## The Chesapeake Bay Program's Watershed Model Phase 6

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## Physical Transport Webinar

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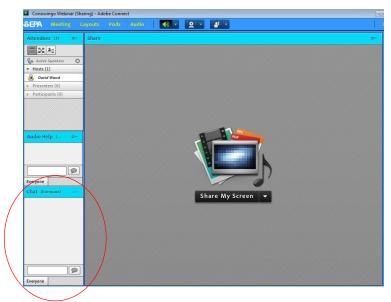
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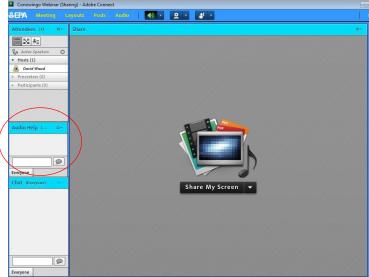
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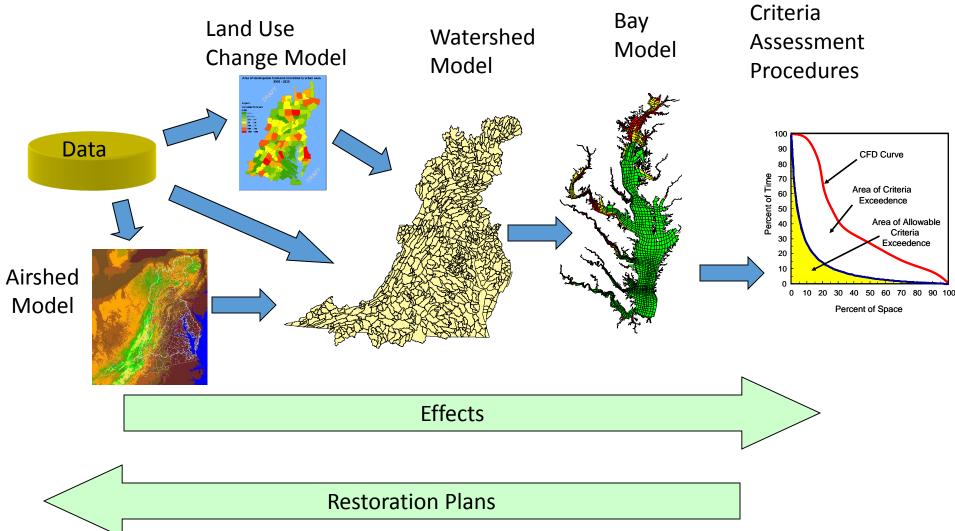
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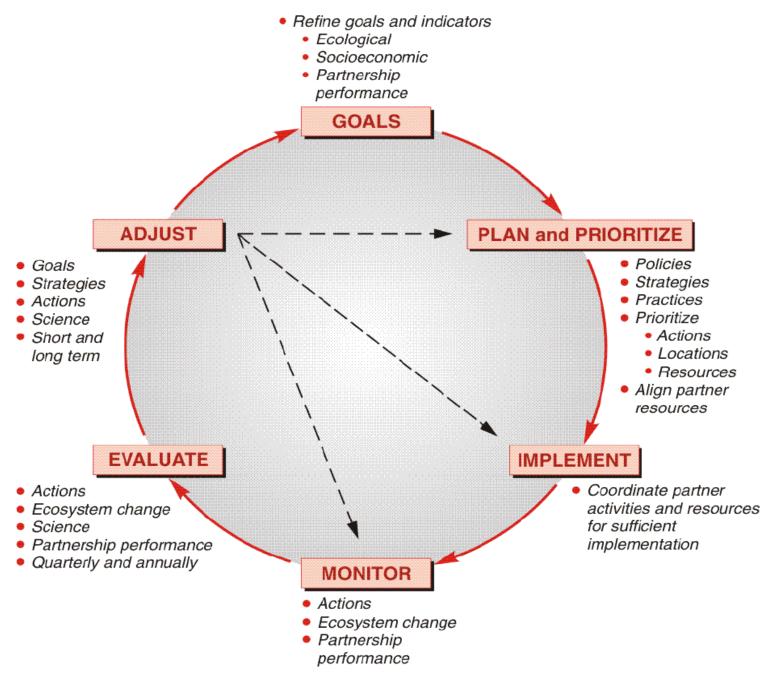


## Decision Support System



## Continual Updates to Models

Year	Model Phase	Goal
• 1987	0	40% reduction
• 1992	2	40% of controllable loads
• 1997	4.1	Confirm 1992 loads
• 2003	4.3	Reallocation
• 2010	5.3.0	TMDL
• 2011	5.3.2	Phase 2 WIP targets
• 2017	6.0	Phase 3 WIP targets



#### Water Quality Goal Implementation Team

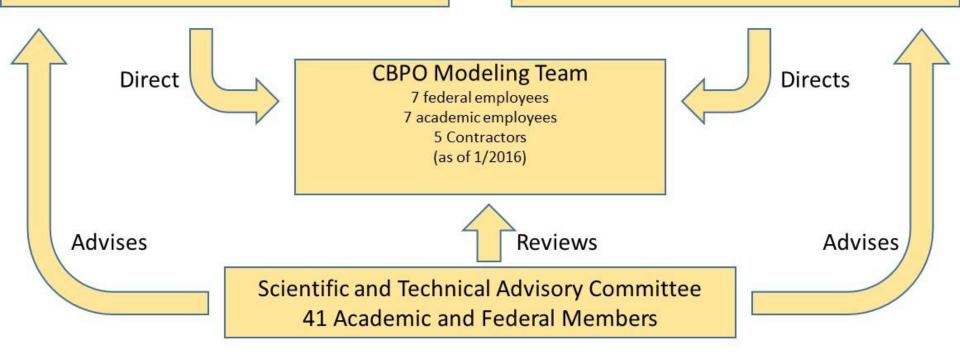
30 State, Federal, Academic, and NGO members

#### 7 WQGIT Workgroups

Over 300 State, Federal, Academic, and NGO members (as of 1/2016)

#### Modeling Workgroup

17 State, Federal, and Academic members (as of 1/2016)



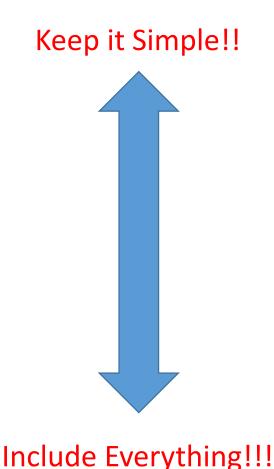
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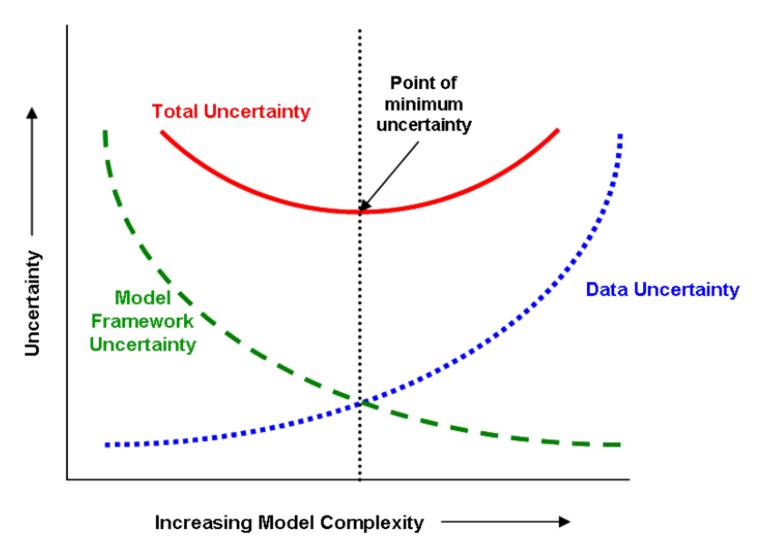
## Water Quality Managers

 Need more transparent and easier to understand decision-support tools to enable successful engagement of local partners

## Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

- Multiple Models
- Phosphorus
- Complex Reservoir Dynamics
- Fine-scale processes





Relationship between model framework uncertainty and data uncertainty, and their combined effect on total model uncertainty. Application niche uncertainty would scale the total uncertainty. Adapted from Hanna (1988) and EPA (2009a).

