## Implications of Climate Change on Large Scale Restoration Planning: A Policy-Level Perspective

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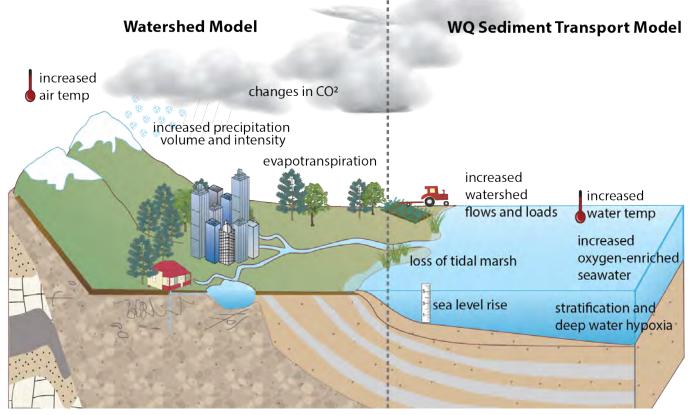
## **Presentation Overview**

Past, present and possibilities into the future

- Chesapeake Bay TMDL and climate adaptation
- Restoration, adaptation and permitting in the watershed
- Shoreline protection



## **Changing Conditions**



Source: Chesapeake Bay Program Climate Resiliency Workgroup

## **Chesapeake Bay TMDL**

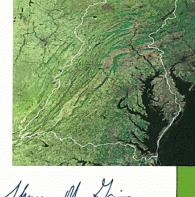
- Required by the Federal Clean Water Act and adopted in 2010
- EPA/State Collaboration
- 2025 restoration goal
- Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) drive restoration
- Discussed climate change impacts





Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load for Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment

Established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



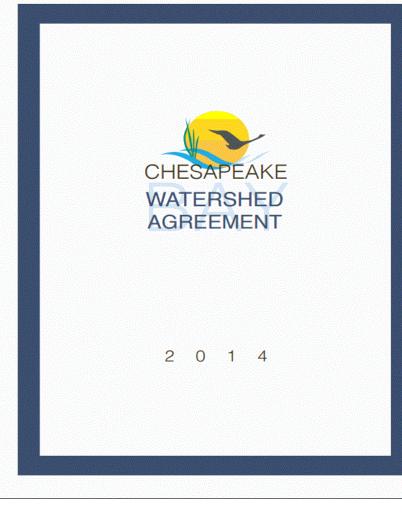
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## Watershed Agreement

- Signed in 2014
- Includes principle to Anticipate changing conditions
- Many goals and outcomes
  - Water Quality
  - Sustainable fisheries
  - Vital habitats
  - Healthy watershed
- Climate Resiliency

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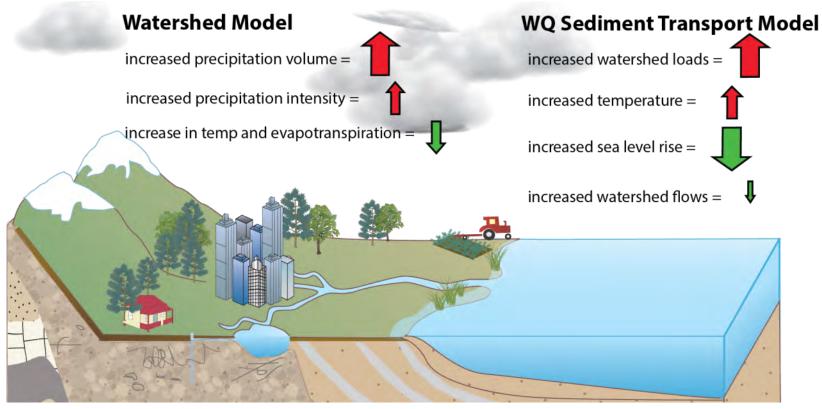
## The Bay TMDL 2017 Midpoint Assessment



**Bay TMDL and Bay Agreement** are policy drivers to document impacts of climate change and take action



#### **Future Climate Change Influence Nutrient Pollution**



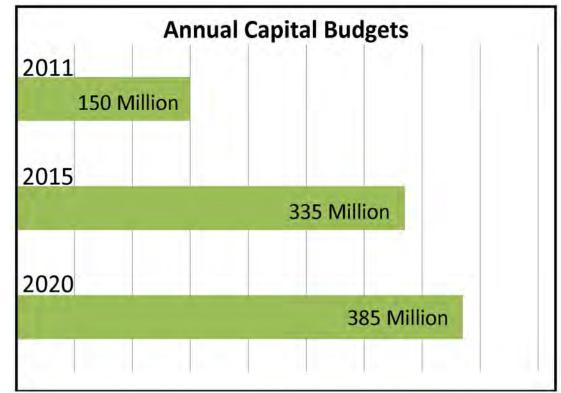
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#### **Bay Partnership Policy Direction**

- Principal's Staff Committee (PSC): Agency Secretary Level Decision-Makers on Bay Policy
- PSC Three-Step Strategic Direction (Dec 2017):
  - Describe current actions and strategies in Phase III WIP (2019)
  - 2. Better Understand Climate Science Effects by 2021
  - 3. States to Incorporate New Understanding of Climate Change impact on BMPs in their 2022 two-year Milestone Commitments.

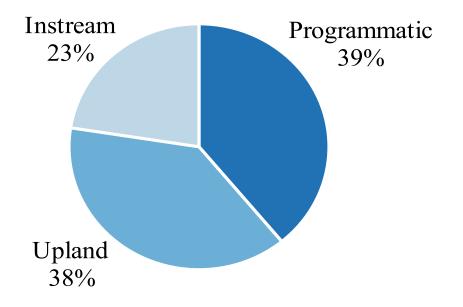
#### **Greener and More Resilient Communities through MS4 Restoration**

- Federal CWA requires restoration
- State law requires financial assurance
- Capital budgets for restoration are increasing
- Fosters a restoration economy
- Many opportunities for resiliency and adaptation



## **Budgets Directed Towards Diverse Projects**

- Reflects local priorities
- MDE guidance
- Instream
  - -Stream Restoration
- Upland
  - -Retrofits & pond conversion
- Programmatic
  - Street sweeping & water quality trading



Source: Annual Report on Financial Assurance Plans and the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (2017)

#### **Instream: Science Driven and Adaptive Permitting**

#### **Case Study: Stream Restoration**

- Net functional uplift and collaboration
- Trained and dedicated staff for restoration project permit reviews
- Adapt by answering science questions through monitoring and research
- In 4 years, the number of permits and stream miles permitted has doubled, while permits issued within 90 days has increased from about 30% to 80%



#### **Examples: Adaptation and Learning**

- Chesapeake Bay Trust has funded many projects over the past several years to improve the science around stream restoration to better inform project design and improve permitting decisions. Examples include:
- 1. Evaluation of wet and dry construction techniques on sediment load, biology and riparian integrity.
- 2. Evaluation of regenerative stormwater conveyances on the removal of nutrients and sediments under a range of flow conditions.
- 3. Assessment of the efficacy of legacy sediment removal and floodplain reconnection considering a range of impervious cover and stream corridor length.
- 4. Quantifying ecological uplift and effectiveness of differing stream restoration approaches in Maryland

#### **Future Directions in MS4 Restoration Project Selection**

- MS4 permits are drivers for restoration
- opportunities in next generation permit (Fall 2018)
- More science needed on BMP resiliency
- More work needed in this area

Best Management Practices	Climate Adaptation	Energy Efficiency	Flood Risk Mitigation		
Urban Shoreline Management	4	0.5	1		
Urban Forest Buffers	3,5	4	3,5		
Forest Conservation	3,5	3	3,5		
Urban Stream Restoration	2.5	2.5	3.5		
Agriculture Forest Buffer	2.5	0.5	3.5		
Urban Tree Planting	2	4.5	2		
Bioretention, Raingardens, Bioswales	2	3	3,5		
Wetland Restoration	2	1	3.5		
Agriculture Shoreline Management	0	0	4		

\*Values were taken from the Quantification of BMP Impact on the Chesapeake Bay Program Management Strategies study by Tetra Tech. <u>Appendix E</u> Final Impact Scores evaluates BMP effects on outcomes on a scale of +5 (very beneficial) to -5 (very harmful). This table shows BMPs that scored a 3.5 or higher for the Climate Adaptation Outcome.

#### **Shoreline Protection: Living Shorelines**

- 2008 statutorily mandated practice for shoreline stabilization <u>and</u> a practice that is credited in the Bay TMDL
- Before 2008, 9% of shoreline stabilization projects were "living" rather than structural
- Latest available analysis shows 17-19% of approved shoreline stabilization projects are "living"
- Much room for improvement; work underway at MDE to identify barriers and improve these percentages





#### Conclusions

- The Chesapeake Bay Partnership agreed to an adaptive science based approach for factoring in climate change and resiliency
- Federal MS4 permits result in local restoration and combined with incentives can be a key driver for climate resiliency
- Stream restoration permitting illustrates the importance of the "ecosystem thinking" while also factoring in new science
- Opportunities exist to guide local stormwater restoration toward resiliency but need more science on restoration practices
- Number of living shorelines increase but need to understand barriers



## **Questions?**

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# Selecting Projects for Resiliency to Climate Change

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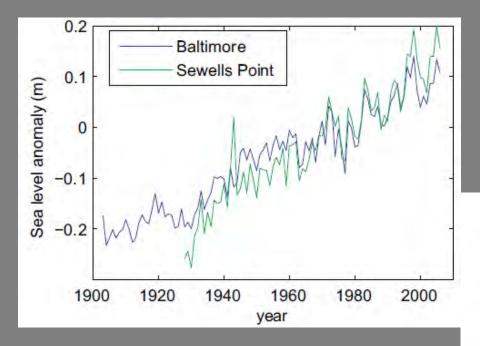
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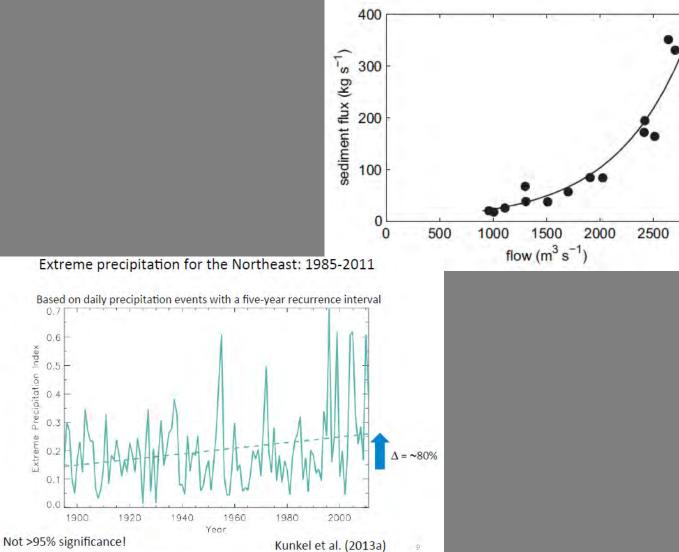
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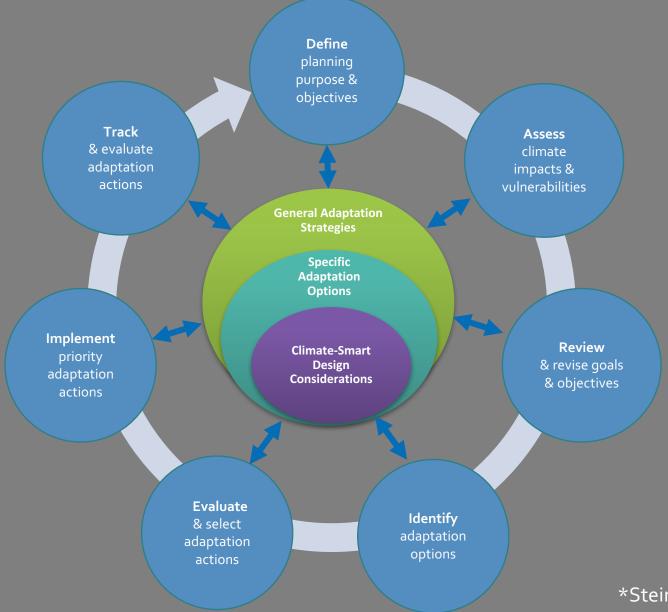
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# What is needed to do climate change adaptation?

- Integrate climate change considerations at multiple levels of planning (goals, strategies, actions) – developed decision support for doing this in the CBP
- Make each restoration project climate smart
- Move climate smart results forward to evaluation & selection
- Address uncertainties

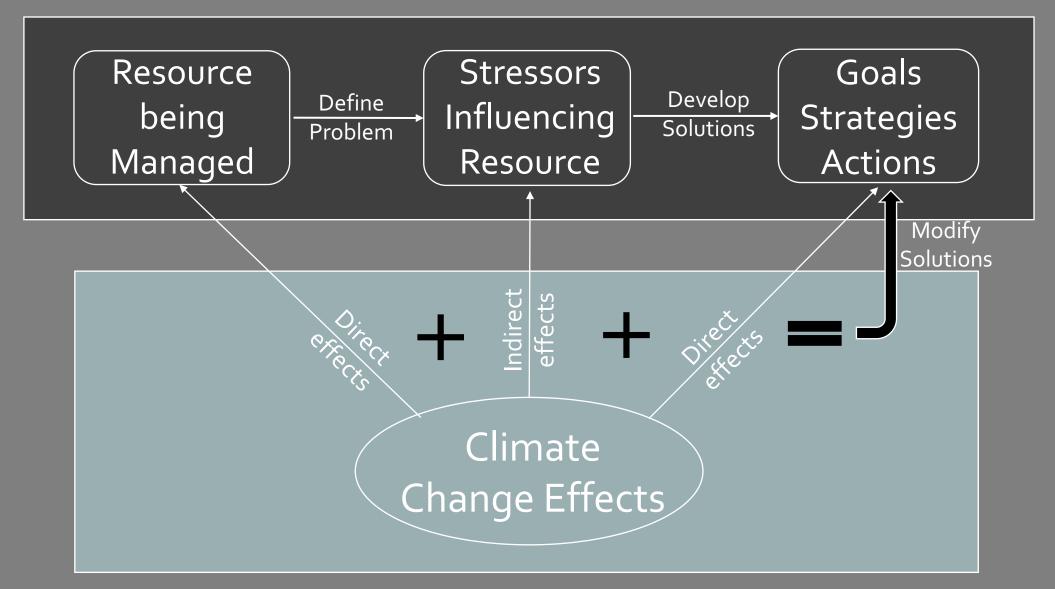
Key – using a simple but structured process to evaluate actions in a site-specific context. This generates actionable information, useable for revision of earlier planning steps, and moving forward to selection and implementation.

