

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

WHO WE ARE

The Delmarva Wetland Partnership brings together nonprofit organizations and state and federal agencies to accelerate wetland restoration across the Delmarva Peninsula. Together, we have restored more than 4,000 acres of wetlands across the peninsula.

OUR APPROACH

Each partner contributes capacity and funding to support and streamline wetland restoration projects. We work directly with landowners—connecting them with funding, assisting with applications, design, permitting, and construction.

THIS REPORT

Summarizes our partnership’s progress over the past calendar year, broken out by funding mechanism and state.

WHERE WE WORK

We work on public and private lands across the Delmarva Peninsula.



OUR GOALS

To accelerate the implementation of wetland restoration in areas that will have the greatest benefits to:



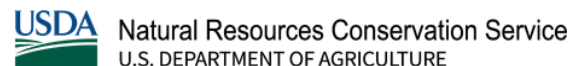
WATER QUALITY



CLIMATE RESILIENCE



HABITAT



DELMARVA WETLAND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

DELMARVA

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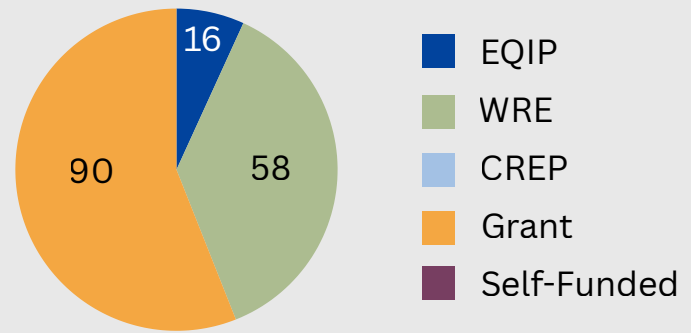


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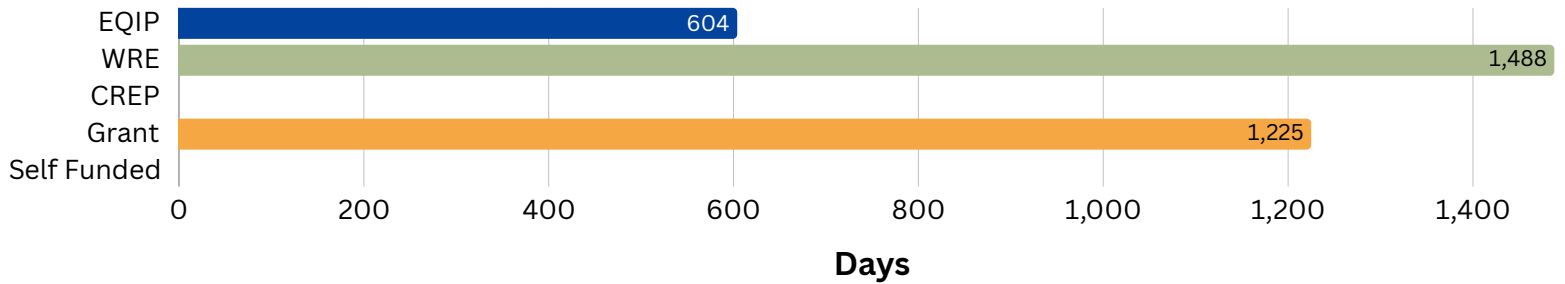
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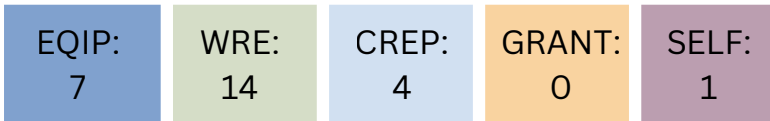
FUNDING SOURCES (ACRES RESTORED)



AVERAGE PROJECT DURATION



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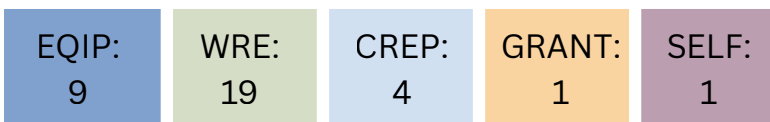
 PROJECTS FUNDED

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LANDOWNERS CONTACTED



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 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