# Main Prediction of the Watershed Model for decision support

- Change in Anthropogenic Load
  - BMPs
  - WWTP
  - Land use Change
  - Response to Change in inputs
- How to keep it simple and include everything?











Average Load + ∆ Inputs \* Sensitivity **Land Use Acres BMPs** Direct Loads **Land to Water Stream Delivery River Delivery** Phase 6

## Keep It Simple

Average Load + ▲ Inputs \* Sensitivity

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**Land Use Acres** 

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**BMPs** 

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**Land to Water** 

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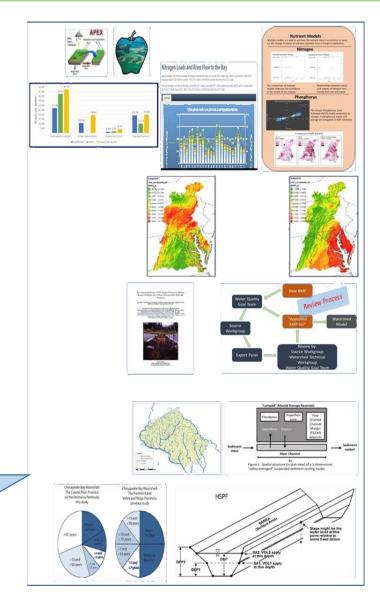
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**Stream Delivery** 

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**River Delivery** 

## Include Everything



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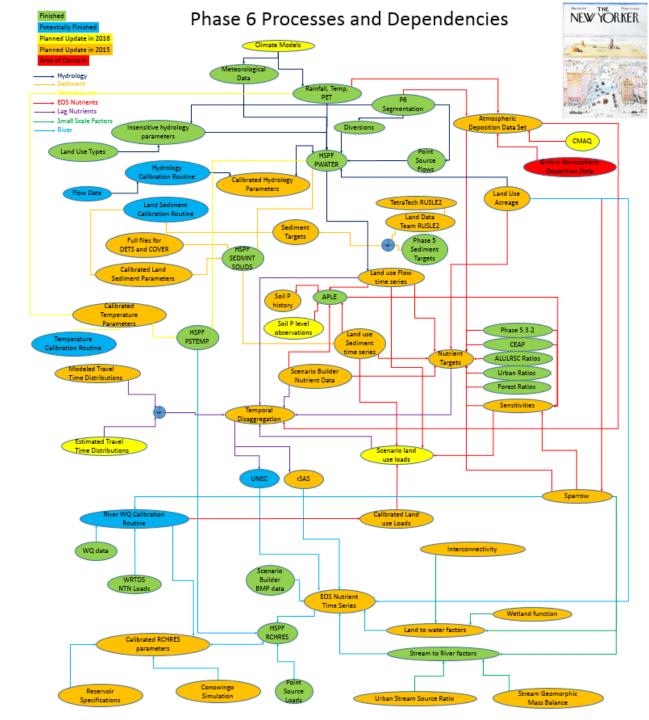
Potentially Finished

Planned Update in 2016

Planned Update in 2015

Area of Concern

Each box represents a dataset, model, or process



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## Phase 6 Model Documentation

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Section 5: Land Use

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Section 7: Land to Water

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Section 9: Stream Delivery

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Section 10: River Delivery

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**Land Use Acres** 

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5/25/17 and 6/1/17 Webinars

## Phase 6







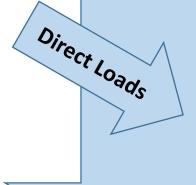




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**Data-driven** 

**BMPs** 



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Loads change across regions based on transport effects

**Mostly** constant across scenarios

**Today's Webinar** 

**Land to Water** 



**Stream Delivery** 



**River Delivery** 

## Phase 6









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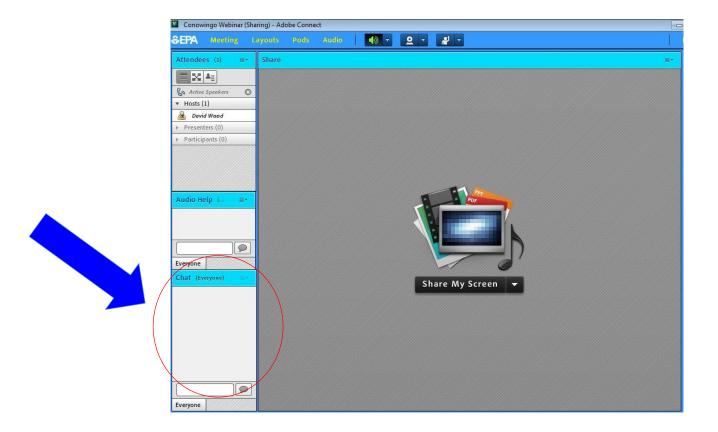
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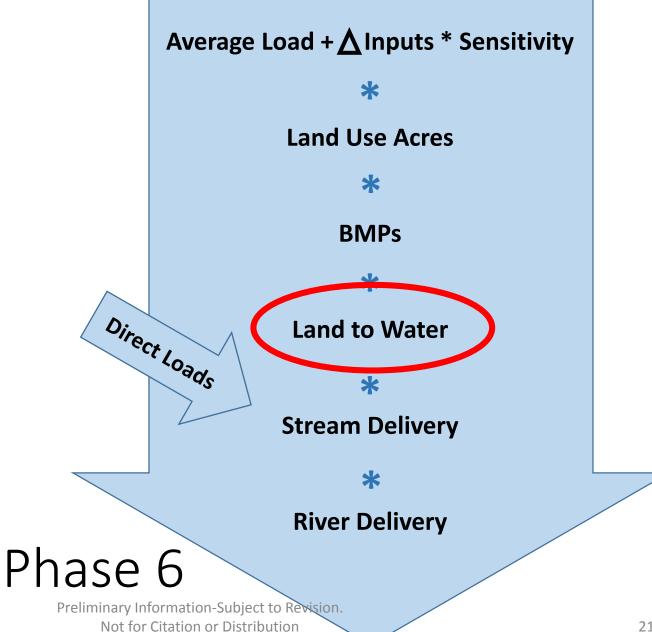






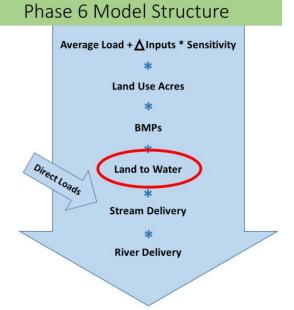






## Land to Water Factors

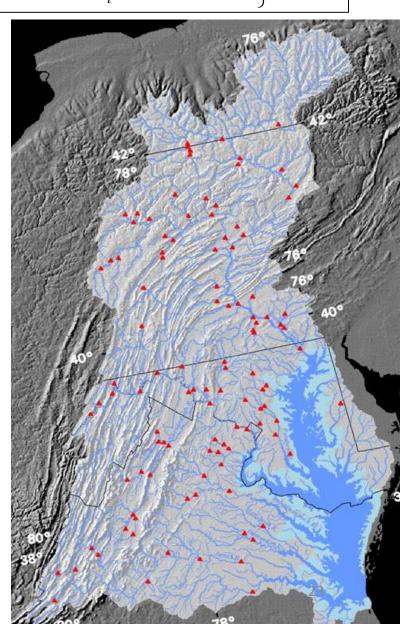
- The spatial effect of watershed transport characteristics
- Have no aggregate effect on loads
  - Spatial variability
  - Weighted average is one