# Climate Smart\* Planning

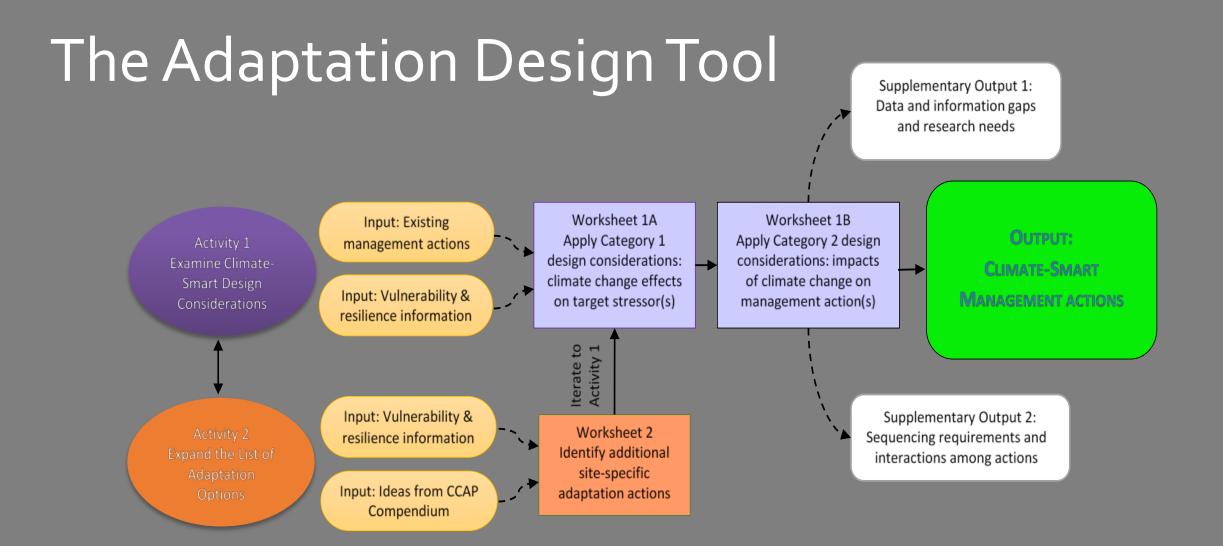


\*Stein et al. 2015. Climate Smart Guide.

#### Original Management Approach



#### Climate Smart Considerations



# **CBP** Example – Adaptation Decision Matrices

#### • Step 1 – Screening

- Step 2 Category 1 Climate Smart Considerations
  - Climate change effects on the stressors and systems
- Step 3 Category 2 Climate Smart Considerations
  - Climate change implications for functionality/effectiveness
- Step<sub>4</sub> Climate Smart Re-Design
- Other
  - Notes on needed interactions with other groups
  - Notes that inform climate questions at higher levels
  - Consideration of what is missing

# Moving to evaluation & selection

- Myriad criteria (beyond climate-smart design) come into play
- Spirograph shows some commonly considered categories of criteria
- Include robustness of climatesmart design in criteria for prioritization of projects for implementation



## Challenges for selection of climate smart actions

- Potential actions often arise opportunistically
  - Challenge to prioritize restoration efforts to maximize climate resilience under this circumstance
  - Even 'one-off' projects can be made 'climate smart'
  - Some restoration components, e.g., the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, can be reviewed more comprehensively
  - Augment project selection with a cumulative assessment of best places to work, best methods
- Many social/political limitations, e.g.,
  - Distribution of public/private lands

# Dealing with uncertainty/surprises

- Selection of `robust' strategies/actions
- A general strategy to accommodate uncertainties in climate change futures
- Refers to actions that are likely to have benefits over a wide range of possible futures

# 'Co-benefits' of BMPs

- Tool to assess co-benefits & unintended consequences of existing BMPs\*
- Help select BMPs for inclusion in WIPs
- Include this information in the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)
- A valuable addition to the 'climate smart' selection process, but not a stand-alone, not a site-specific evaluation

\* - Tetra Tech, Inc. 2017. Estimation of BMP Impact on Chesapeake Bay Program Management Strategies.

## Example of Co-benefits Scoring Matrix

Sector	BMP Name	Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship GIT		Habitat GIT						Maintain Healthy Watersheds git		
		Citizen Stewardship	Protected Lands	Biodiversity and Habitat	Black Ducks	Brook Trout	Fish Passage	Stream Health	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	Wetlands	Healthy Watersheds	Land Use Methods and Metric Development
Agriculture	Ag Forest Buffer	2.0	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.5	2.5	4.0	1.5	3.5	4.0	4.0
Agriculture	Ag Shoreline Management (incl. Non-Vegetated and Vegetated)	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	0.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
Agriculture	Ag Stream Restoration	0.0	1.0	3.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	5.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0
Agriculture	Ag Tree Planting	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.5
Agriculture	Agricultural Ditch BMPs	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agriculture	Alternative Crops and Alternative Crop/Switchgrass (RI)	0.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Agriculture	Alternative Water System (Off Stream Watering Without Fencing)	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	1.0

# Getting to implementation

Experience - limited implementation of climate smart actions

- Bridge the gap between vulnerability assessment results (typically regional to global scale, long-term) & scale of restoration actions (site-specific, shorter-term)
- Uncertainties (e.g., climate change projections, ecosystem responses) & SURPRISES (e.g. unanticipated threshold changes)



# Adaptive Management

- Considered a key component of the Climate Smart Planning Cycle
- Linked explicitly to climate change vulnerabilities and uncertainty
- Learning-by-doing mode to –gain a deeper understanding of target system, effectiveness of different management options when existing info is limited (as with some climate change effects projections)
- Iterative
- Intended to reduce uncertainty over time through structured monitoring, evaluation, and adjustment of actions



## West Maui Example

- Used the Adaptation Design Tool (described above)
- Plan infiltration basins in low-lying urban areas, limit sediments, nutrients, other contaminants from entering nearshore waters
  - Because increased precipitation, severe storm-runoff due to climate change deemed likely to increase sedimentation & nutrient runoff above historic
- Models predicted vastly different future levels of precipitation—some wetter, others drier
- Documented these differing futures through the Adaptation Design Tool—explicitly account for uncertainties
- Monitoring and adaptive management used to adjust over time

## Some related resources

- Tetra Tech. 2018. Chesapeake Bay Program Climate-Smart Framework and Decision-Support Tool Final Report. Prepared for the Chesapeake Bay Trust. 43 pp.
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## Questions?

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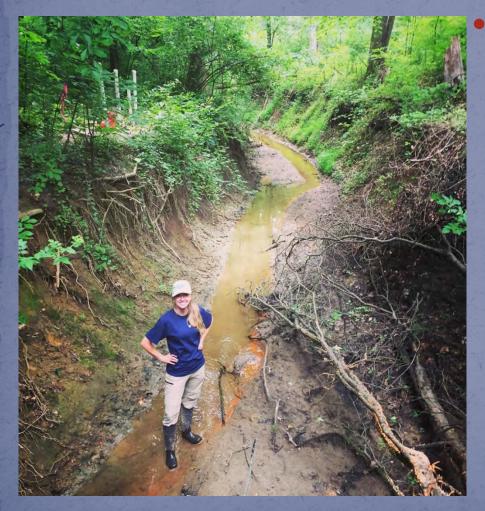
# Resiliency through Restoration

*Keith Underwood, Principal* **Underwood & Associates, Inc.** www.ecosystemrestoration.com

## Why was I asked to be here?

- Over 30 years of experience designing and building ecological restoration projects;
- We design and build projects to restore hydrologic functions and processes necessary to support living resources;
- Working to attain intact ecosystems in a world were resiliency is imperative.

# Are you aware of how dysfunctional many of our streams are?



Due to a number of historical factors, many of our streams are currently degraded and are likely to continue to degrade.

## Use RSC Approach to achieve Resiliency

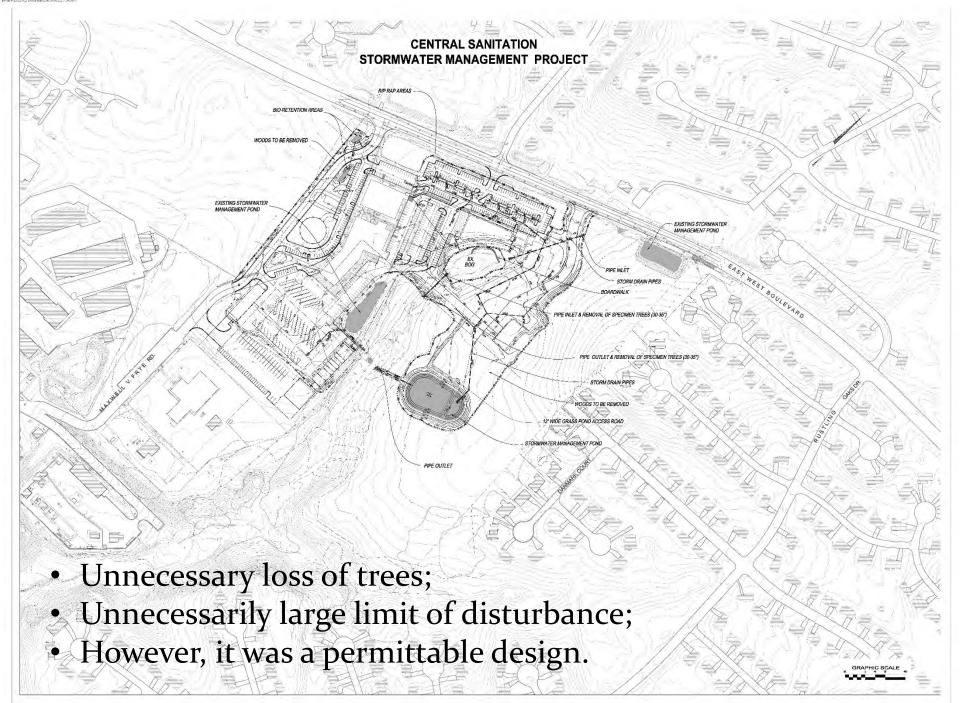
• What is the RSC approach?

- Continuous treatment train from top of watershed to receiving waterway;
- Regenerative approach to design and construction;
- Adaptive management during and post construction.

## Continuous treatment train from top of watershed to receiving waterway; Central Sanitation

This approach represents a paradigm shift where we treat water, including stormwater, as a resource – not as a problem.







# What did this stream look like?

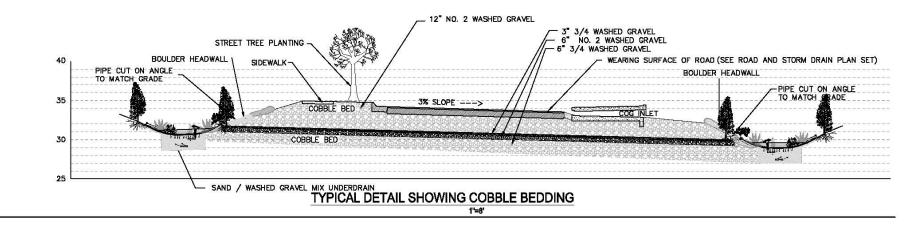
# By using this regenerative approach, the following benefits were achieved;

Created 16 additional parking spots;
Preserved 35 acres of riparian forest;
Saved AACo \$2,000,000.00;
Conserved bog in urban setting.

- Riffle weirs designed and constructed to safely convey 100 year storm flows;
- Store water high in the landscape;
- Break the watershed down into the smallest components possible.

# Continuous treatment train

Managing stormwater properly, you can maintain unique habitats in close proximity to urban development. We have the science and the know-how to achieve smart development while maintaining good water quality, preserving living resources, and addressing resiliency.



## The RSC Approach

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Regenerative Stream Channel methodology provides resiliency as a beneficial by-product

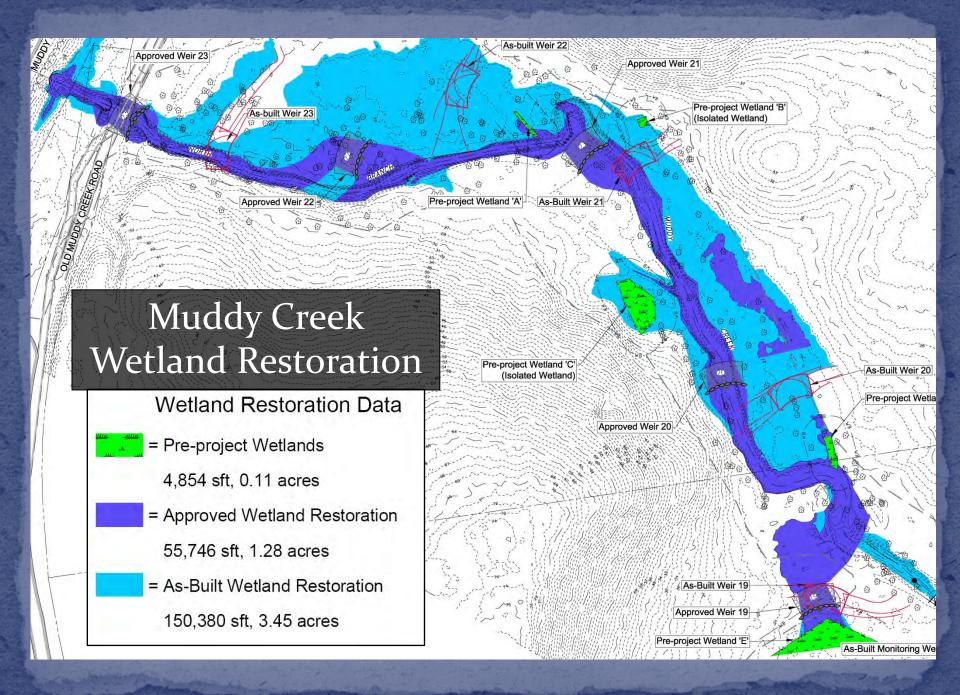
- Working with nature not armoring against it;
- Designing to achieve dynamic equilibrium;
- Constructing through self-organization.
- This is how you achieve reslinecy

## Why Design/Build – Achieving Resiliency

- Design/build *is* adaptive management
- Provides optimal conditions to achieve long term resiliency
- Provides an integrated solution to restore process
- Allows for adaptive management from beginning of design through post-construction phase
  - Reduces post-construction adaptive management costs by incorporating solutions during design and construction
  - Cannot pick up accurate topo until clearing and grubbing is complete and water flows through the site
- Reduces design costs (60% plans)
- Provides consistent leadership throughout project

## What is Adaptive Management?

- Designing a project with maximum ecological uplift based on site conditions
- Recognizing and acting upon opportunities for enhancement at every step during and after construction
  - Includes placement of materials onsite for possible future use with minimal disturbance
- Maintaining framework while embracing dynamic equilibrium
- Allows for minimally invasive construction process
- <u>Required</u> on all nature-based ecological restoration projects – if material isn't moving, the project isn't working.



This is what we need to achieve. Clear, cold, water that provides stream flow all year; This can only be achieved through adaptive management.

### Springhouse Run Seep



# Thank Yo

Continuous treatment train from top of watershed to receiving waterway; Regenerative approach to design and construction; Adaptive management during and post construction.



