



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL LANDS

DELAWARE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Agriculture is responsible for **3.7% of the state's total emissions**. However, Delaware's natural and working lands, such as forests, wetlands and croplands offset **4.9% of the state's emissions**. Well-managed natural and aglands can remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the plants and soil, making conservation and preservation of these lands a vital part of our climate strategy.

PROTECT AND PLANT TREES



Expand tree planting on urban and suburban lands and ensure a native tree supply.



Protect, preserve, and improve management of forests including through new laws and assistance for local governments.

PROTECT OUR WETLANDS AND MARINE ECOYSTEMS



Improve wetland protection through new laws and local ordinances.



Support research and innovation to enhance carbon sequestration of wetlands and marine ecosystems.

PRESERVE AGRICULTURAL LANDS



Increase funding and explore zoning mechanisms for preservation of aglands.



Support strategies that balance preserving agland with competing land use needs.

PROMOTE CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE



Support practices to protect and enhance soil carbon, such as no/low-till and cover crops.

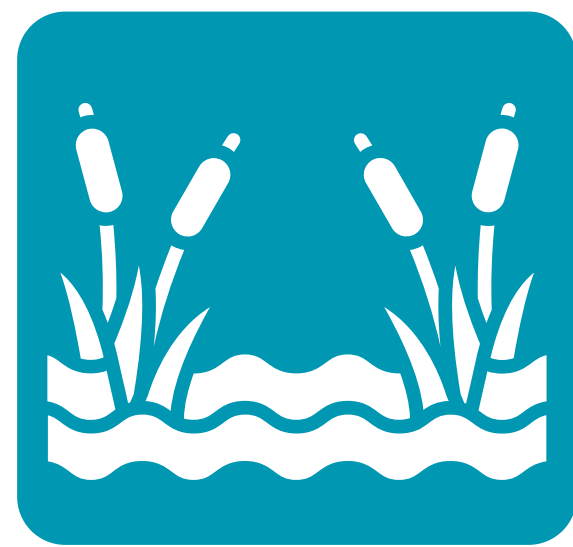


Support operational emissions reductions such as use of enhanced efficiency fertilizers and solar panels on poultry houses.

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT MY COMMUNITY?



Local Agriculture



Natural Flood Protection



Outdoor Recreation



Native Species

A full list of draft strategies is available at the tables in the center of the room.