## **USGS Sparrow Model**

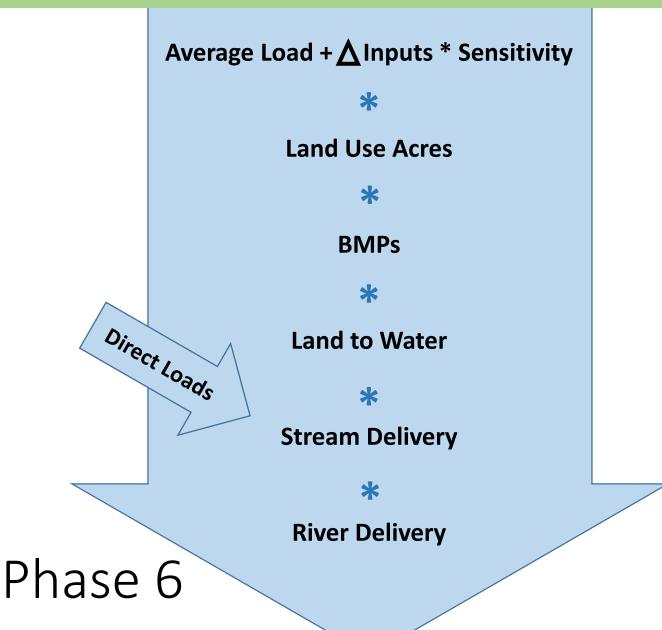
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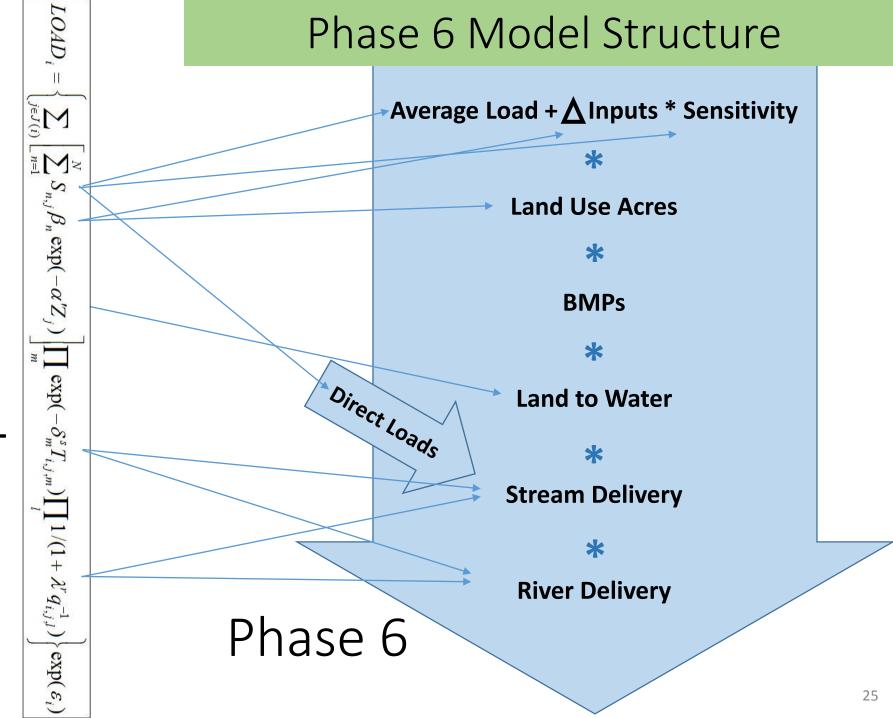
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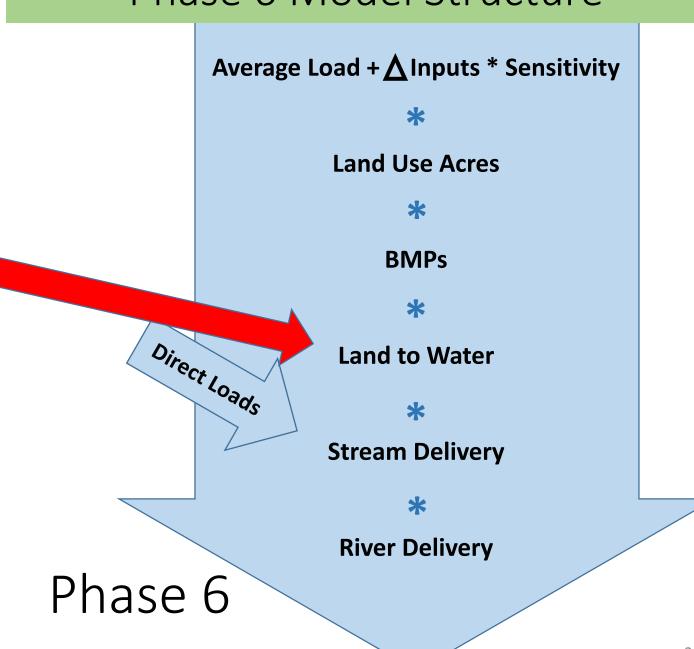




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## Nitrogen Land to Water Factors

- Groundwater recharge
  - Important pathway for nitrogen transport
- Piedmont Carbonate
  - Groundwater moves faster in these regions
- Enhanced Vegetative Index (greenness)
  - Plant utilization of nitrogen
- Available water capacity
  - Related to denitrification



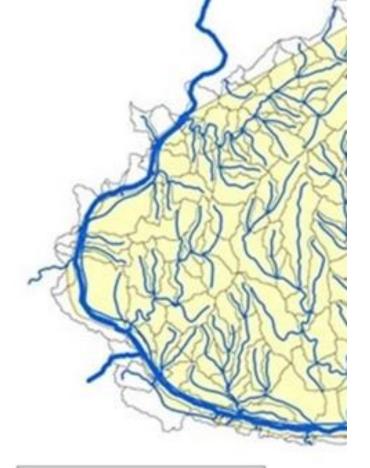


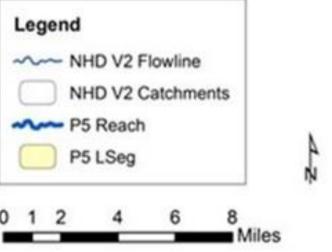




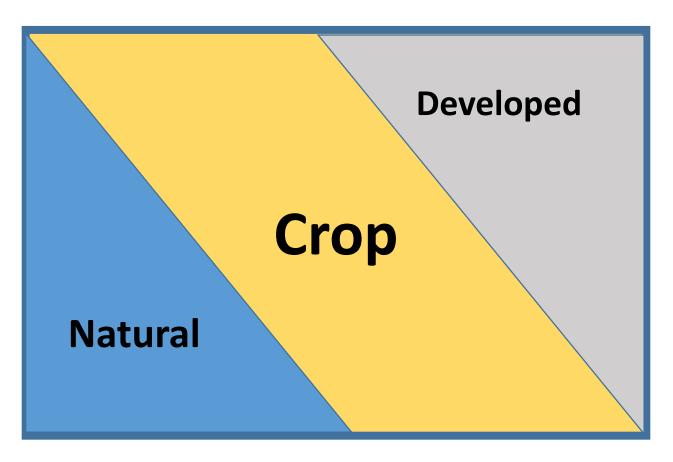
## Scaling to Phase 6

- Sparrow available on NHD catchments
- Phase 6 Land-river segments are larger
- Weighted average by major land use type



