



USDA-CSREES 2007 National Water Quality Conference

Forming New Partnerships and Utilizing Teamwork to Advance Water Quality in the Mid-Atlantic

Becoming recognized as a regionally significant source for water quality science, economics and policy opens many doors. 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 Mid-Atlantic, which consists of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. 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 regional collaboration in addressing timely and regionally relevant water quality issues in meaningful, action-oriented ways. Regional Program-sponsored activities in several areas have resulted in the creation of new partnerships. These partnerships have formed teams of people that may not have otherwise worked together on an activity. The high-quality science support, extension and education for the area's governmental agencies, decision-makers and water quality stakeholders have made these partnerships possible. It is the success of these teams and partnerships that will pave the way to improving the region's water quality.

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