# Building tidal marsh resiliency at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge









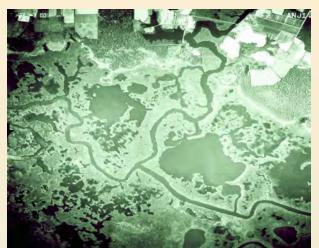
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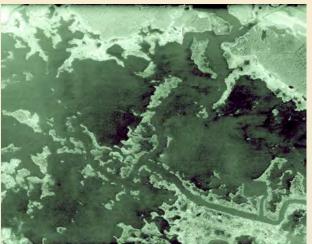


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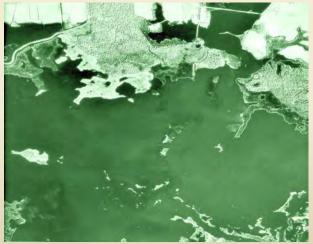
## Blackwater's Disappearing Wetlands







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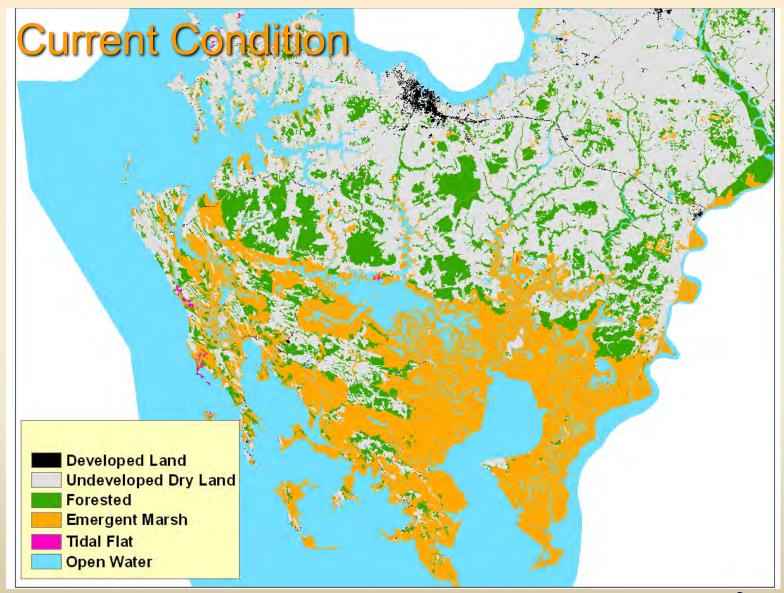
1. Blackwater marshes sit low in growth range and have small tidal variation (little elevation capital)

2. Marsh vertical development is not keeping pace with sealevel rise and subsidence



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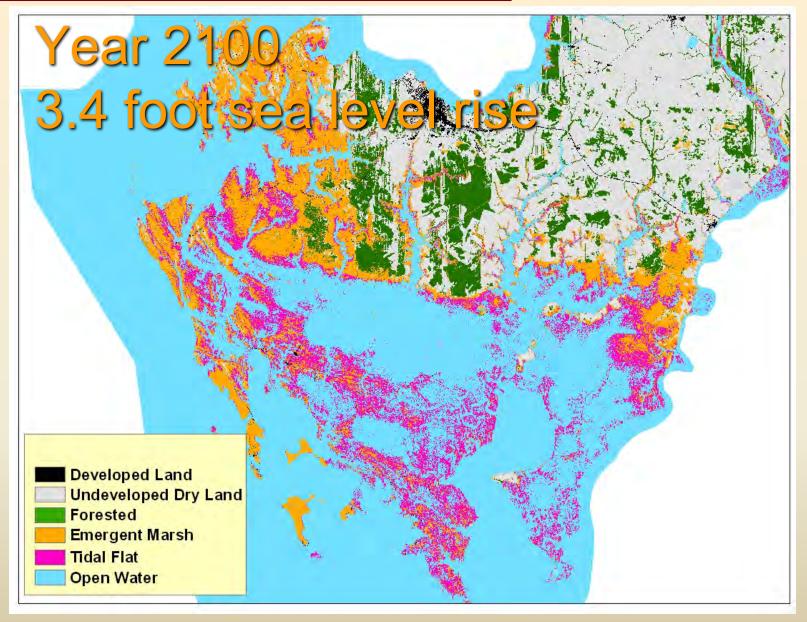




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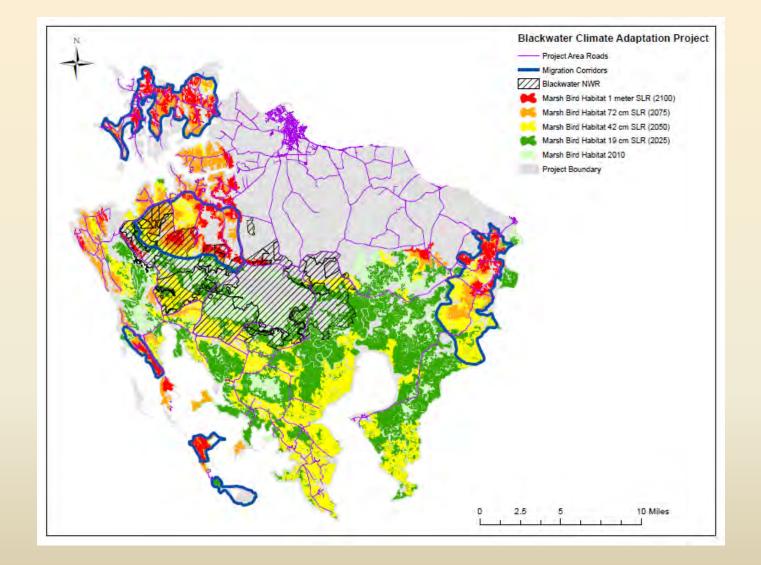
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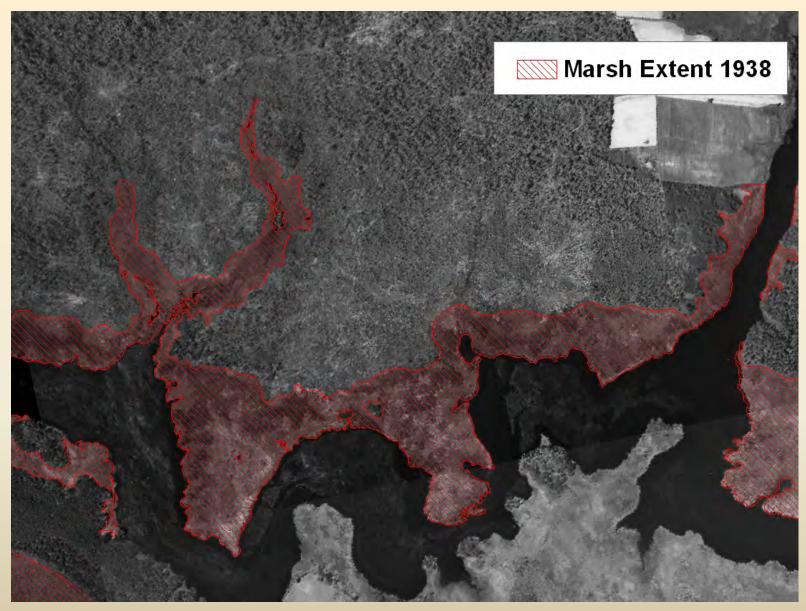
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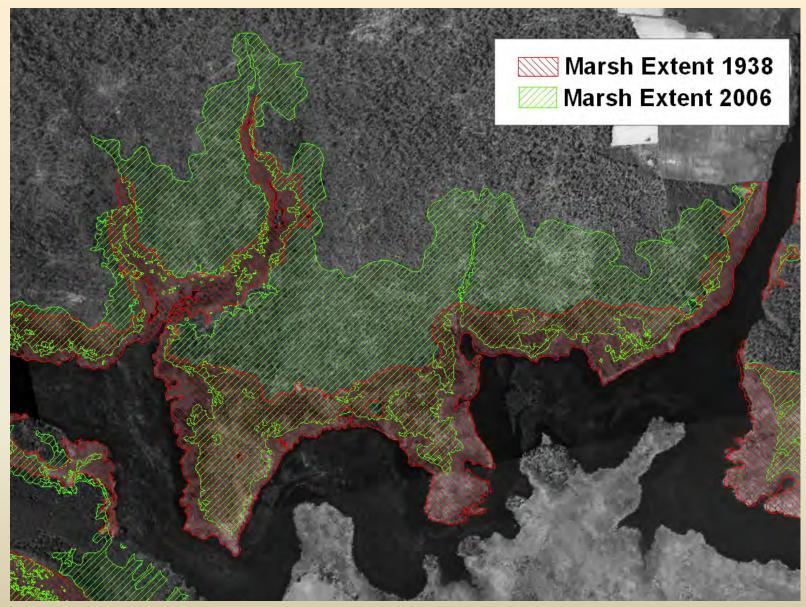
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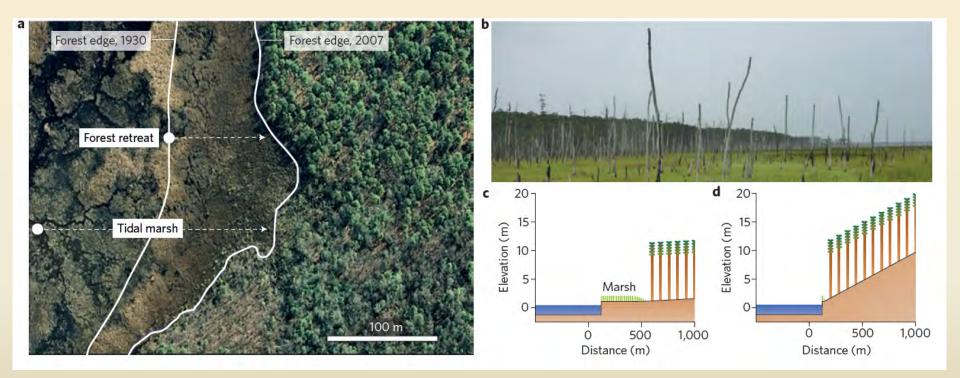
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# Potential for marsh migration into adjacent uplands



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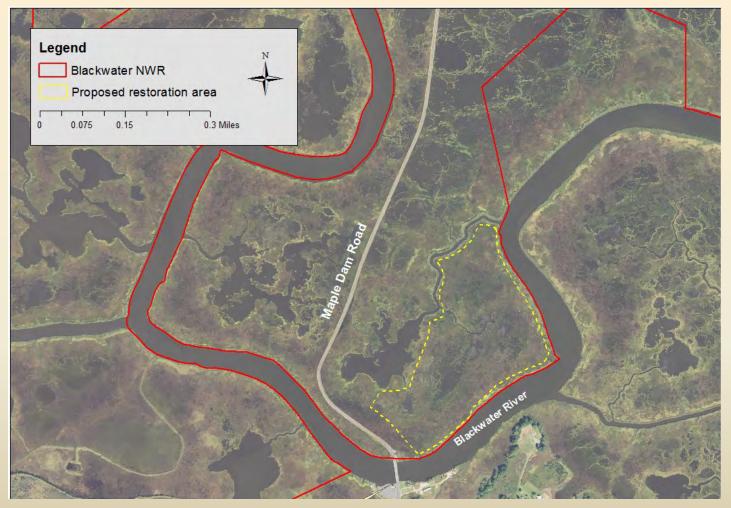
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## **Thin-layer marsh restoration**

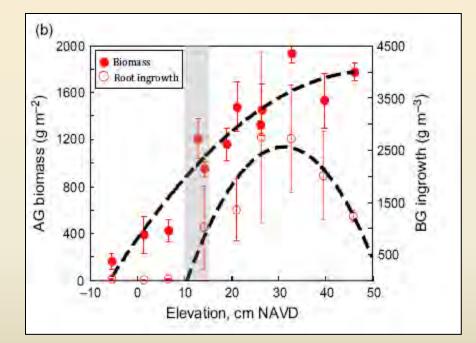


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## Science-based solution...

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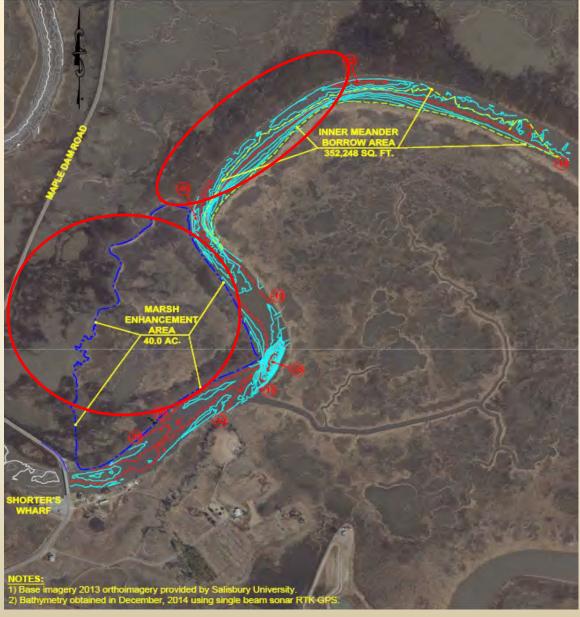




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December 2016 26,000 cubic yards of material spread over approximately 40 acres



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# Restoring native plant productivity Natural re-colonization encouraged



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### New marsh platform

### Old marsh platform

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# Restoring native plant productivity and where needed, active revegetation



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## Next phase - Monitoring

- Vegetation cover & composition
- Breeding bird community
- Below ground biomass production
- Marsh elevation change



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## **Chesapeake Bay Program**

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# **Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Indicator**

Steve Raabe, President, OpinionWorks LLC



#### AFFIRMATION

As Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, we recognize the need to accelerate implementation of action Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### As Chesapeake Bay Program Partners, we acknowledge that this Agreement is volunta Watershed Agreement Agreement is not a contract or an assistance Watershed Agreement Agreement does not pre-empt, supersede or override any other taw or regulation applicable to each signatory. We, the undersigned members of the Chesapeake Executive Council, re-affirm our comm10 broad goals for Bay restoration

We, the undersigned members of the Chesapeake Executive Council, re-affirm our community of Council, the Goals of this Agreement and to work cooperatively in its implementation. We agree to work both independently and collaboratively toward the Goals and Outcomes of this Agreement and to implement specific Management Strategies to achieve them. Every citizen of this great watershed is invited to join with the Partnership, uniting as a region and embracing the actions that will lead to success.

For the Chesapeake Bay Commission

For the State of Delaware

For the District of Columbia

For the State of Maryland

For the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

For the State of New York

For the Commonwealth of Virginia

For the State of West Virginia

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Date: June 16, 2014



https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/what guides us/watershed agreement

Chesapeake Bay Program Science Restoration, Partnership

# **Stewardship Outcome**

"Increase the number and diversity of trained and mobilized citizen volunteers with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance the health of their local watersheds."



## **Citizen Stewardship Framework** Increasing citizen actions for watershed health



Increasingly Environmentally Literate Population (Elit Goal)

### Citizen Stewardship Indicator Survey Content



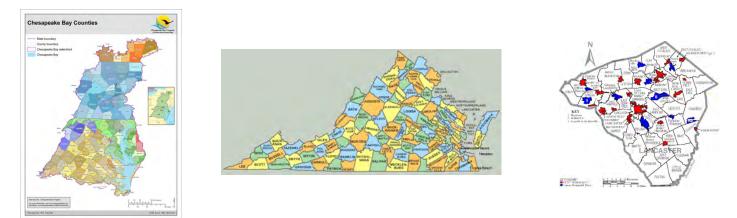
- Stewardship Behaviors: Personal Actions
- Volunteering: Collective Actions
- Civic Engagement: Advocating



- Likelihood to Take Personal Actions
- Likelihood to Volunteer and Advocate
- Individual Engagement: Motivating Attitudes

# What This Survey Tool Can Do

- ✓ Measure and track Stewardship progress.
- ✓ Inform smart behavior selection for practitioners.
- ✓ Segment data by major jurisdiction, demographic.



 Be a resource for other Bay Program priorities: Access, Diversity, Communications.