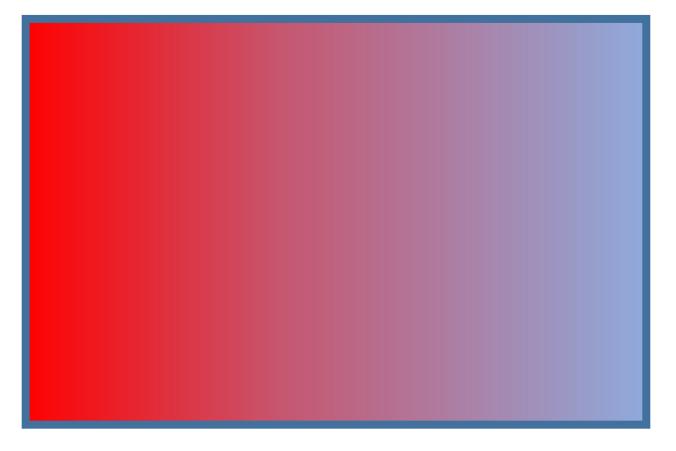


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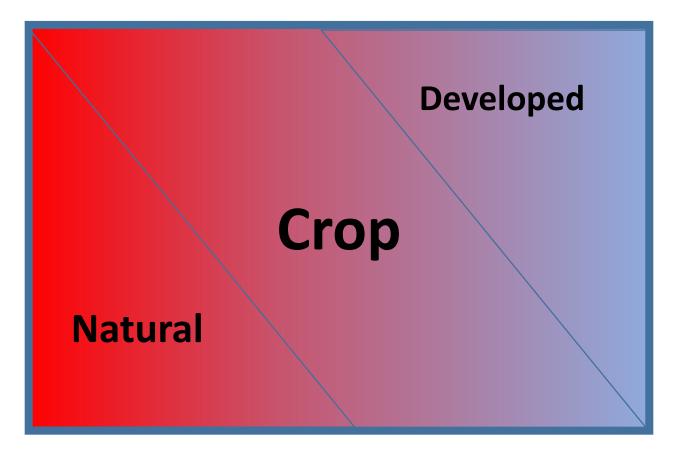
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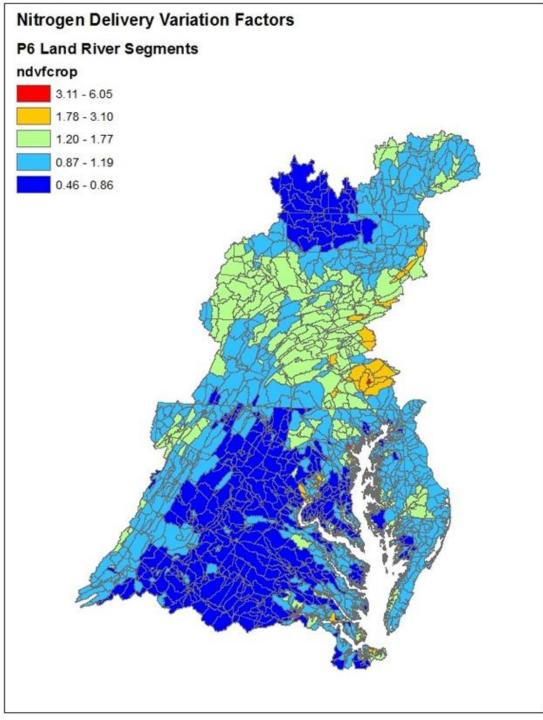
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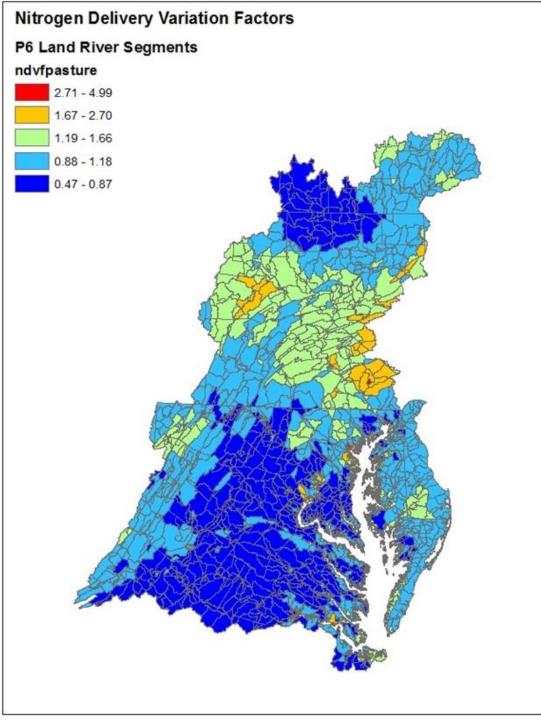


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Piedmont Carbonate
Enhanced Vegetative Index
Available water capacity

## Nitrogen

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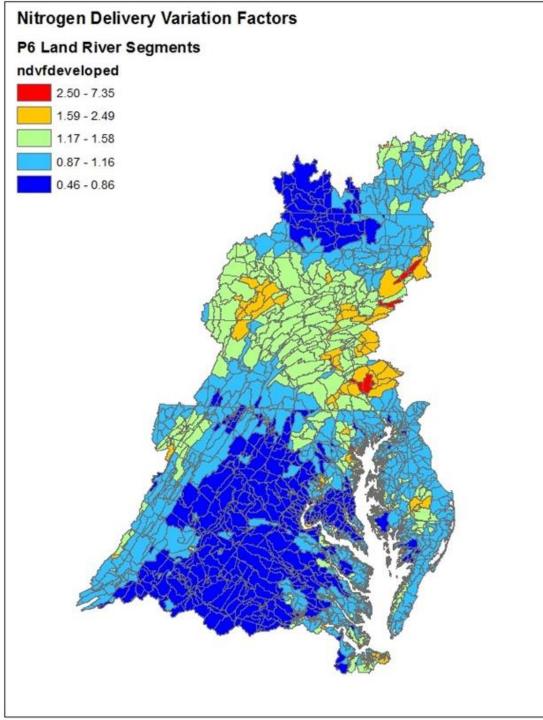


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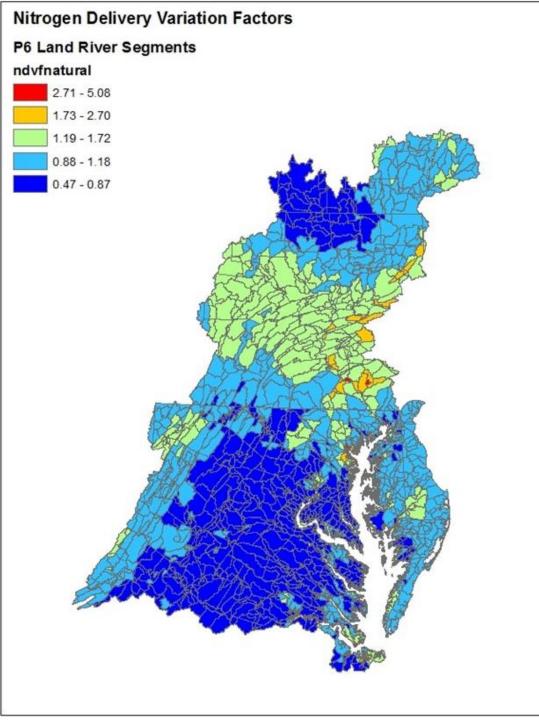


## Developed

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## Natural

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## Phosphorus Factors

- Precipitation
  - Stormwater runoff and sediment washoff produce more P
- Erodibility
  - Erodible soils produce more sediment washoff that produces more P
- Coastal Plain
  - Unsure of mechanism high soil P?
- Well-drained soils
  - Production of stormwater runoff and sediment washoff









# What determines P loads in a given year?

- Soil Storage
- Sediment Washoff
- Stormwater Runoff
- Water Extractable P Applications
- Manure
- Fertilizer
- Uptake

Average Load +  $\Delta$ Inputs \* Sensitivity



#### Average Load + **△** Inputs \* Sensitivity

#### P Load from grain without manure =

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1.87 + 0.013 * (Mehlich – 98.2) ppm
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+ 0.144 \* (storm runoff - 6.73) inches

+ 0.049 \* (sediment loss - 4.75) tons

+ 0.015 \* (WEP - 14.3) lbs

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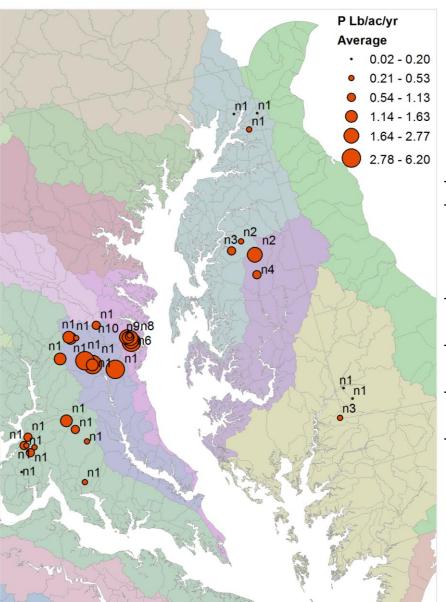