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 SITE EVALUATIONS PERFORMED

DELMARVA WETLAND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

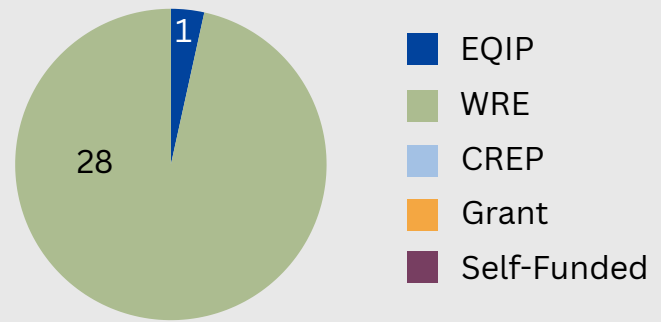
DELAWARE

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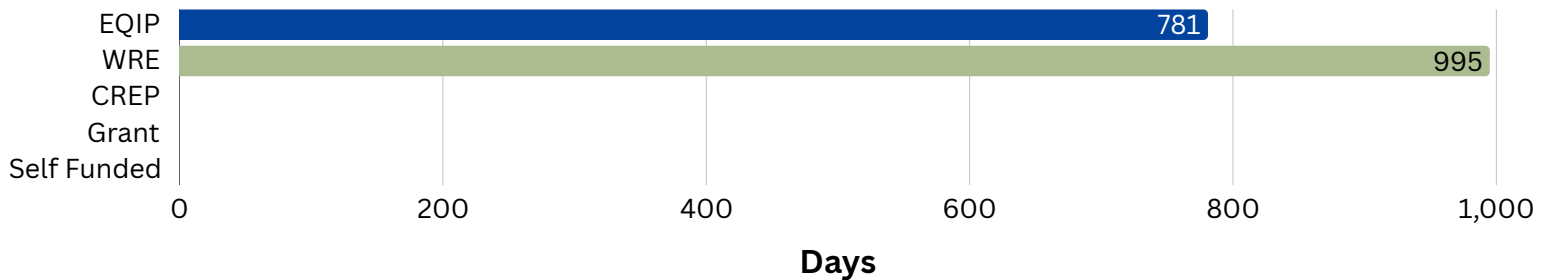
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28 ACRES OF LAND PROTECTED

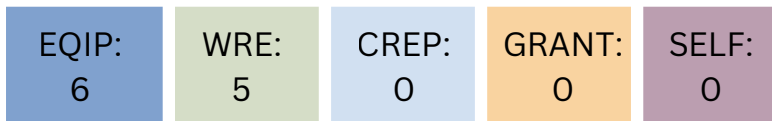
FUNDING SOURCES (ACRES RESTORED)



AVERAGE PROJECT DURATION



11 PROJECTS FUNDED

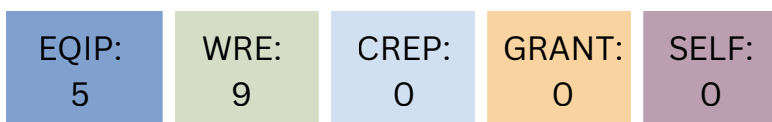


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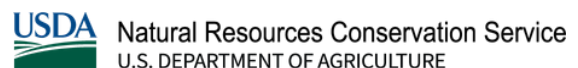
LANDOWNERS CONTACTED



14 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED



4 SITE EVALUATIONS PERFORMED



DELMARVA WETLAND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

MARYLAND

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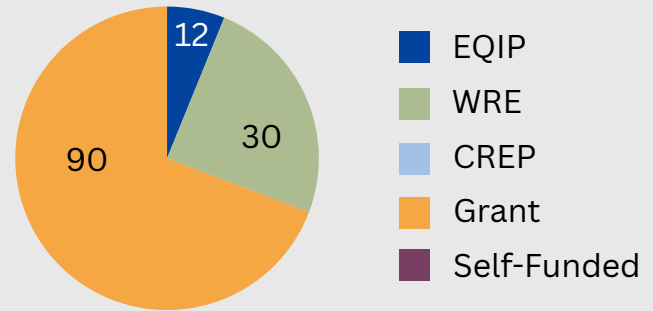


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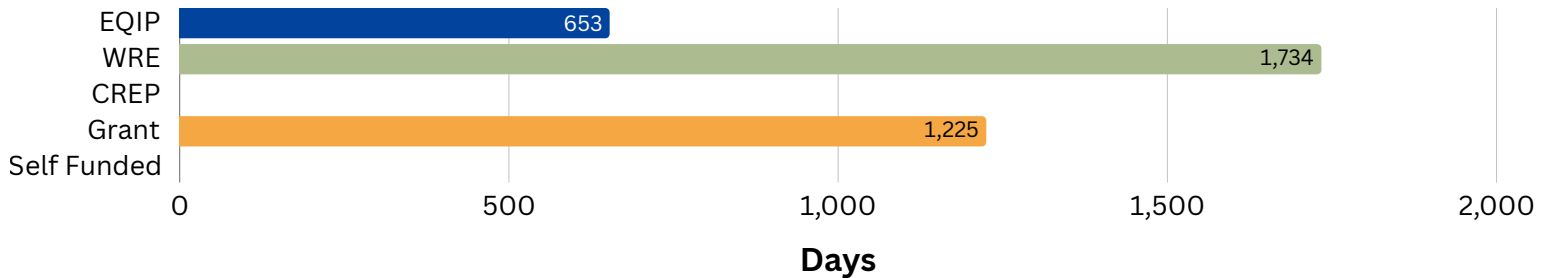
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 ACRES OF LAND PROTECTED

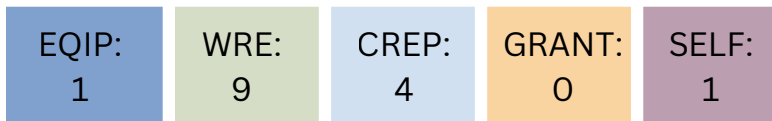
FUNDING SOURCES (ACRES RESTORED)



