



Statement of Delmarva Land & Litter Challenge Co-Chairs Regarding the Death of Bill Brown

Andrew McLean, a Queen Anne's County poultry grower, and Bobby Hutchison, a Talbot County grain grower, Co-Chairs of the Delmarva Land & Litter Challenge, today issued the below statement following the untimely death of Bill Brown, a founding member of the Challenge.

“As Co-Chairs of the Delmarva Land & Litter Challenge we were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic and untimely death of Bill Brown. Bill was one of the original thought leaders who joined with us in an exploration of steps that could be taken to abate poultry related nutrient pollution on the Delmarva Peninsula, and help farmers and their agri-business partners earn respect as stewards of the land, guardians of natural resources and champions of the rural cultural heritage in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Bill went on to become a founding member of the Delmarva Land & Litter Challenge Steering Committee, where he worked collaboratively with agriculture, conservation, environmental, finance, government and academic partners in pursuit of a future where healthy and productive bays, rivers and streams across the Delmarva Peninsula are underpinned and supported by a vibrant and sustainable agricultural economy.

Bill was a good listener who sought to understand the viewpoints and concerns of others before advancing his own opinions. He was very generous with his time and was passionate in the quest for win-win outcomes for agriculture and the environment. Bill was an active poultry grower, the poultry extension specialist with the University of Delaware, and a leader in his community and church. Bill was not just a colleague; he was also our friend. His presence and contributions around the Delmarva Land & Litter Challenge leadership table will be sorely missed. We offer our most sincere condolences to Bill's wife Mary Lou, and the rest of his family.”

The Delmarva land & Litter Challenge is a group of leaders representing grain producers, chicken growers, poultry integrators, conservationists, and academic partners; along with agribusiness, finance, and service providers that have joined forces to abate poultry related nutrient pollution on the Delmarva Peninsula with the goal of securing a healthy and productive Chesapeake Bay that is underpinned by a vibrant and sustainable agricultural economy.

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