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USDA HOLDS CHESAPEAKE BAY LISTENING SESSION

HARRISBURG, PA, July 3, 2008— The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) contains new funding for conservation program assistance targeted for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, utilizing established conservation programs and practices.

On Monday, July 14, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will hold a public listening session on the Chesapeake Bay provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. Stakeholders and the public are encouraged to bring their ideas about practices, programs, and geographic areas they see as priorities under these provisions. The session begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Lowes Annapolis Hotel, Ballrooms A&B. The hotel's address is 126 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401. Telephone: (410) 263-7777. For additional information, please visit <u>http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/</u> or contact Molly McDonough at (717)237-2208.

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