# **Measured Behaviors**

- Pet waste (2: on property/off property)
- Leaves/Lawn clippings (2)
- Litter (2: drop/pick-up)
- Fats, grease/Medicines down the drain (2)
- Fertilizer use/keep off hard surfaces (2)
- Pesticide/Herbicide use (2)
- Conservation landscaping
- Rain garden installation
- Septic system
- Tree planting
- Downspout redirect
- Rain barrel/Connected, emptied (2)
- Water conservation



## **Citizen Stewardship Indicator**

#### Sampling Methodology

Chesapeake Bay Counties		2017 Baseline	
Blate boundary County boundary Chesspeake Bay watershed Chesspeake Bay		All states statistically significant N=5,212	
	VA	1,001 (±3.1%)	
	MD	1,005 (±3.1%)	
	PA	1,003 (±3.1%)	
	DC	801 (±3.5%)	
the second se	WV	600 (±4.0%)	
	NY	400 (±4.9%)	
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Fielded March – May 2017 13-minute interview Wireless and Landline Spanish language interviewing			

# **Stewardship Score: Performance Indicator**

Individual Behavior <sup>1</sup>	38
Volunteerism <sup>2</sup>	23
Civic Engagement <sup>3</sup>	19
Rollup	24

Bay-wide, based on 2017 Baseline data to date

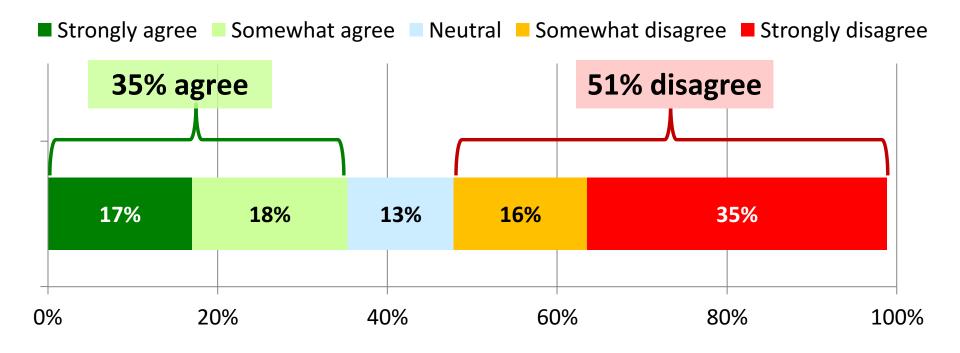
<sup>1</sup>19 behaviors, weighted for water impact and % of population that could perform each behavior

<sup>2</sup>Volunteered, given money for water restoration, or aware of a group in their local community

<sup>3</sup>Spoken out on behalf of an environmental cause

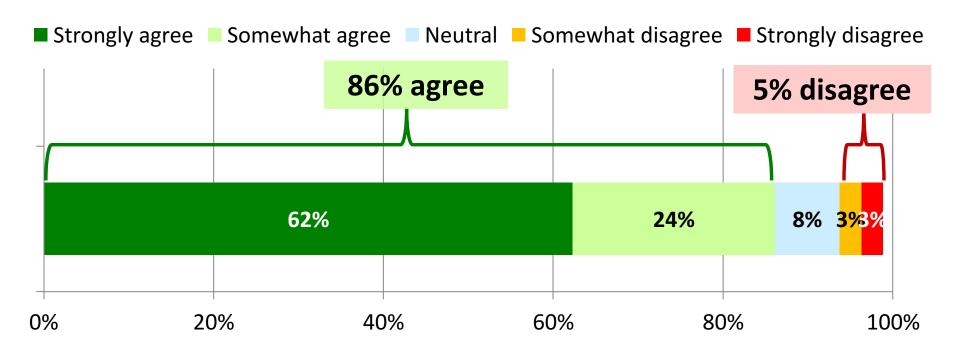
# My actions contribute to water pollution where I live.

Level of Agreement

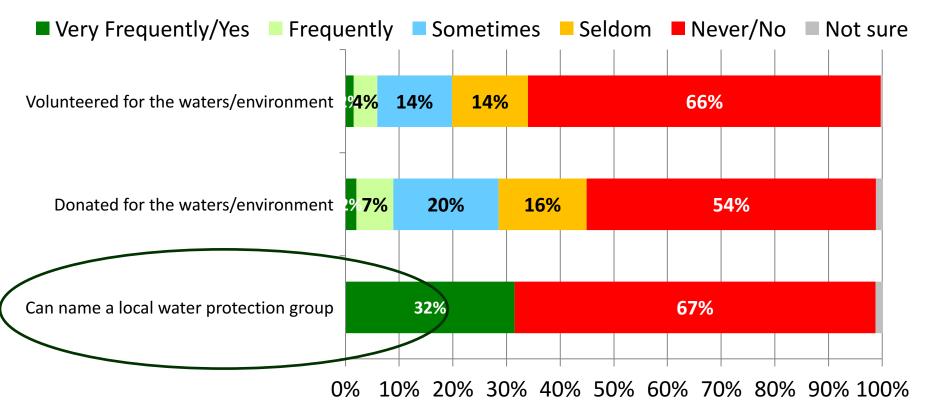


# If people work together, water pollution around here can be fixed.

Level of Agreement



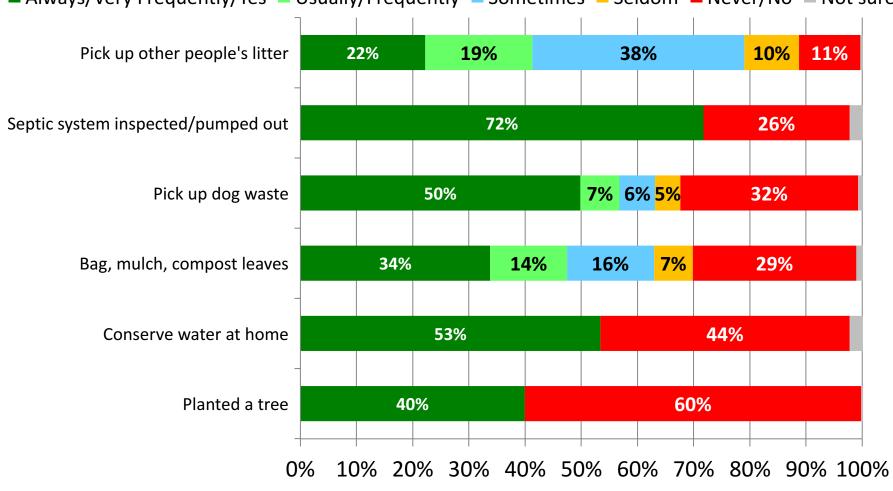
### Volunteerism



Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Frequently	Very frequently
No				Yes
0	25	50	75	100
100	75	50	25	0

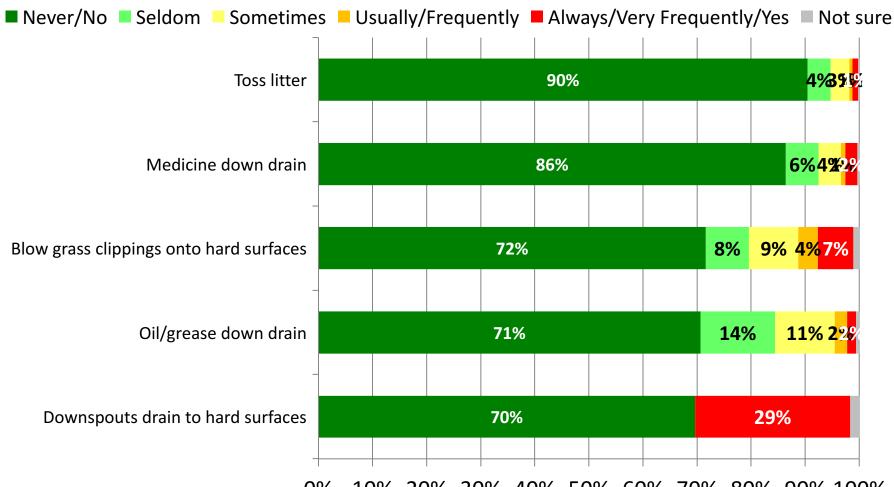
# Individual Behavior Measurement

### Citizen Stewardship Indicator: 2017 Final Baywide Data *Positive* Behaviors: Higher Tier Desired = Always/Very Frequently/Yes Sometimes Always/Very Frequently/Yes Usually/Frequently Sometimes Seldom Never/No Not sure



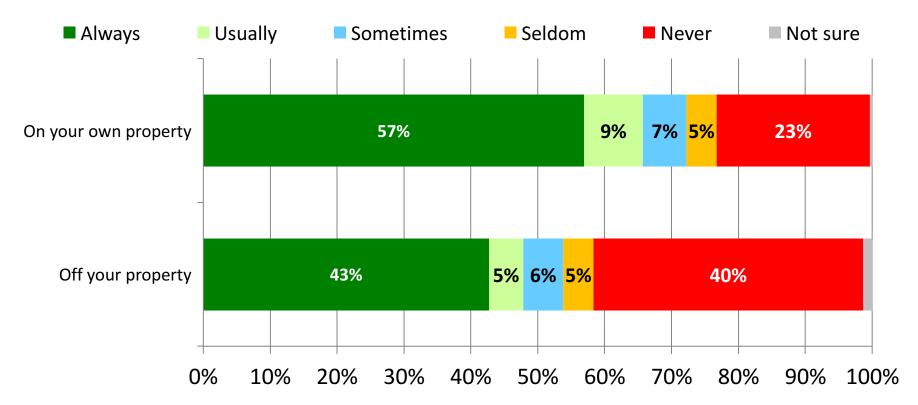
## Citizen Stewardship Indicator: 2017 Final Baywide Data Negative Behaviors: Higher Tier

Desired = Never/No, or Seldom



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

## **Focus Behavior: Picking up Dog Waste**



For each of the following things, please tell me if you never, seldom, sometimes, usually, or always do it. Pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in the trash when you are... ...On your own property. ...Off your property. **Choosing the Right Behavior to Influence** 

**Behavior Weighting:** 

Impact of the Behavior on Water Quality

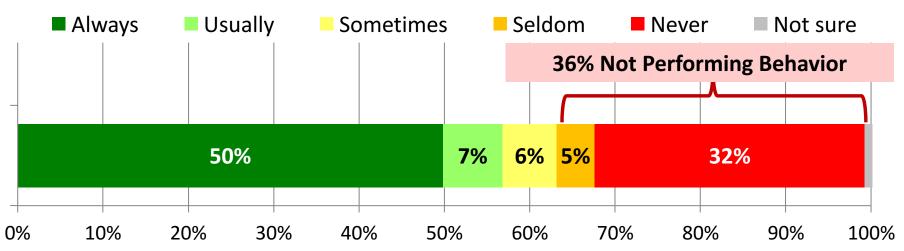
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Inverse of the Penetration (Level of Adoption) in the Community

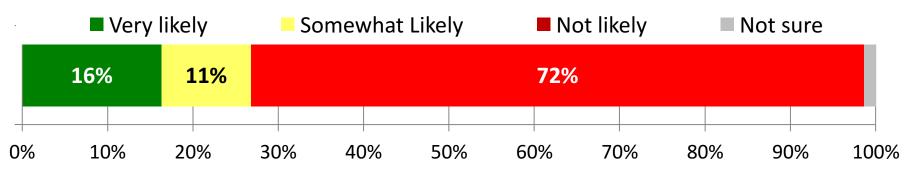
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Likelihood the Public will Adopt the Behavior

## Citizen Stewardship Indicator: 2017 Final Baywide Data Picking up Dog Waste (Aggregated On & Off Property)



#### Likelihood among Non-Performers:



(Asked of those with a dog):

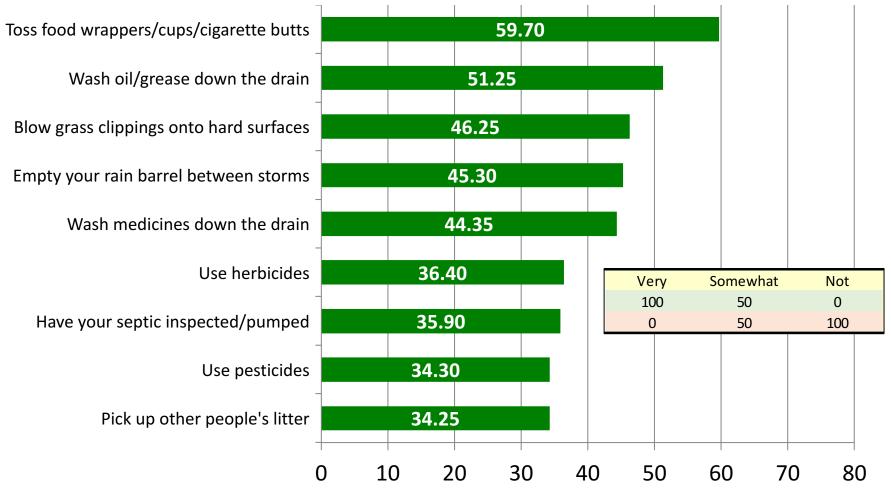
"For the next few things, please tell me if you never, seldom, sometimes, frequently, or very frequently do it....Pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in the trash when you are...on your own property/off your property."

(If seldom or never): "Looking forward over the next year or so, how likely are you to do each of these things using the scale very likely, somewhat likely, or not likely?

...Pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in the trash while you are...on your own property/off your property."

### **Behaviors More Susceptible to Change**

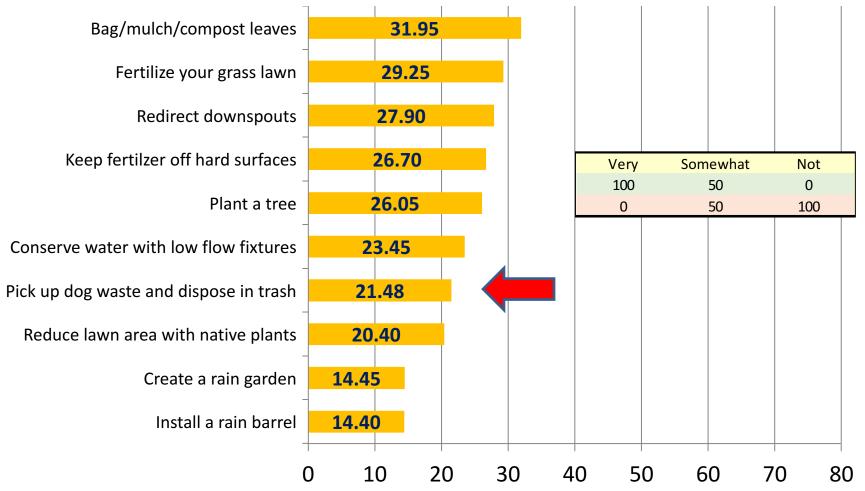
Asked Only of Those Not Taking the Desired Action Today



Looking forward over the next year or so, how likely are you to do each of these things using the scale (rotate high to low/low to high): [very likely, somewhat likely, (or) not likely]?

