

## Technical Assistance for Watershed Projects: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Offers Field Liaison Support

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) make grants to organizations through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund to advance restoration and protection of the six-state Chesapeake Bay watershed. For more information about NFWF’s Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund and grant programs, visit [our website](http://nfwf.org/Chesapeake) (nfwf.org/Chesapeake).

In addition to grant funding, NFWF offers complimentary **technical assistance through a cadre of field liaisons that support local governments and organizations** interested in pursuing watershed restoration and protection projects through NFWF Stewardship Fund grants. Field liaisons work external to NFWF and **provide project consultation and watershed management expertise** to assist and support grant applicants and current grantees.

### Technical Assistance Available

NFWF-contracted **field liaisons** are available to assist partners including prospective applicants to:

- Explore local project needs and opportunities for connections with NFWF programs;
- Enhance project alignment with NFWF, EPA, and the Chesapeake Bay Program priorities;
- Identify and develop appropriate and right-sized project and landscape-level partnerships;
- Survey and explore technical and financial resources to leverage potential grant funding; and
- Transfer insights and lessons learned from legacy NFWF projects to maximize project outcomes.

Field liaisons provide broad geographic coverage across the Bay region and offer a breadth of agricultural conservation, urban stormwater management, wetland and watershed science, and habitat experience and expertise relevant to Bay restoration goals.

To access field liaison support, contact individual liaisons directly:

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**Unsure who might be the best fit? NFWF can help!** Simply email Nicole Thompson at [Nicole.Thompson@NFWF.ORG](mailto:Nicole.Thompson@NFWF.ORG) with “Field Liaison Request” in the subject line and provide a brief summary of the specific project or initiative for which you seek assistance.