



Additional Shortfalls in the President's FY 2018

In addition to the 10 programs previously identified, proposed reductions to the following line-items will also negatively impact the Bay restoration effort.*

Fund USFWS' Habitat Conservation – Coastal Program at \$13 million.

President's Budget: \$11.9 million

This is a voluntary habitat conservation program that provides technical and financial assistance, in collaboration, with partners, for the benefit of protected species and resources. The Chesapeake Bay is one of 24 priority coastal ecosystems.

Fund USFWS' Cooperative Landscape Conservation at \$13 million.

President's Budget: \$0

The 22 public-private landscape cooperatives are a recognition that successful conservation requires voluntary, non-regulatory partnerships that span jurisdictional boundaries.

Fund NPS' Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Trails Program at \$2 million.

President's Budget: \$1 million

This program provides technical and financial assistance to state, community, and non-governmental organizations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. NPS collaborates with partners to increase access to the Chesapeake and rivers, to conserve important landscapes and resources, to promote tourism and local economies, to engage youth in meaningful work

and place-based education, to improve and connect people with recreational opportunities, and to interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Chesapeake region.

Fund the National Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at \$450 million.

President's Budget: \$64 million

LWCF provides funding for land conservation projects to protect open space and enhance recreation opportunities for all Americans. Since 2015, the Chesapeake region has received a total of \$22 million for land conservation projects across the watershed. The Administration's proposed budget would cut the LWCF fund by upwards of 80%, which would greatly hamper conservation efforts in the watershed and would hurt the Chesapeake's \$13 billion recreation and tourism economy.

**See "What the Congress Must do to Address the President's FY18 Budget Shortfall" for the Chesapeake Bay Commission top 10 priorities.*