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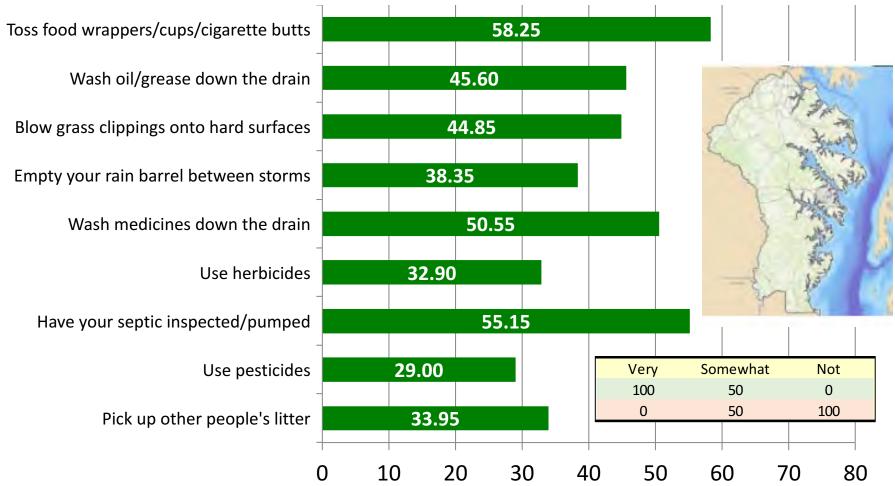


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#### **Citizen Stewardship Indicator: Anne Arundel County**

### **Behaviors Susceptible to Change**

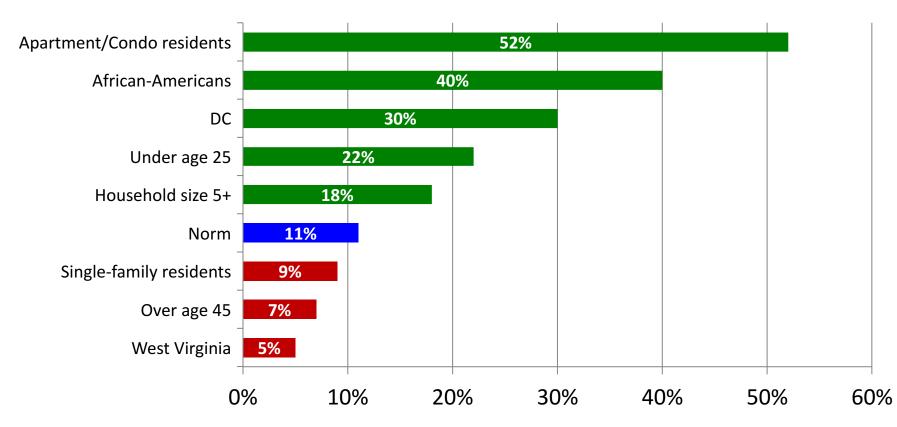
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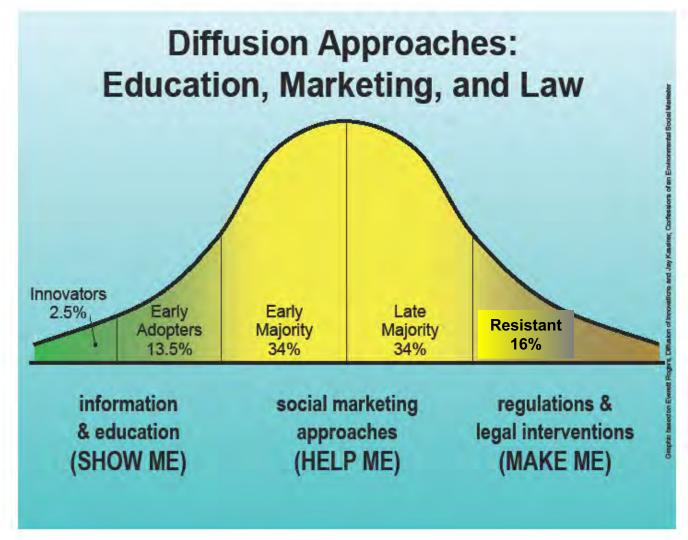
"Very Likely" to Begin Picking Up



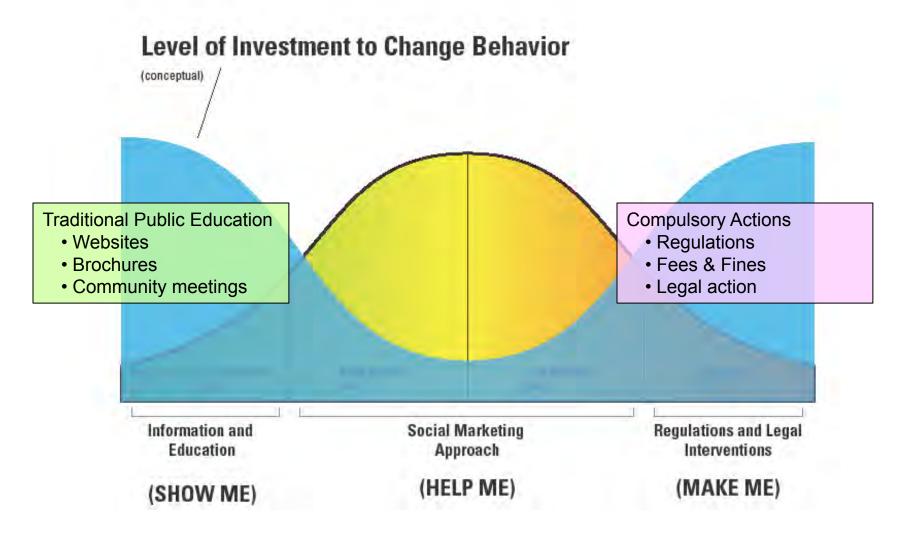
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# **Segmentation Opportunities**

- Jurisdiction
- Age
- Educational attainment
- Health status (self-assessed)
- Household size, presence of children
- Home ownership
- Housing type
- Community size
- Agriculture
- Religious affiliation, worship frequency
- Race/ethnicity
- Household income
- Gender



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## Taking Action for Clean Water in Capitol Heights



#### Am I contributing to water pollution?

Unfortunately, we all are. Every day, trash, oil, sediment, chemicals and other pollutants collect on our roofs, roads, parking lots and driveways. When it rains, the pollutants travel over these hard surfaces and flow into our creeks and rivers.

#### How Can I Help?

There are simple things we can do in our own yards to help reduce pollution in our local creek and the Anacostia River.

Disconnecting your downspout means redirecting your roof runoff away from hard surfaces like streets and driveways and onto planted areas where the water will soak in. This simple action can provide a BIG reduction in the amount of pollution.

#### Helping is easy, and it's FREE!

Capitol Heights residents can get FREE downspout redirectors including pipe extenders and splash pads, and a FREE visit from someone who can help you install them.



#### Take the Pledge!

We know you care about your home and want the waters to be cleaner. Sign the pledge card and become part of the solution for your community.

I commit to helping reduce the impact of stormwater runoff in the Anacostia River by completing

on my personal property.

Signature

Date

#### What Happens Next?

Based on your availability, we will contact you to arrange follow up and installation.

#### MORE INFORMATION:

Prince George's Department of Environment Stormwater Management Division: *bit.ly/PGDOESW* Stormwater Fee FAQ: *bit.ly/PGDOESWFAQ* • Rain Check Rebate Program: *bit.ly/PGDOESWREBATES* 

#### Example Tool: Pledge

#### "Free Upgrade"

#### A/B Test:

#### A. Flooding

#### B. Water quality

# 50% of homes visited signed the pledge

## Outcome: 50% of homes signed the pledge. 24% followed through.







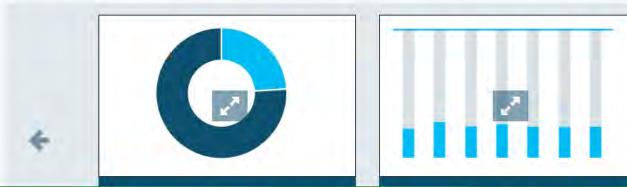
#### Home > Engaged Communities > Stewardship

## Citizen Stewardship

Increase the number and diversity of trained and mobilized citizen volunteers who have the knowledge and skills needed to enhance the health of their local watersheds.

#### Progress

In 2017, residents of the Chesapeake Bay region scored a 24 out of 100 on the Citizen Stewardship Index: the first comprehensive survey of stewardship actions and attitudes in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. There are three components to this score. The Personal Action score—which is currently 38—measures the adoption of 19 actions that individuals can take to improve water quality and environmental health. The Volunteering score—which is currently 23—measures the portion of the public participating in community efforts to improve water quality and environmental health. And the Advocating score—which is currently 19—measures the portion of the public engaging in local and regional activities on behalf of water quality and environmental health. To score a 100 on the Citizen Stewardship Index, everyone in the region would need to do everything they could in their daily lives to improve water quality and environmental health, from personal actions to volunteering and advocating for the environment.



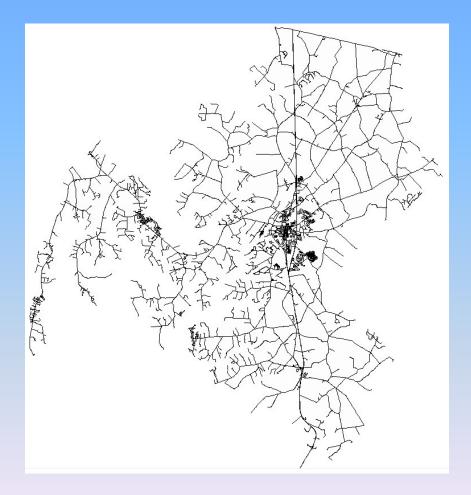
## Talbot County Ditch Enhancement Program

MAY 22,2018

## PARTNERS

- Center for Watershed Protection
- Chesapeake Stormwater Network
- Environmental Concern
- Nature Conservancy

# Ditch to Bio-Swale Conversion



- 370 miles County roads
- 75 miles Town roads
- 140 miles private roads
- 155 miles State roads

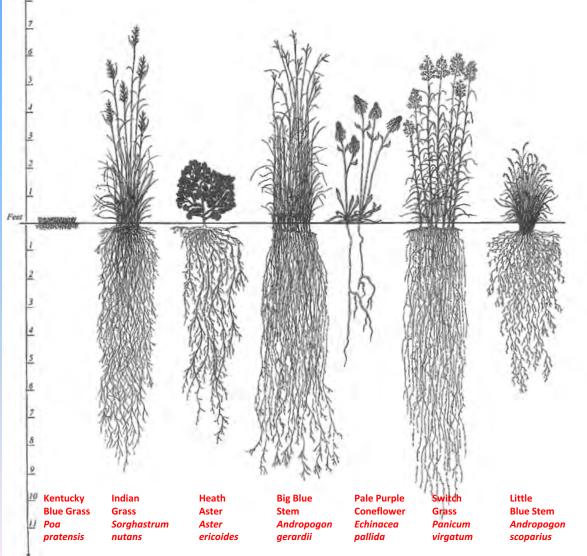
# **Existing Ditch Conditions**

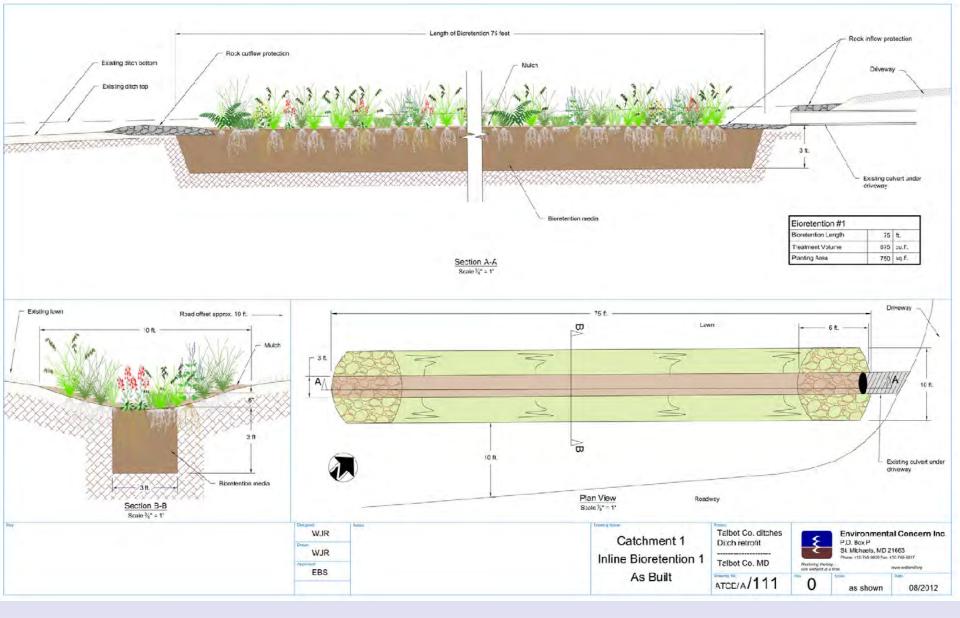






# Native Plants for Water Quality Improvement



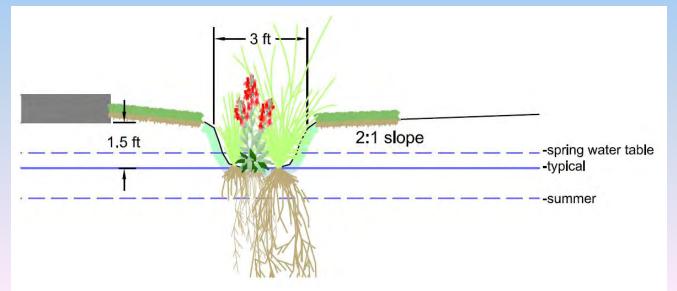


## Catchment 1

## Inline Bioretention #1

## **In-Line Bio-Swale Conversions**







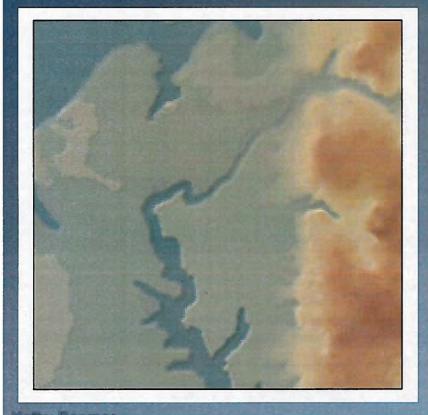
# **Retrofit Enhancements**

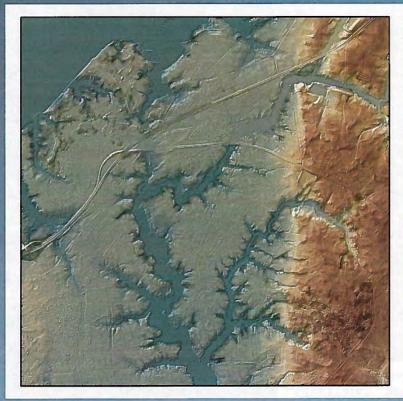
- Application of targeting approach using LIDAR
- Adaption of bioreactor technology to treat shallow groundwater
- Use of biochar in bioretention media
- Incorporation of limestone to mitigate acidification

Identifying Priority Areas



# USGS 30 m DEMLiDAR 2m DEM(7 to 10 m vertical accuracy)(15 cm vertical accuracy)









Home Run Baker Park

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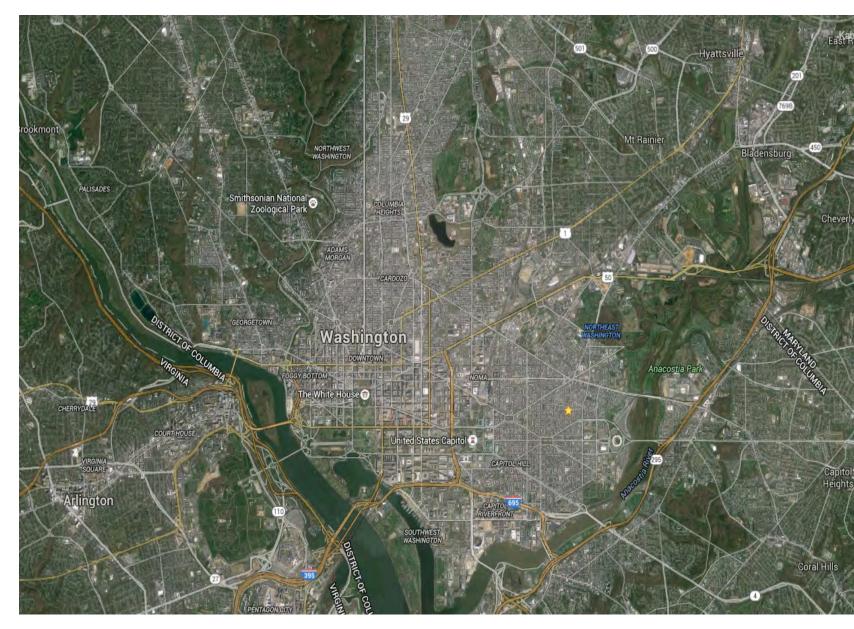
Environmental Markets: The DC Stormwater Retention Credit Market

> Kahlil Kettering TNC MD/DC Urban Conservation Director May 23, 2018

The Problem Of Stormwater Runoff in DC

43% of DC is impervious (concrete).