#### What about well-drained soils?

- Precipitation and Erodibility explicitly in calculation of sediment washoff
- Precipitation explicitly in stormwater runoff
- Soil type not explicit in hydrologic calibration

Improved the calibration

#### **Annual Phosphorus Runoff**



#### UMCES analysis of SERC data

Major/Minor Basin	Nobs
Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay	19
Upper Eastern Shore	8
Middle Eastern Shore, including Choptank River	6
Lower Eastern Shore	5
Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay	71
Lower Western shore	71
Patuxent River Basin	9
Patuxent River below Bowie, Maryland	9
Potomac River Basin	10
Lower Potomac River, below Chain Bridge	10

#### 16 LRsegs containing sites

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**Land Use Acres** 

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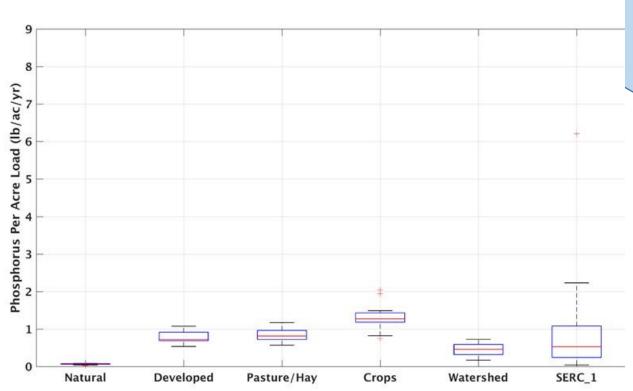
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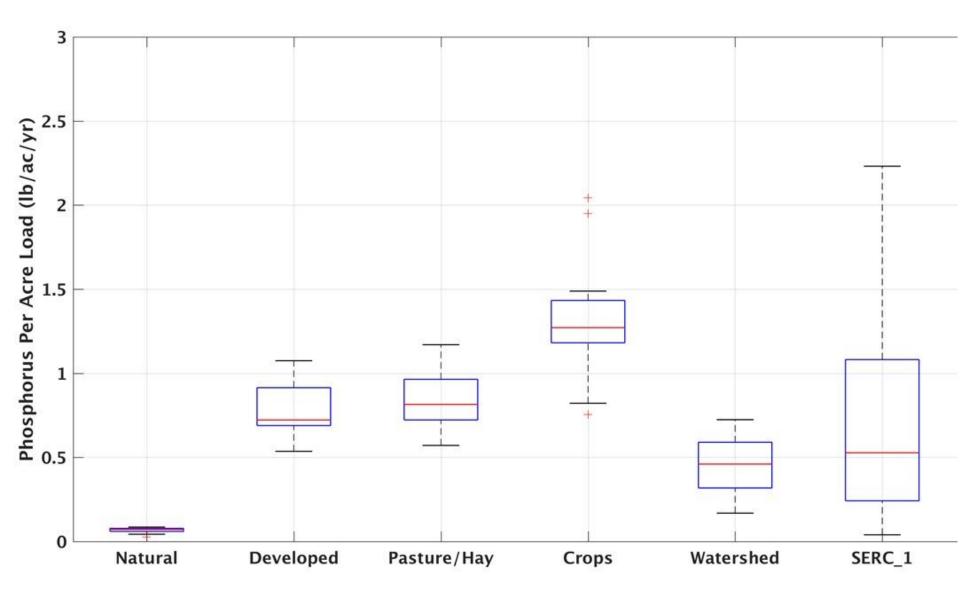
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Stream Delivery

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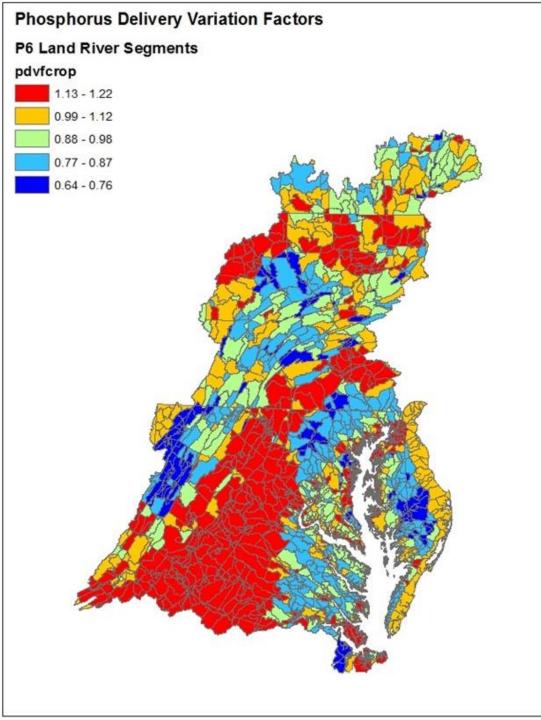


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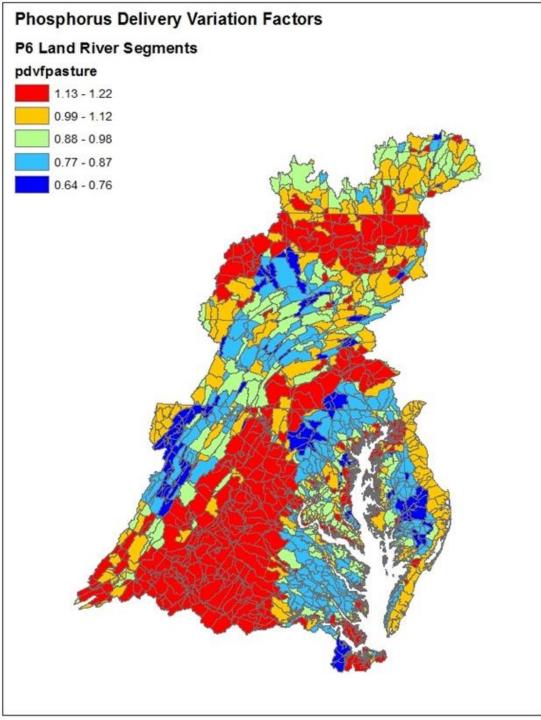


## Crop

Well-drained soils



### Phosphorus

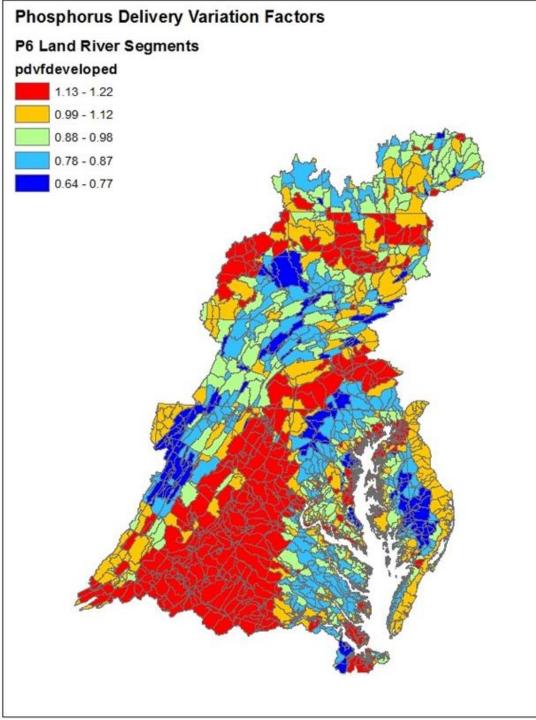


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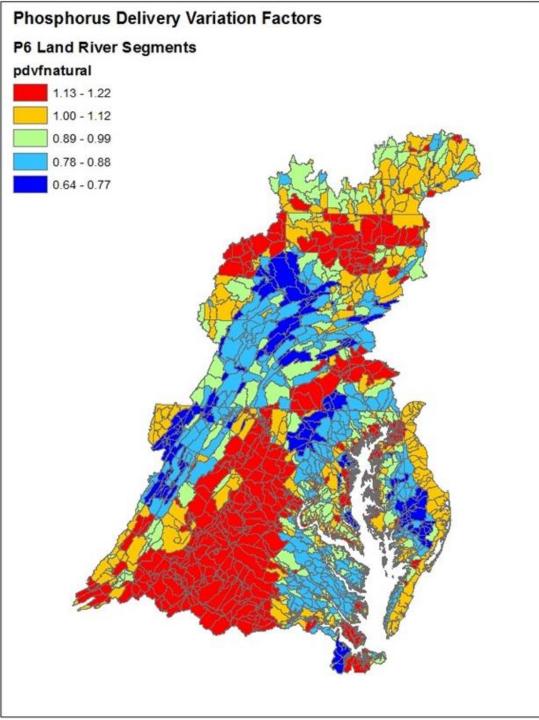


