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Sustainable Chesapeake, on behalf of The Manure Injection Partnership, Awarded \$1,999,508.02 Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to Improve Farm Profit and Water Quality

Richmond, Virginia– June 25, 2024– Sustainable Chesapeake is excited to announce that it has been awarded a grant of \$1,999,508 by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to support The Manure Injection Partnership: Improving Manure and Nutrient Management in the Chesapeake Bay Region.

The Manure Injection Partnership has been working collaboratively for over ten years to expand the adoption of manure injection and nutrient management. The goal is to fundamentally change the way manure is managed in the Chesapeake Bay region by establishing manure injection coupled with nutrient management planning as widely adopted practices. Doing so will help farmers better utilize their manure and fertilizer nutrients and improve water quality. According to the Chesapeake Bay Program, manure injection and advanced nitrogen management reduce nitrogen loss from fields receiving liquid manure fertilizer by 27-37%, and phosphorus loss by 22-36%, depending on a farm's location.

Sustainable Chesapeake will support The Manure Injection Partnership's efforts to collaborate with diverse stakeholders, including conservation organizations, agribusinesses, and land grant university nutrient management specialists, to implement this project. The grant will be used to purchase equipment, provide technical assistance, and conduct outreach and education to ensure the successful adoption of manure injection and nutrient management practices.

"We are so grateful to receive this generous grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation," said Kristen Hughes Evans, Executive Director of Sustainable Chesapeake. "This widespread, early summer drought is a painful reminder that our farmers often struggle to make ends meet. For many farmers, manure injection and nutrient management planning can help to reduce production input costs while maintaining robust yields. This approach will strengthen our farms financially and improve water quality for communities throughout the Chesapeake region. We look forward to supporting The Manure Injection Partnership in achieving these important goals."

For more information about The Manure Injection Partnership and Sustainable Chesapeake's efforts to enhance agricultural sustainability and water quality, please visit <https://susches.org/projects/manure-injection/>

About Sustainable Chesapeake:

Sustainable Chesapeake is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to cultivating prosperity through innovative solutions that benefit farms, communities, and the Chesapeake Bay. Working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including innovative farmers and agribusiness

partners, Sustainable Chesapeake supports expanded adoption of farm conservation practices throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

About the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation:

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate, foundation and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,800 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of more than \$10 billion. NFWF is an equal opportunity provider. Learn more at nfwf.org.

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