1.2" storm produces about525 million gallons ofstormwater runoff.







<u>3 Options to meet requirements</u>:
100% Onsite
50% onsite +:
In-Lieu Fee paid to city or
Buy offsite credits

## 100% Retention Onsite in Practice

Less below ground parking

More expensive structure and systems



Less amenity space

# The Market Place - Offsite Option

• Developers can purchase Stormwater Retention Credits (SRCs ) for up to 50% of their retention requirement

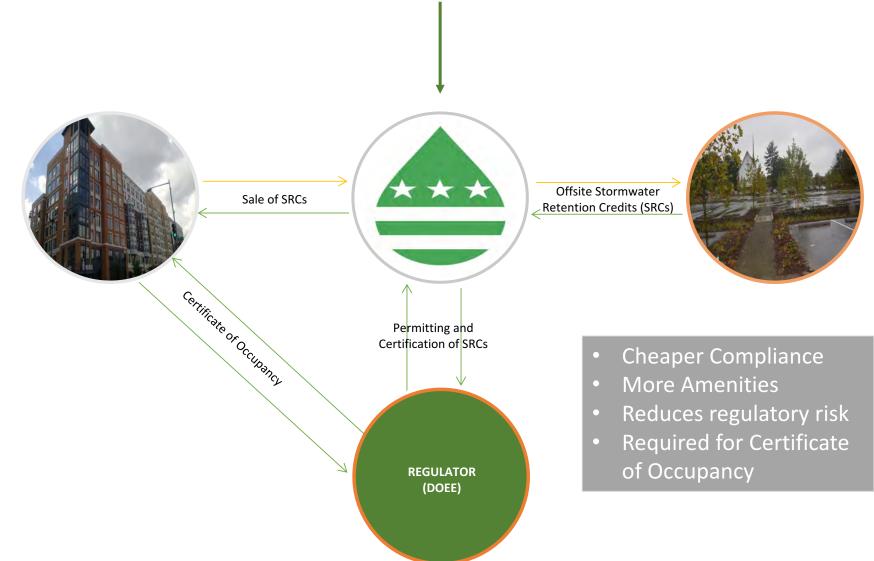


- Non-regulated site builds retention on their property to create credits
- Credits can only be generated in DC
- Credits have to be purchased in perpetuity to meet annual requirements

"Providing cost-effective Stormwater Retention Credit solutions for DC."

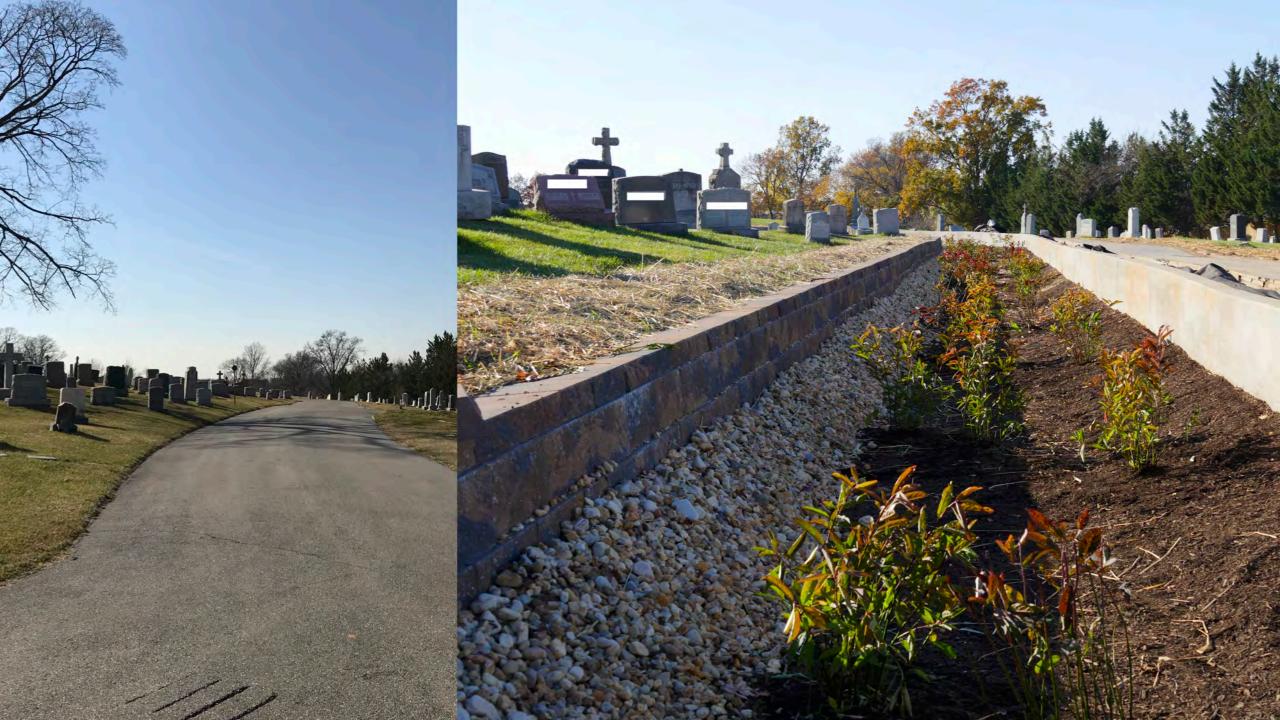


# Prudential \$





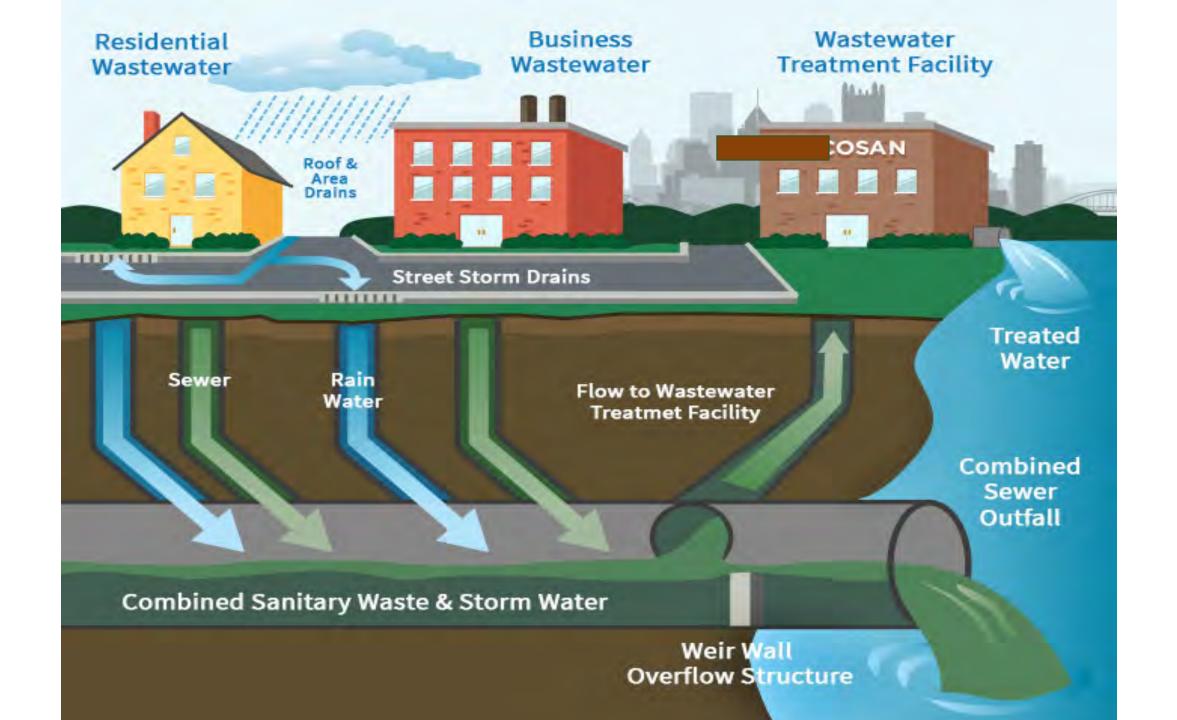
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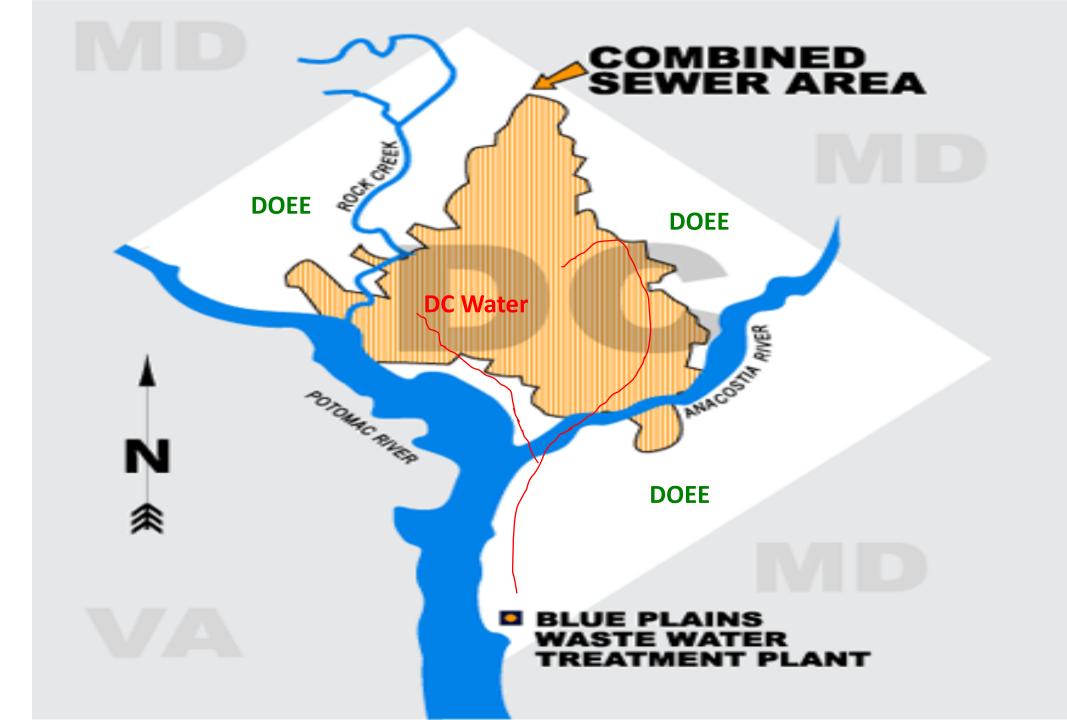






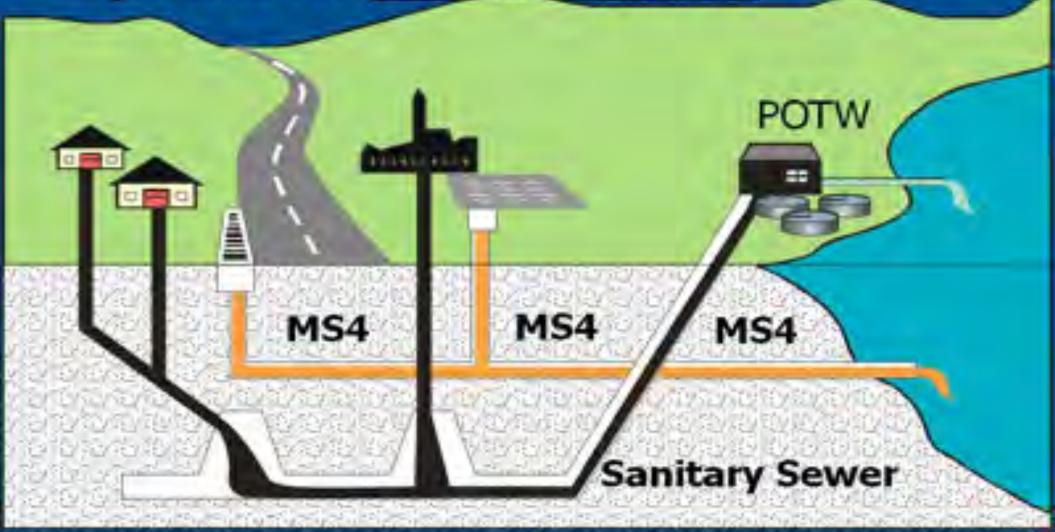


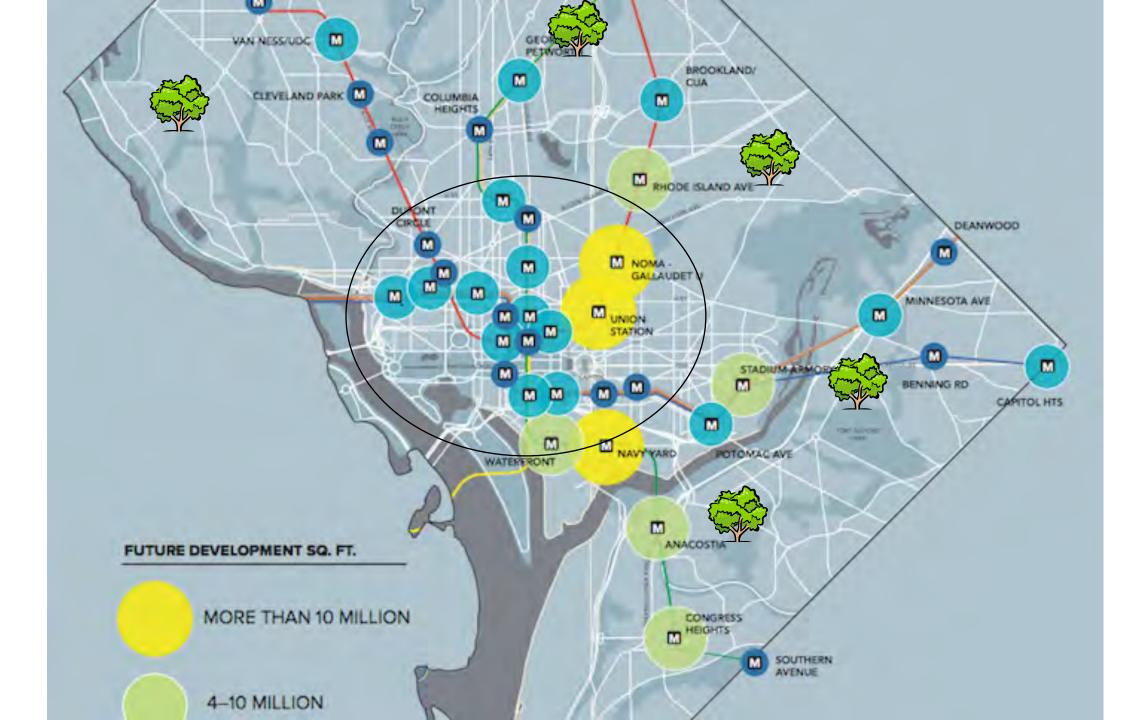




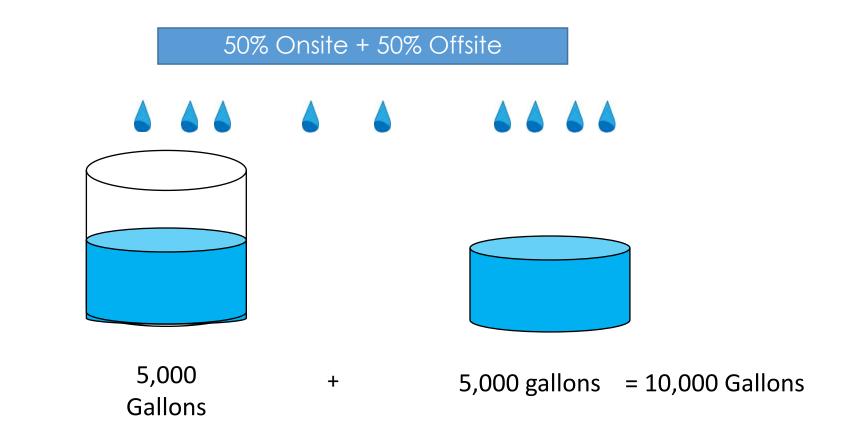
# MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems for <u>Urbanized Areas</u>