## Developed

Well-drained soils

### Phosphorus

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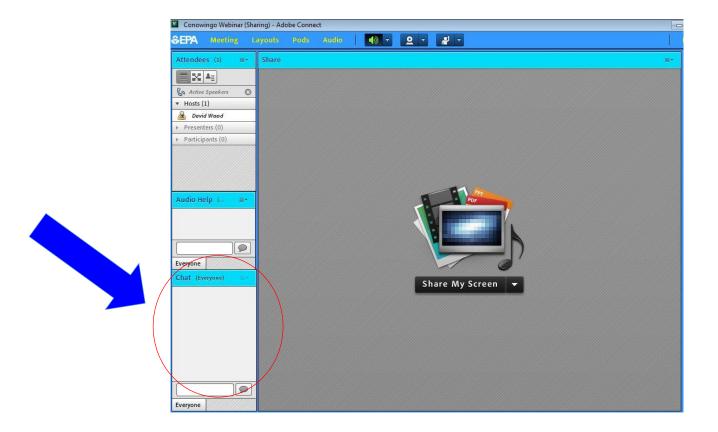
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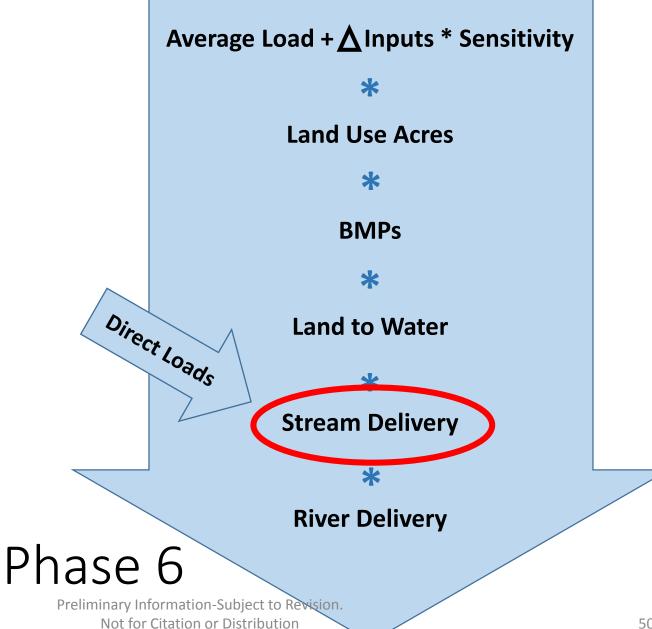








#### Phase 6 Model Structure



#### Methods of Stream Delivery

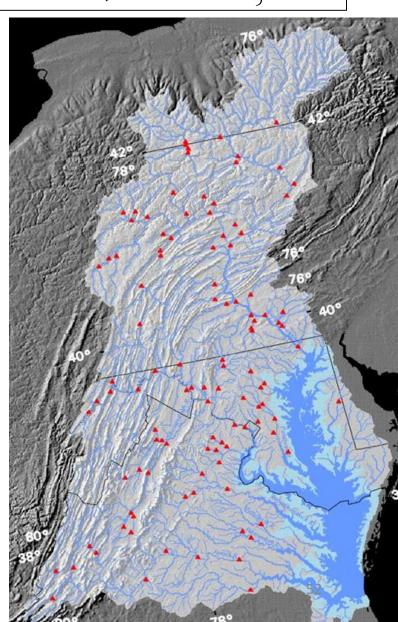
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- Plus additional studies



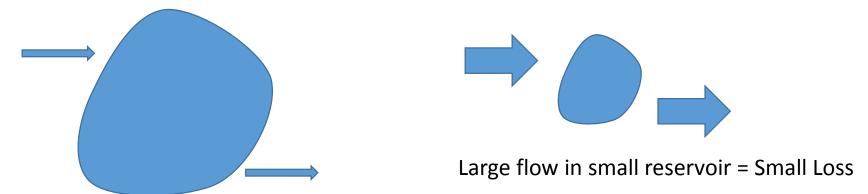
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#### Sparrow Results - Streams

- Small streams < 120 cubic feet per second</li>
- Nitrogen
  - Loss directly related to temperature
  - Loss directly related to travel time
  - Consistent with denitrification
- Phosphorus
  - No loss in streams of any size
  - Consistent with lack of mechanism

#### Sparrow Results - Impoundments

 Loss in impoundments based on ratio between flow and surface area



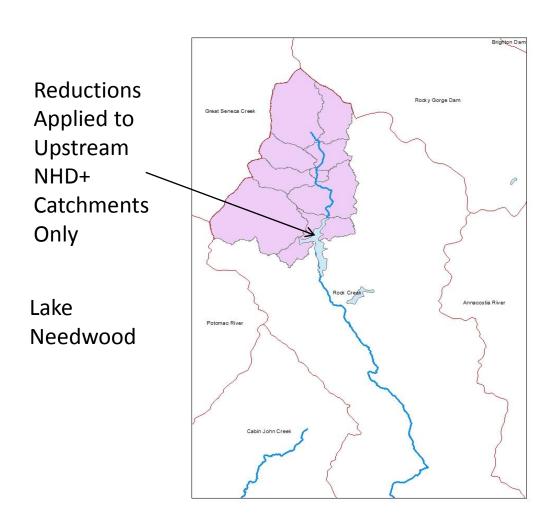
Low Flow in large reservoir = Large Loss

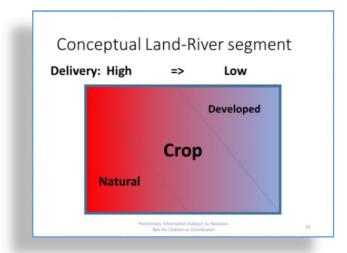
Phosphorus affected more than nitrogen

#### Reservoir Selection

- 4,000+ reservoirs in SPARROW from NHD.
- CBP partners had opportunity to review reservoirs
  - Remove stormwater ponds included in the model as BMPs
  - Remove tidal marshes misidentified as impoundments
  - Remove reservoirs directly simulated by Phase 6
  - Add missing reservoirs
- MDE removed 486 and added 29
- VA DEQ removed 128
- CBPO removed 36 large directly-simulated reservoirs
- Split into streams and rivers

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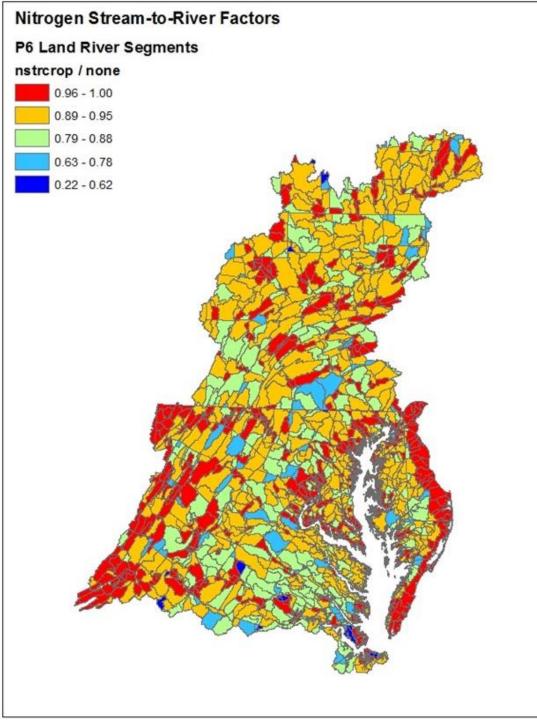