AVERAGE PROJECT DURATION



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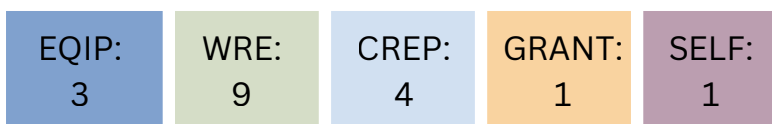
 PROJECTS FUNDED

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LANDOWNERS CONTACTED



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 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

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 SITE EVALUATIONS PERFORMED

DELMARVA WETLAND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

VIRGINIA

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WETLAND ACRES RESTORED

0 ACRES OF LAND PROTECTED

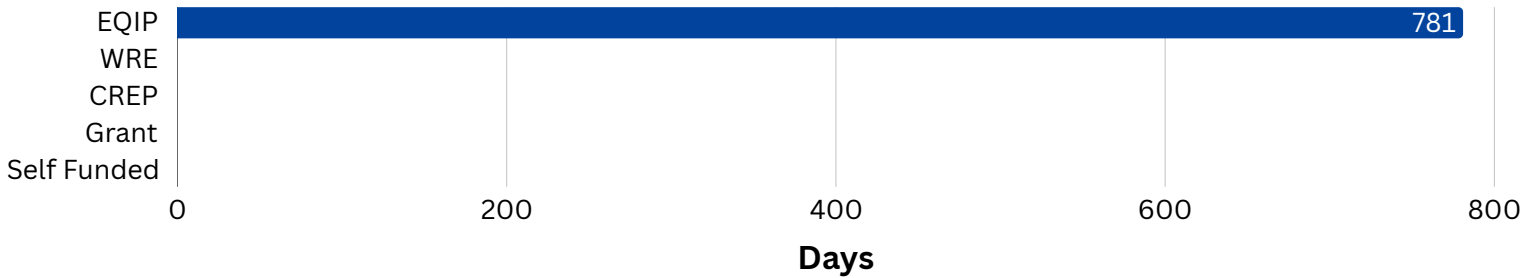
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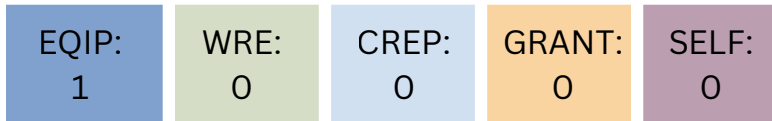
- EQIP
- WRE
- CREP
- Grant
- Self-Funded



AVERAGE PROJECT DURATION



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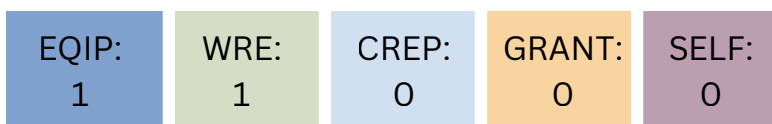


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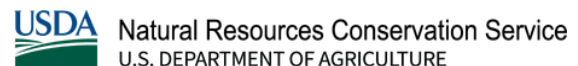
LANDOWNERS CONTACTED



2 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED



8 SITE EVALUATIONS PERFORMED



REPORT DEFINITIONS

Project: A coordinated wetland restoration effort on the Delmarva Peninsula involving two or more partner organizations and at least one participating landowner or land manager. Projects may include outreach, assessment, planning, funding, and implementation, provided they contribute directly to the restoration, protection, or enhancement of wetland ecosystems.

Acres of Land Protected: The number of wetland and upland acres protected from disturbance and development for a minimum of 30 years through conservation easements.

Acres Restored: Acres of hydric soil where partnership-led restoration activities (involving two or more partners) have been completed, including cropland or other land uses converted to native vegetation that supports wetland hydrology and ecological function. Reported acres reflect the partnership's internal criteria and may differ from acreage reported by individual organizations using other definitions or reporting tools.

Approved for Funding: Projects for which applications were approved or pre-approved for funding in 2025. Approval indicates that the project has met the requirements of the relevant program and has been allocated funding pending completion of program-specific contracting or enrollment steps.

Common Funding Mechanisms Used by the Partnership: The partnership frequently utilizes the following funding programs for wetland restoration activities: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE), and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund.

Funding Applications Submitted: Projects that the partnership connected with an eligible funding source and for which the partnership assisted in preparing and submitting a funding application, or directly submitted the application, during 2025.

Site Evaluations Performed: Site evaluations conducted by partner organizations that resulted directly from partnership outreach, as well as site evaluations initiated by other means where multiple partners were present and collaborated on the assessment of the site's restoration feasibility and funding eligibility.

Landowners Contacted: All unique landowners reached through partnership-led or collaboratively conducted outreach efforts, including direct phone calls, emails, mailers, and surveys.

Project Duration: The length of time from the initial contact with a landowner through the final day of construction.