## Impact of 50% Onsite Requirement = More Retention



- 1.2" retention standard reflects 90<sup>th</sup> percentile storm event
- Offsite retention allows more property to retain lesser storms



## PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION: 'OUTCOME BASED CONTRACTING'

Maryland State of the Coast Conference Cambridge, MD May 23, 2018

#### INTRODUCTION

## **Ecosystem Investment Partners ("EIP")**

### Maryland-based Private Equity Fund Manager

- 100% focus on ecological restoration
- Over \$500M AUM
- Completed 23 major restoration investments in nine states

### Primary Demand from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

- 20+ year history of market-based compliance solutions
- 1 million acres protected and restored using private capital to achieve measurable, verifiable outcomes

### New Opportunities for Investment in Ecological Restoration

- "What we do" is the same
  - Capital + Land + Restoration + Delivery of Measurable Outcomes
- A 'credit' = verifiable 'units' of uplift + permanent protection backed by payment only upon delivery and financial assurances
- Highly applicable to water quality offsets



140+ Miles of Streams Restored



35,000+ Acres of Wetlands Restored



80,000+ Acres Managed



#### FROM MITIGATION BANKING TO 'OUTCOME BASED CONTRACTING'

## Applying CWA 404 Experience to Regional Restoration Needs

Maryland jurisdictions must offset, nutrient and sediment discharges to the Chesapeake Bay under NPDES permits.

- MD DNR and EIP innovated a 'pay for success' contract under the terms of DNR Bay Trust Fund grant program.
- Three contracts are delivering **32,000 linear feet** of stream restoration within the Principio Creek watershed in Cecil County, Maryland.
- Property control, finance, design/engineering and construction are all required prior to first payment. Final payments with monitoring and performance over 5 years after construction.
- Payment on a calculated **per pound reduction** for N, P and sediment.





- Encouragement from MD DNR's Bay Trust Fund program to find full-delivery, large scale, cost efficient projects in priority watersheds
- EIP worked with the Chesapeake Conservancy and Cecil Land Trust to identify appropriate parcels and willing landowners.
- EIP teamed with Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. and Appalachian Stream Restoration for design and construction.







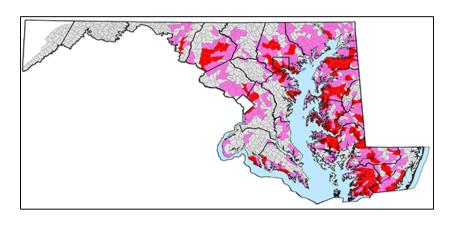


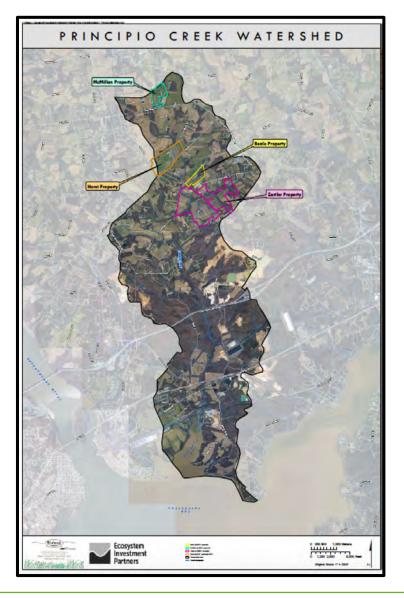
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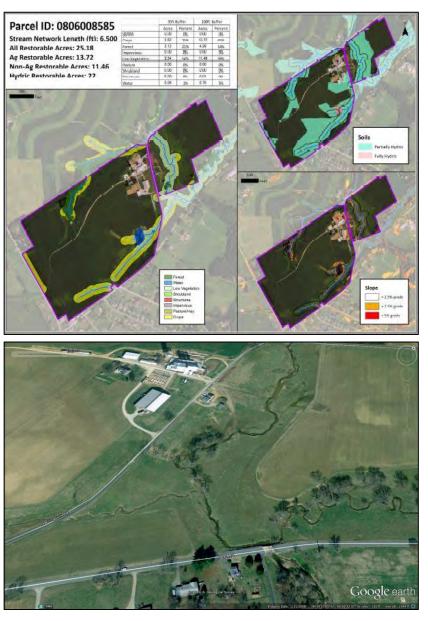














## Land Use Change = Legacy sediment and active erosion

Conversion of forested watersheds to fields and farms along with roads and other impervious surface dramatically changes the pace at which water moves.

Floodplain access is lacking, and streambeds are eroding and reconfiguring to adapt to the new, faster, pattern of regular inundation.

This releases 'legacy nutrients' (N, P and TSS) in the soil in addition to the increased loading of sediments.





*8,200 linear feet of stream restoration completed in 2017.* 

Total annual reductions of:

- 6,219 lbs. of N
- 1,850 lbs of P
- 1,344 tons of TSS

16,000 linear feet now underway Total annual reductions of:

- 15,133 lbs of N
- 580 lbs. of P
- 823 tons of TSS

Riparian buffer plantings, floodplain access and cattle exclusion fencing as needed.

Restoration results in a more natural pattern, profile and dimension to streambeds.

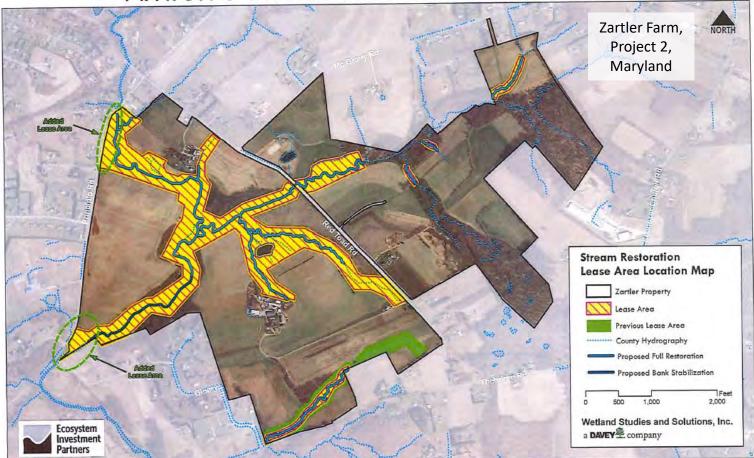






### ~16,000 Feet of Stream Restoration & Water Quality Improvement

Annual reductions: 15,000 lbs Nitrogen | ~580 lbs Phosphorous | 823 tons Sediment



PRINCIPO WATERSHED - ZARTLER PROPERTY

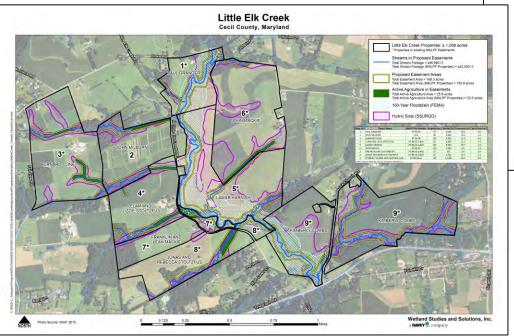


### **OPPORTUNITY GROWING**

## Maryland Water Quality – State Highway Authority Projects

EIP has contracted to provide the State of Maryland's DOT an additional **51,000+ linear feet** of stream restoration under a 'performance based contract'.

Payments occur based on milestones that signify successful outcomes and fully delivered restoration







### SUMMARY

### **Implications for Resilience**

Experience based on providing outsourced compliance for 'no net loss' provisions of the Clean Water Act:

- 20+ year history of market-based compliance solutions
- 1+ million acres protected and restored using private capital on private land
- Competitive pricing: innovation and economies of scale

### Move beyond planning!!

- Focused capital resources with professional management allow engagement of institutional investors
- Risk transfer from public sector to private sector
- Division of labor
  - Public sector sets goals and standards
  - Private sector provides efficient implementation



### **Questions or Follow-up:**

### **Contact:**

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## Funding and Partnerships in Restoration

"Partnering with Nature and Landowners to Drive Ecological Restoration Outcomes"



# Takeaways

Partnering with nature to restore nature

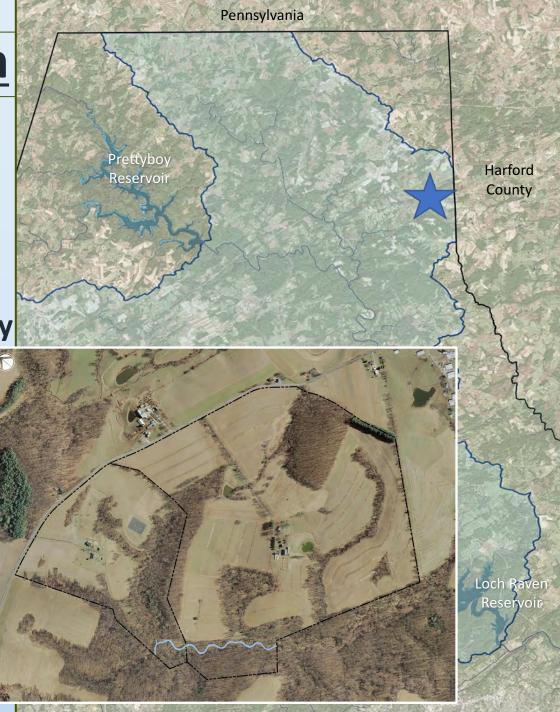
Ecological restoration as a driver for landowner financial returns

**Dividends of ecosystem services** 

Time and your project's net present value

## **First Mine Branch**

- 1.3 Square Mile Drainage Area
- Loch Raven Watershed
- Northern Baltimore County
- Use III
- 2,400 linear feet stream restoration/3-5 acres wetland restoration













#### FIRST MINE STREAM RESTORATION

DESIGN SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW CHECKLIST Mandatory Sustainability and Constructability Review at 60% design

#### INITIAL SITE INVENTORY

- ✓ Rock/Gravel source Wide variety of gravel size/plenty to salvage d84 ≈ 30 mm
  - Are soil borings necessary/beneficial? Yes would be beneficial
- ✓ Wetland peat layer
  - o Beneficial to plot profile? potential wetlands present to be delineated
- ✓ Wetland sod/upland sod sources quantify majority of site is completely wooded/source of upland sod
- ✓ Sod grow areas quantify large adjacent fields/discussion with the landowner
- ✓ Live stake source quantify ≈120 trees (via tree survey)surrounded by trees to be used as potential live stake source
- ✓ Root wads/logs quantify ≈120 trees (via tree survey) in construction area/adequate amount of quality tress
- Inventory summary spreadsheet completed

#### DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Utilize inventory spreadsheet to maximize use of on-site materials
- Vegetation/wood vs. Rock a lot of wood
  - Maximize use of vegetation/wood and keep submerged
  - If using Rock, justify No rock to be used as main structures
- ✓ Are there opportunities to recycle/reuse materials? Yes-trees can be used for structures and adequate riffle material
- Sun vs. shade, aspect consider for bioengineering plan Is currently forested/and will still have some tree cover
- ✓ Furnished materials available locally Majority of material can be salvaged on site
- ✓ Reduce Transport Costs
  - o Haul Off Reduced by using on-site materials and spoils areas -little/no haul off abundance of on-site material
  - Haul On Reduced by balancing cut/fill -adjacent fields for balance

#### CONSTRUCTABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Stockpiles
  - Short Dirt Are locations of spoils areas adequate Yes-large adjacent fields, discuss with landowner if there is anywhere else they may want soil
  - Is the stockpile area large enough for construction needs Yes
- Is the LOD adequate for efficient construction Yes no restrictions
- Does the design allow for creativity/flexibility during construction Yes no restrictions
- ✓ Reviewed by Director of Construction at 60% design

#### FOR PLANS

- ✓ Description of project in 20 years function, appearance, sediment transport condition (aggrading/degrading)
- ✓ Materials list with salvaged and furnished materials completed at 90%, need additional construction review
- Local sources of material identified on plans with contact information hopefully not required, hopeful to use all materials from on-site