#### Stream Attenuation by Land Use

Split between Crop / Pasture / Developed / Natural

- Pasture Direct Deposition assigned to pasture
- Septic assigned to developed
- WWTP and Industrial sources assigned individually



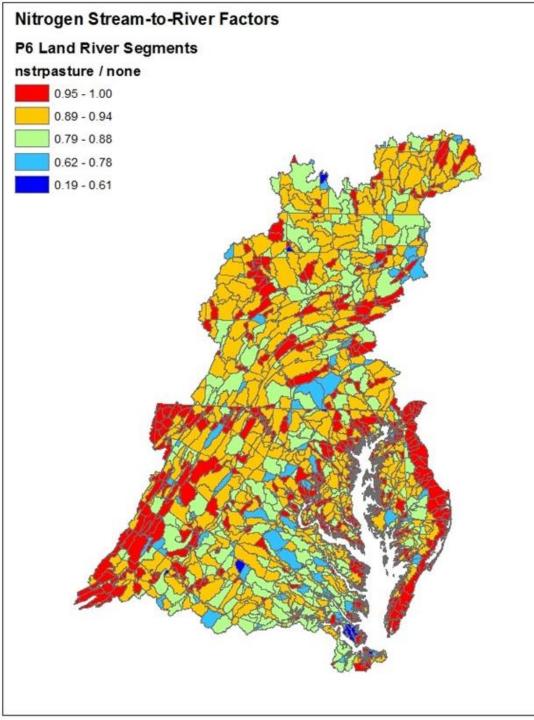
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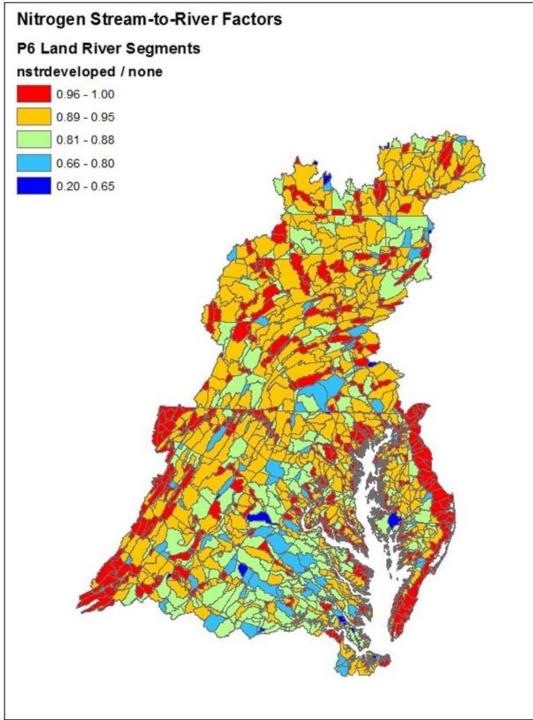
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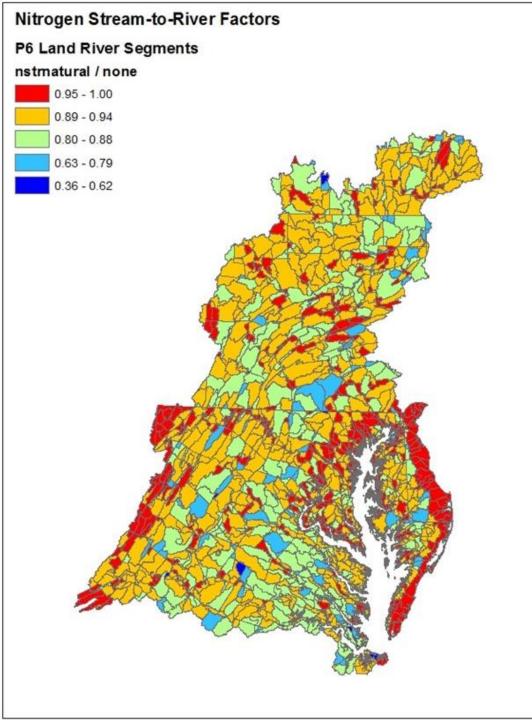
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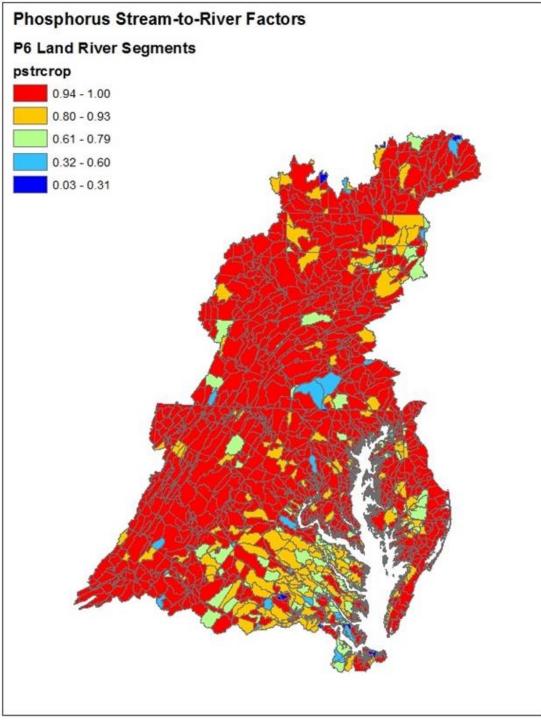
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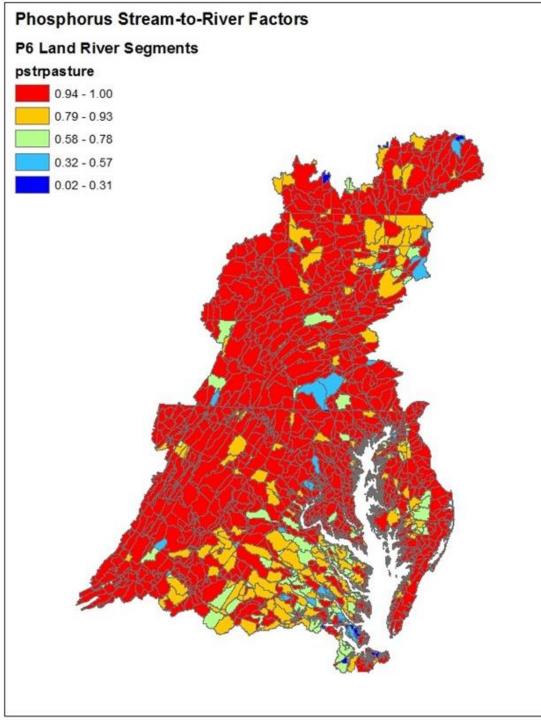
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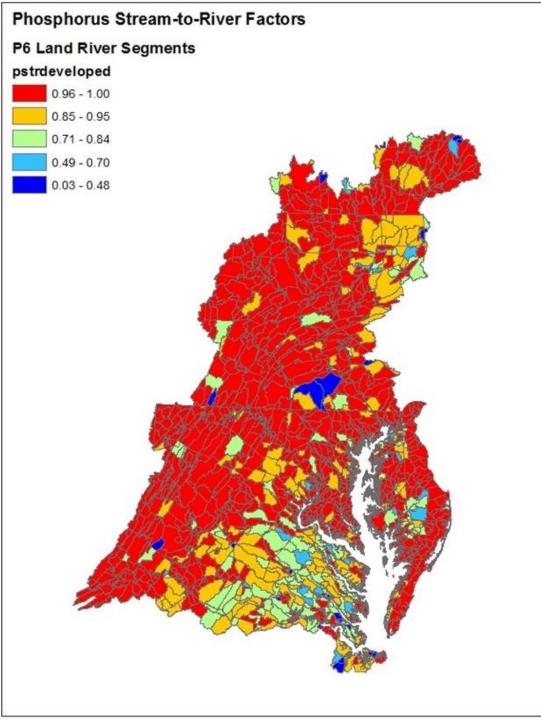
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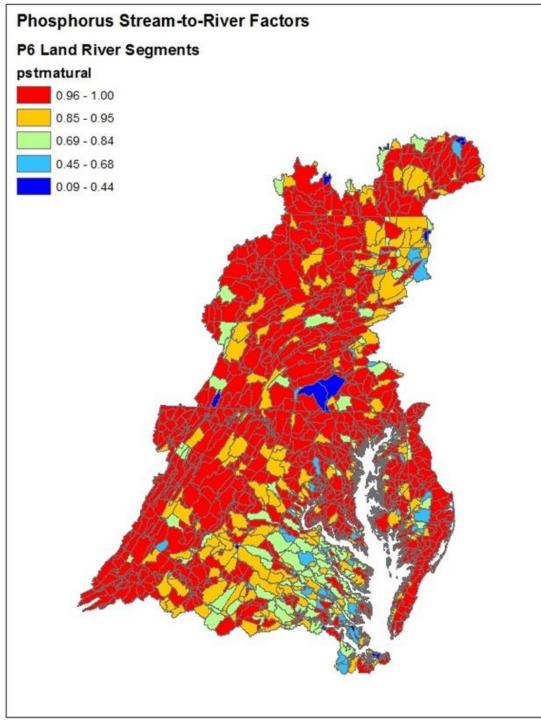
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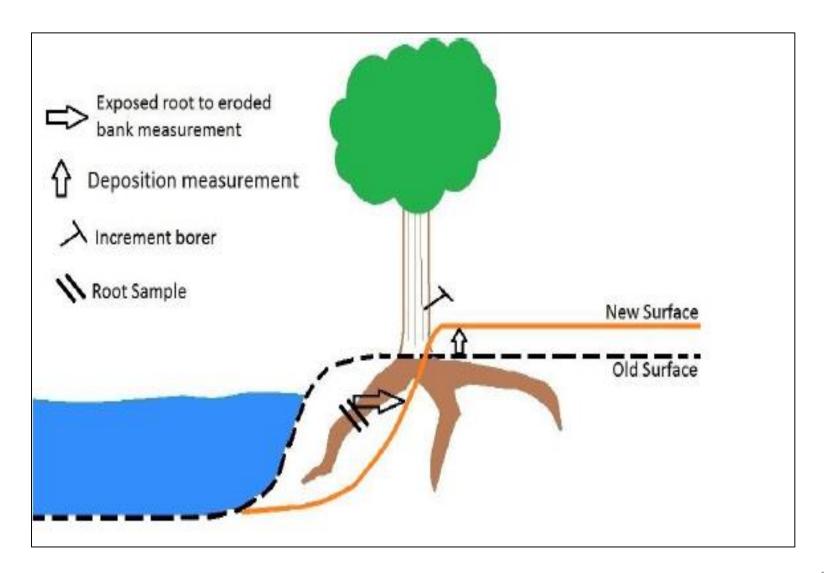


