

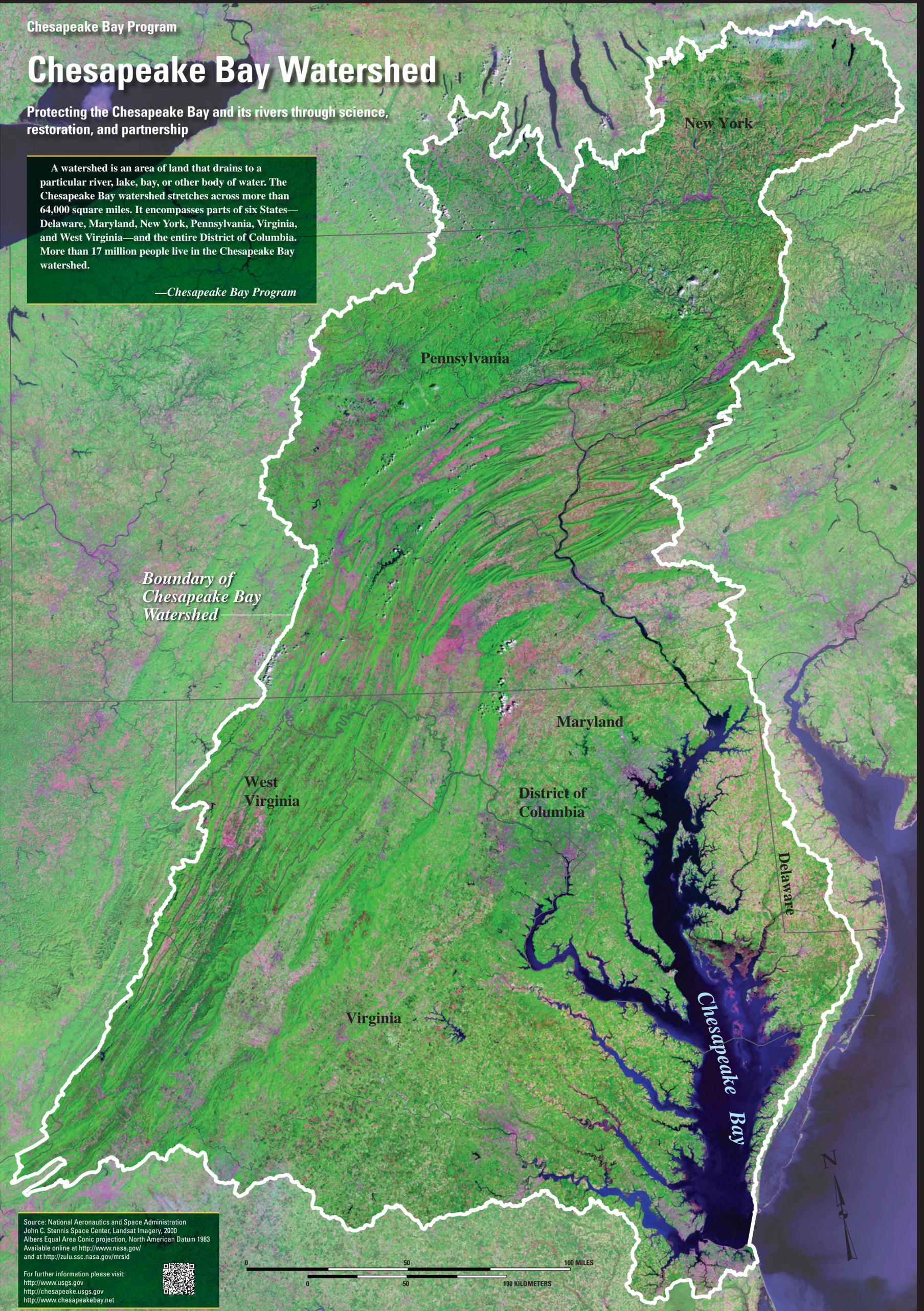
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# Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers through science, restoration, and partnership

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular river, lake, bay, or other body of water. The Chesapeake Bay watershed stretches across more than 64,000 square miles. It encompasses parts of six States—Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia—and the entire District of Columbia. More than 17 million people live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

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*Boundary of Chesapeake Bay Watershed*

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