

# Natural Resources Conservation on the Delmarva Peninsula: Economic Impact



**DELMARVA RESTORATION &  
CONSERVATION NETWORK**

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) and the Delmarva Restoration and Conservation Network (DRCN) commissioned SAGE Policy Group to assess the economic impact of Delmarva's natural resources. The report highlights the value of the Delmarva Peninsula's natural resources and emphasizes the importance of land conservation in maintaining the region's economic stability, ensuring that future generations can continue to benefit from these vital resources.



The Delmarva Peninsula natural resources-based economy supports more than

# 74,000 jobs

across the region. Of those jobs, 1,897 are in environmental and natural resource-related fields.

Natural resources generate about  
**\$8.1 billion**  
total in annual economic activity.

Economic activity supports more than  
**\$700 million**  
in annual tax revenues for  
State/Commonwealth governments in  
Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.



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“The shift toward an ecological mindset has been transformative, bringing significant benefits to both local businesses and Tilghman Island as a whole.”

- **Bob Zuber**

*Black Walnut Point Inn*



Maryland's State tax revenues are augmented by more than  
**\$300 million each year**  
due to Delmarva's natural resources.

Delaware's State tax revenues are bolstered by nearly  
**\$180 million per annum.**

Commonwealth-level tax revenues in Virginia exceed  
**\$12 million per annum.**