

# W. Va. Joins Chesapeake Bay Program

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. — To better protect and restore local water quality in the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise officially committed the state as a "headwaters partner" in the Chesapeake Bay Program — the federal-state partnership directing the protection and restoration of America's largest estuary.

"With my signature on this memorandum, West Virginia officially becomes a partner at the table, joining the other states that have voluntarily agreed to maintain and protect the Potomac River watershed," said Wise.

"Through this effort, we reaffirm our cooperative obligation to protect one of America's great natural treasures — the Chesapeake Bay."

At an afternoon signing ceremony at the Department of Agriculture's district office in Moorefield, Wise signed a Memorandum of Understanding committing the state to working with the Bay Program to improve water quality in the bay and its tributaries, as detailed in Chesapeake 2000, the baywide protection and restoration agreement signed in June 2000.

"West Virginia's involvement in bay restoration highlights the

need for expanded partnerships between the bay states and their upstream neighbors to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment flowing into the bay," said Donald S. Welsh, mid-Atlantic regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "With West Virginia's assistance, we hope to improve the quality of the water flowing into the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, and further downstream into the Chesapeake Bay."

The Chesapeake Bay watershed covers 64,000 square miles including parts of West Virginia, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

# Magee Introduces Agribioterrorist Bill In N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Assembly Agriculture Chair Bill Magee (D-Nelson) will be introducing a bill in the State Assembly that would create the crime of agribioterrorism as well as make it a class B felony to commit such a crime.

"Unfortunately, there are those out there that seek to decimate and destroy our free society," Magee said. "This bill simply seeks to recognize the great and unique significance of trying to

do that through attacking our food supply."

The bill provides that a person would be found guilty of agribioterrorism when with intent to intimidate or coerce people or policy they knowingly create plants for human consumption that are toxic; intentionally introduce an animal virus or pathogen into livestock herds; or knowingly harm a food or farm product with the intent to injure or kill persons or animals.

"In many ways it is sad that we have to introduce legislation like this," Magee commented. "But we cannot take it for granted that some group may not try to strike fear and terror into people by poisoning their animals and food — simply put, our food is safe now we must ensure that it is secure."

"Our farmers produce our food and our farmers are an intricate and important part of our economy," Magee said.

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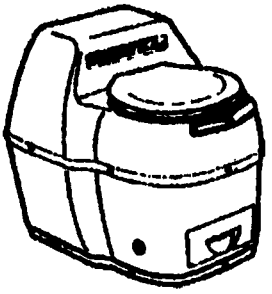
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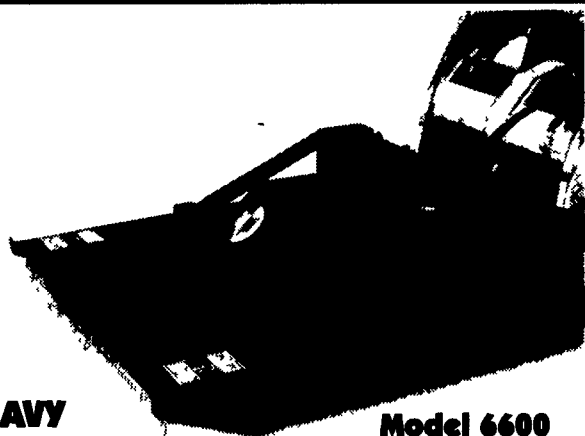
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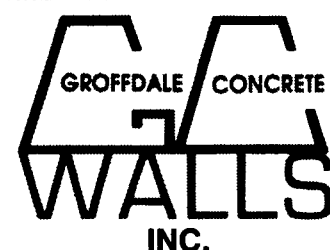
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