# What's on Site?





# **Design Approach**







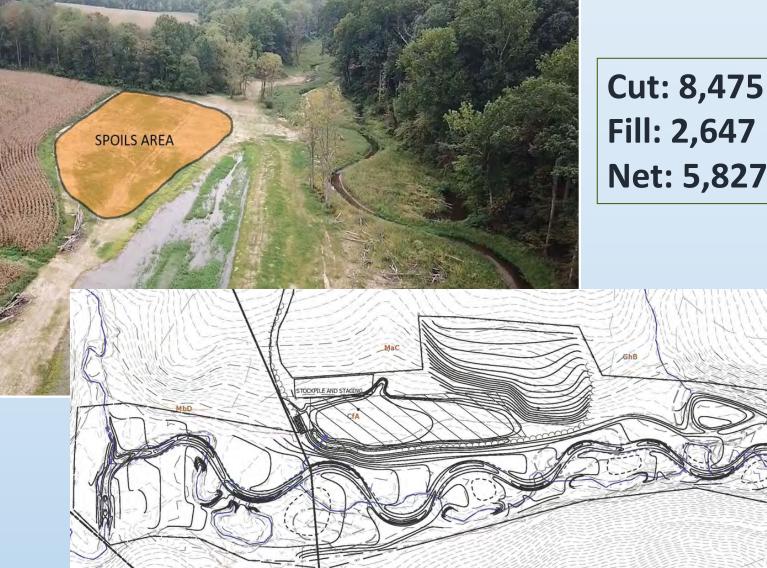
# Legacy Sediment

Peat Layer

**Cobble Layer** 



# **Spoil**

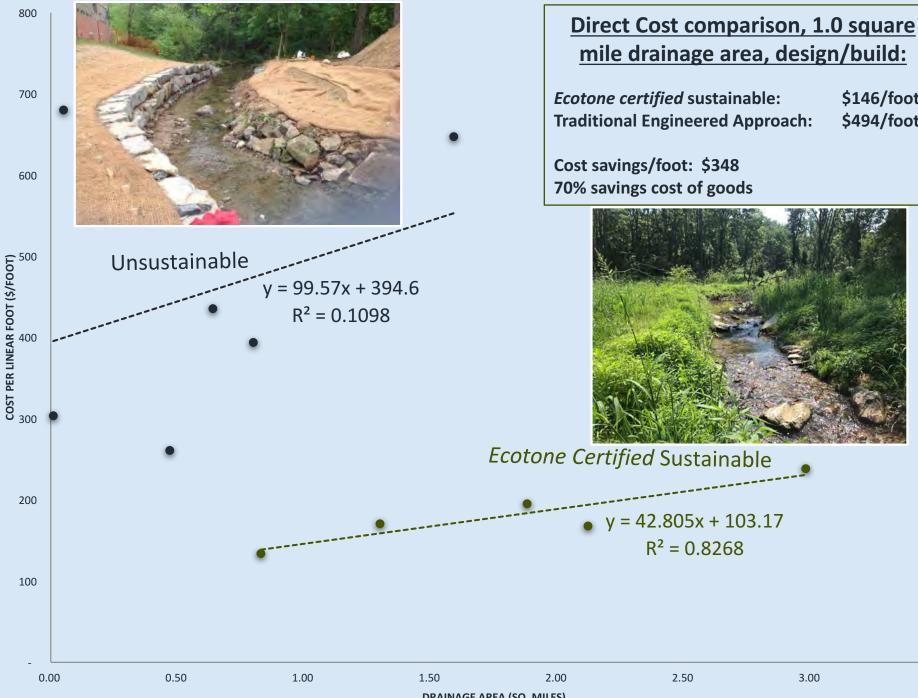


# Net: 5,827 (CUT)

MDD







3.00

\$146/foot

\$494/foot

3.50

**DRAINAGE AREA (SQ. MILES)** 

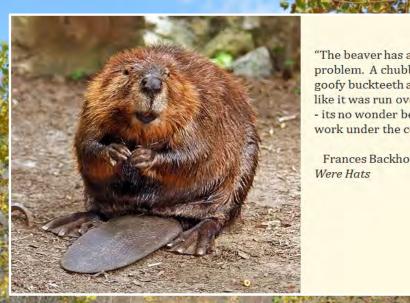




# Ecological restoration can add to farm bottom line!

- 2 acre marginally wet hayfield
- 150 bales/acre/year
  - \$1500/acre/year
- 2 acre wildlife wetland lease: \$5,000/year (cost shared thru Soil Conservation District)





"The beaver has a major image problem. A chubby rodent with goofy buckteeth and a tail that looks like it was run over by a tractor tire - its no wonder beavers prefer to work under the cover of darkness."

Frances Backhouse, Once They Were Hats



## Born to manage wood in streams

### "Claiborne's elaborate preparations and largescale operation brought in **7488** pounds of beaver pelts (worth £4493 at 12 s./lb.)...in the six years before Kent Island's takeover by Maryland in 1638"

"Claiborne's timing was perfect, for in 1629 the English had captured Quebec in a war with France, and beaver fever spread throughout the London merchant community after the Canada Company **brought home some three hundred thousand pounds of pelts in 1630.**"



Photo Credits: Canadian Museum of History

Fredrick J. Fausz, "Present at the Creation"

"In 1643-44 also, over 5700 pounds of beaver pelts were mentioned in debt cases, at a time when one pound was worth between 12s. and 24s., or from 36 to 144 pounds of tobacco."

"On more than one occasion, **colonists found themselves so deeply in debt for beaver pelts** that they mortgaged, or had to put up as security, a large portion of their property"



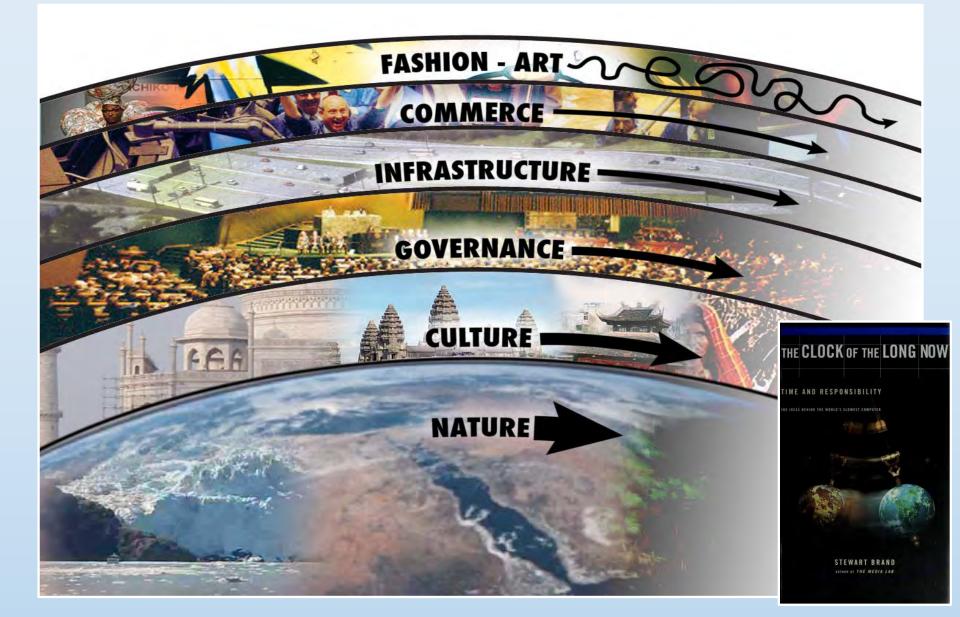
# **Bridge Creek, Oregon**

- 10 year study
- Beaver dam analogs
- NOAA funding
  - Objective is to improve salmonid habitat





## TMDL/MS4 – Economic/Commerce Ecological Restoration – NATURE



## **Ecological Restoration is a Process, not an EVENT**



7. Gilberts Addition - Surveyed & Man. 1716 per Jassis Gilbert, and granted to 50 acres Beginning at There ... H. O ... at the IN THE A LOW ALL AND A LOW AND A LOW AND A LOW AND A LOW ALL AND A LOW ALL AND A LOW A tread of a little swamp on the N. side of the N. D. Grands of Swan areak "and righ halfs a mile to Ripken Stadium " Fartward of The said Jarvis's plan Takin " and\_ Jervis Gilbert, 10 Sept#1723 9. Souther 90 to the and of a stead 1. E. SE., 150 por tran. R.O. by a small pression The Cattail Marsh, swamp near Runny Pun, 22. Wut, 22 " Ir a W.O. 27 a swamp site a bing foul of else surveys or ging under wales . said Crerk, secon a sacal aucursh, Writ, 128 Ken. To a W.O. Zy a Swamp Beginning at a ... Sweet Gum .... 27 an great swamp or pocoson ... side the Arg. Thereof, 26- Timber Swamp- Sur. 15 Dret 1735 for John Taylor John Taylor, 2 Nov 1743 almant Thomas Thurston, 1 Oct 1687 gr. 10ct. 1687. To Ilumas Thurston 1- The Agreement - Surs for 500 acres. By iming at a sounded W.O. vin Lib. N.S. , Nº 2, poris 471' John Karth, Lesser J July 2.2? .. by a Power and running three John Coloran ) 1822



## Net present value?

# Ecological return on investment?





## THINK LIKE A MOUNTAIN

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Maryland Department of the Environment

## Chesapeake Bay Restoration: Maryland's Planning Process

## **2018 State of the Coast Conference**

May 23, 2018

Gregorio Sandi MDE Integrated Water Planning Program



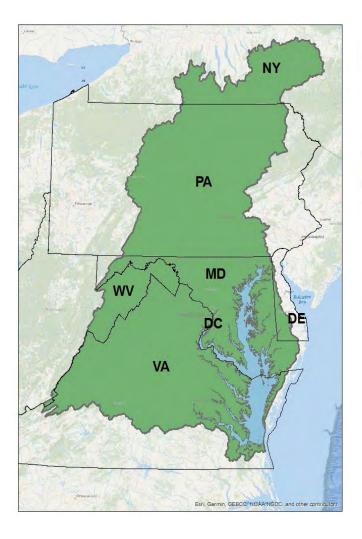


# Outline

- Chesapeake Bay WIP development
- 2017 Mid-Point Assessment and successes
- Phase III WIP development process
- Schedule



# **Chesapeake Bay WIP Development**



2010 Chesapeake Bay TMDL established

General plan with strategies to meet at least 60% by 2017

Phase I WIP	
2010	2025

More detailed strategies, extensive local engagement, local plans

Phase II WIP		
2012	2017	2025

Detailed plan with local goals to meet 100% by 2025

Phase III WIP	
2019	2025



- 2017 Mid Point Assessment: Evaluation of Progress
- Updated Decision Tools
  - New Model
  - New Data Sources
  - New Objectives
  - New Challenges
- Draft targets for 2025 revised



## **2017 MID-POINT ASSESSMENT AND SUCCESSES**



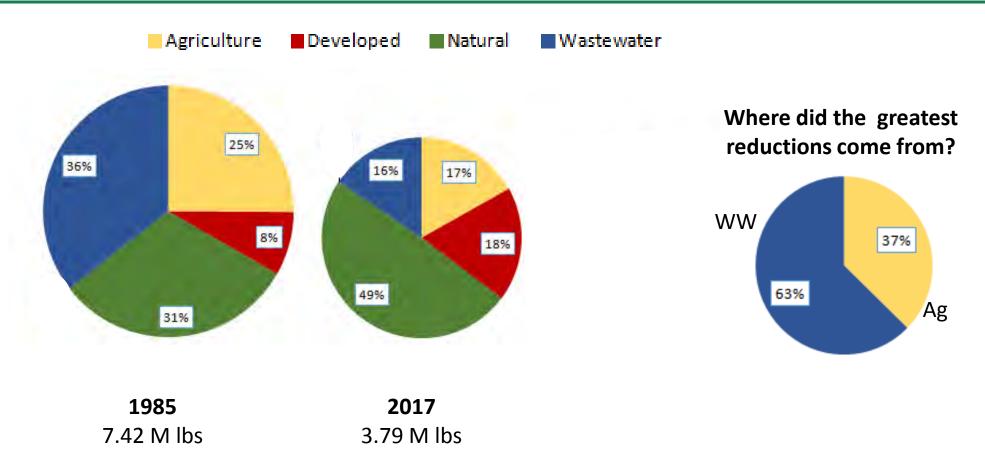
## Maryland Nitrogen (Mid Point Assessment)

Agriculture Developed Natural Septic Wastewater Where did the greatest reductions come from? 21% 39% 40% 41% WW 6% 35% 15% Ag 65% 8% 11% 17% 2% 1985 2017 83.6 M lbs 56.0 M lbs

Results are based on loads estimated by the Phase 5.3.2 Chesapeake Bay Model



## **Maryland Phosphorus (Mid Point Assessment)**



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## **Achievements**





### Wastewater & Septic

- Dedicated Fund
- 67 Majors to ENR
- Economies of Scale
- O & M Grants
- Shifting to Minors
- Septic Upgrades & Connections

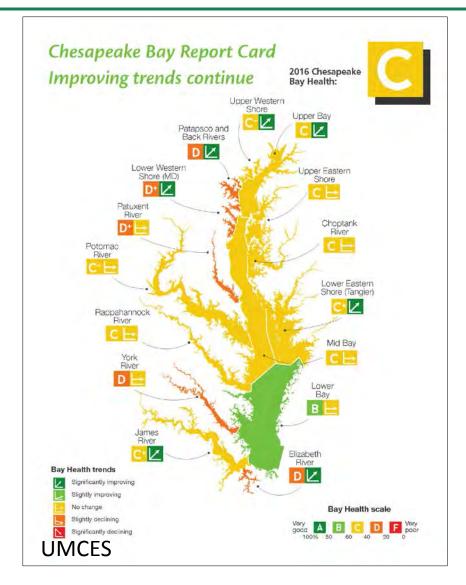
### **Urban Stormwater**

- MS4 Phase I permit revised
  - Financial Assurance Plans
  - Funding ~\$300 M
  - P3
  - Nutrient Trading
- New MS4 Phase II permit
- Non-MS4 Assistance



# **Changes in Aquatic Communities**

- Overall health of Bay continues to improve
  - Increases in the amount of Bay Grasses in tidal waters
  - Shrinking summer dead zones in the Bay
  - Oyster recovery continues at high levels in Maryland





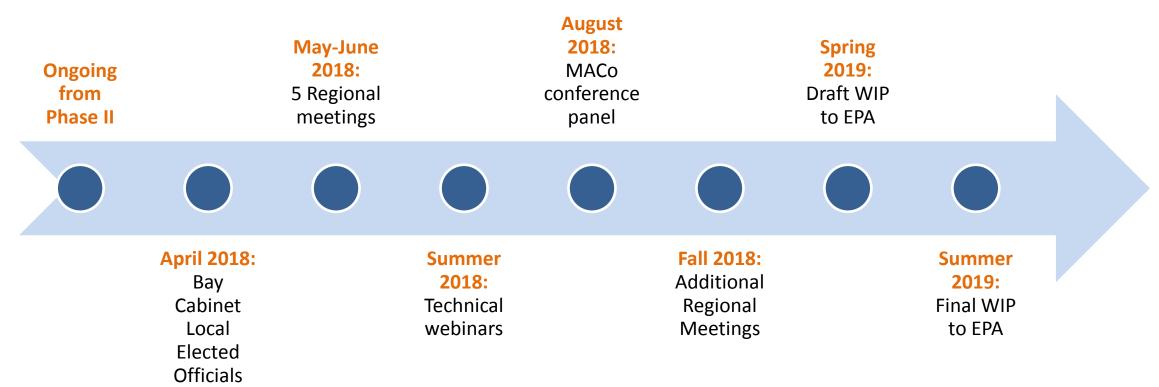
## **REVISING THE PLAN**



# **WIP III Development Schedule**

## Engagement with practioners

Letter





# **Continuing to Engage by Sector**

## **Stormwater & Septic**

- Permit Development
  - Reach out to existing and new permitees
- Meeting with jurisdictions
  - One on one or in regular meetings
- Engaging Local Environmental Health Directors



## Wastewater

- Bay Restoration Fund
- Permits
- Review of Water and Sewer Plans





## Wastewater ... Phase III WIP

- Participating in the Phase III WIP
  - Local WIP Inventory
  - Performance incentives
  - Capital improvements
  - Consider new technologies
- Key Planning Documents
  - Wastewater Permits
  - Bay Restoration Fund Annual Report
  - County Water and Sewer Plans





# Septics ... Phase III WIP

- Incentivizing Septic BMPs
  - Capital improvements using BRF
  - Credit through permits
- Key Planning Documents
  - NPDES permits
  - County Water and Sewer Plans
  - Septic Stewardship Plans





- Local Partner Engagement
  - MS4 Restoration Requirement
  - Non-MS4
- Key Planning Documents for permitted jurisdictions
  - MS4 Restoration Plans
  - MS4 Financial Assurance Plans
- BMPs with benefits (beyond nutrients)



# The End?

## More to come at our Regional Meetings

https://agresearch.umd.edu/agroecol/educationoutreach

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Central – Catonsville

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Lower Eastern Shore - Salisbury

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Upper Eastern Shore – Easton

June  $18^{th}$  – Southern MD - TBD



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