City of Hampton
- City of Virginia Beach
- Civil War Trust
- Conservancy for Charles County
- Currituck County
- Delaware Department of Agriculture
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Dinwiddie County
- Dorchester County
- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- Fauquier County
- Green Trust Alliance
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Harford County
- Harford Land Trust
- James City County
- Land Trust of Virginia
- Lower Shore Land Trust
- Lunenburg County
- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Northern Neck Land Conservancy
- Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
- Nottoway County
- National Park Service
- Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Prince George County Parks and Recreation Department
- Prince William Conservation Alliance
- Roanoke River Basin Association
- Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board
- St. Mary's County
- Stafford County
- The Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- The Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
- The Lebanon Valley Conservancy
- The Manada Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Trout Unlimited
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University - College of Natural Resources, Conservation Management Institute
- Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Williamsburg Land Conservancy and Battlefield Trust



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Partnerships Authorized by 10 U.S.C. § 2684a (REPI Authority)

Must satisfy the following requirements:

- ✓ Possess an agreement between the military and eligible entity – state or local government or private conservation organization (non-profit or for-profit)
- ✓ The cost for the partner to acquire a land interest or easement to protect the land is shared between the military and partner
- ✓ Landowner enters into transaction and partnership voluntarily and willingly
- ✓ Protected land ensures compatible land use, habitat preservation, or military installation resilience



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Taking It Further

❑ Natural resources stewardship and long-term management

10 USC § 2684a(d)(3) or 16 USC § 670c-1 support current and future cost of natural resource management, monitoring, and enforcement

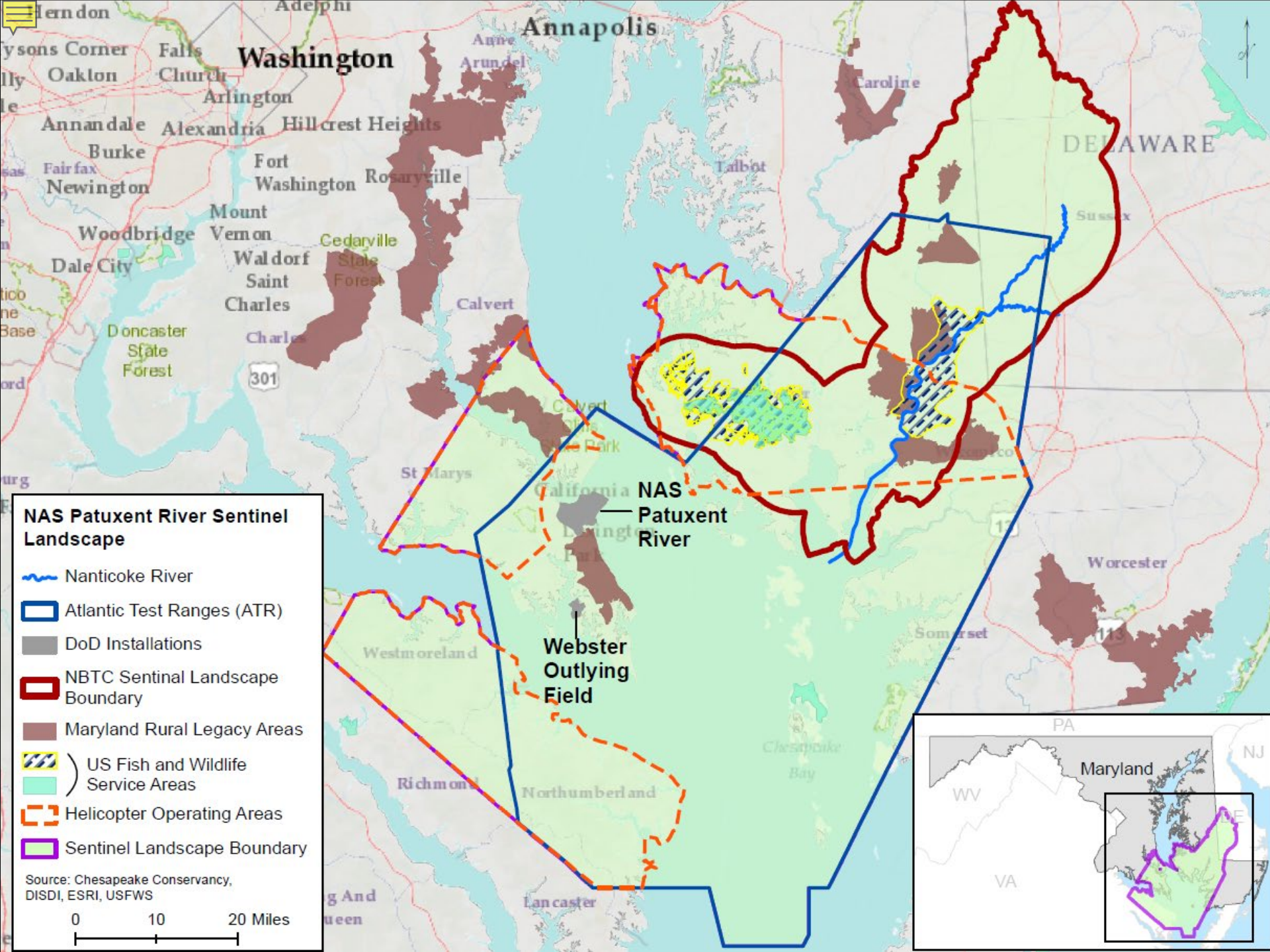
❑ Promote and enhance resilience

Congress expanded 10 USC § 2684a in the FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act to include agreements that enhance or improve military installation resilience

❑ “Funds as Match” authority

Allows DoD funds to be considered a non-federal match for USDA or DOI conservation programs





Middle Chesapeake Sentinel Landscape

- ❑ Total Sentinel Landscape Area = 2,074,006 acres
- ❑ Total Protected Acres = 12,686
- ❑ Total Enrolled Acres = 130,326



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Questions & Discussion

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