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Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Program (Region 3)

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Building on its first three years of regional coordination, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Program is becoming recognized as a regionally significant source for water quality-related science, economic and policy information.

Groundwork laid by the Mid-Atlantic Steering Committee has resulted in commitments and activities from all nine Land Grant Universities – five 1862s and four 1890s institutions – in the five state region of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The Program has worked to establish meaningful institutional teams that establish credibility among myriad partners within their respective institutions and states. Several key Regional Program-sponsored activities have also succeeded in highlighting the capacities of the regional collaboration in addressing timely and regionally relevant water quality issues in meaningful, action-oriented ways. Regional Program-sponsored activities in the areas of agricultural best management practices, conservation and resource management, rural environmental protection, and watershed assessment and restoration along with targeted efforts to develop user-friendly website content and Extension publications, has established the Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Program as a significant source for high quality science support, Extension and education for the region's government agencies, decision-makers and water quality stakeholders.

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