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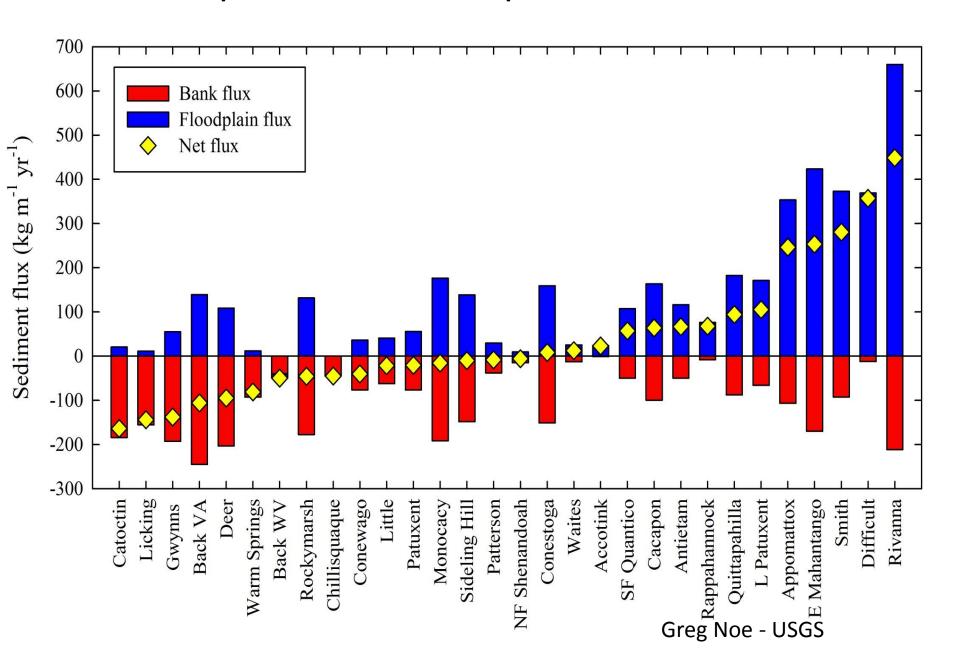
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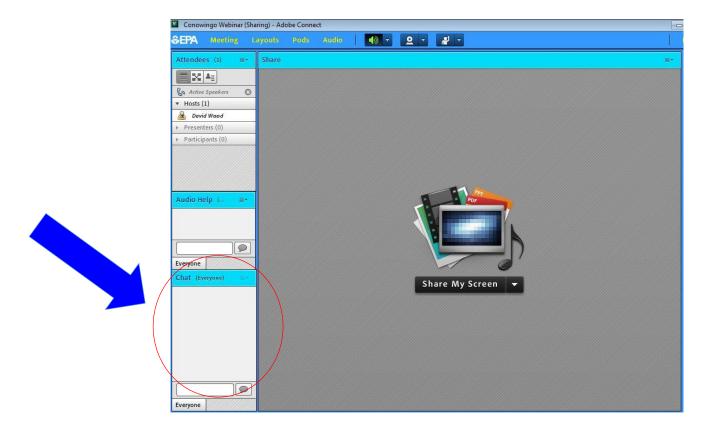


#### Streams as a source and a sink

- Stream Bed and Bank land use
  - Source of 0.074 lbs N per foot per year
  - Source of 0.022 lbs P per foot per year
  - Reduced by streambank BMPs
  - Allowed to go negative
- Stream Floodplain land use
  - Sink of 0.074 lbs N per foot per year
  - Sink of 0.022 lbs P per foot per year
  - No change through scenarios
- Denitrification and impoundment still apply

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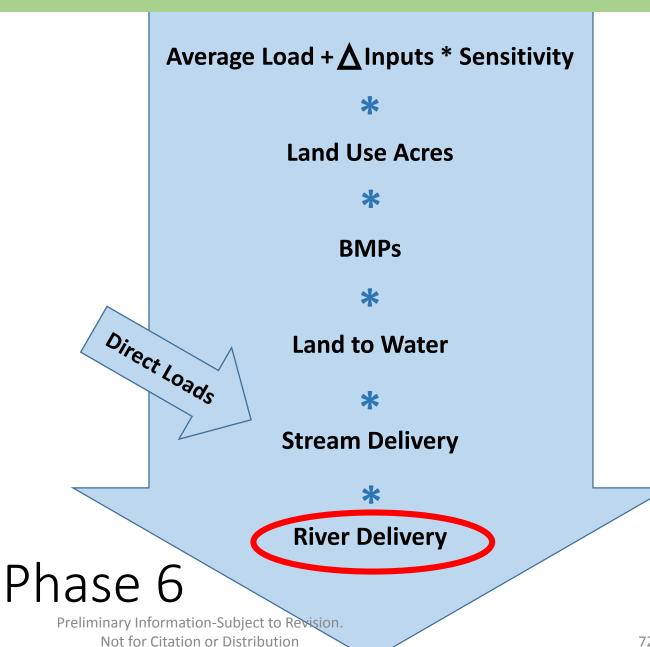




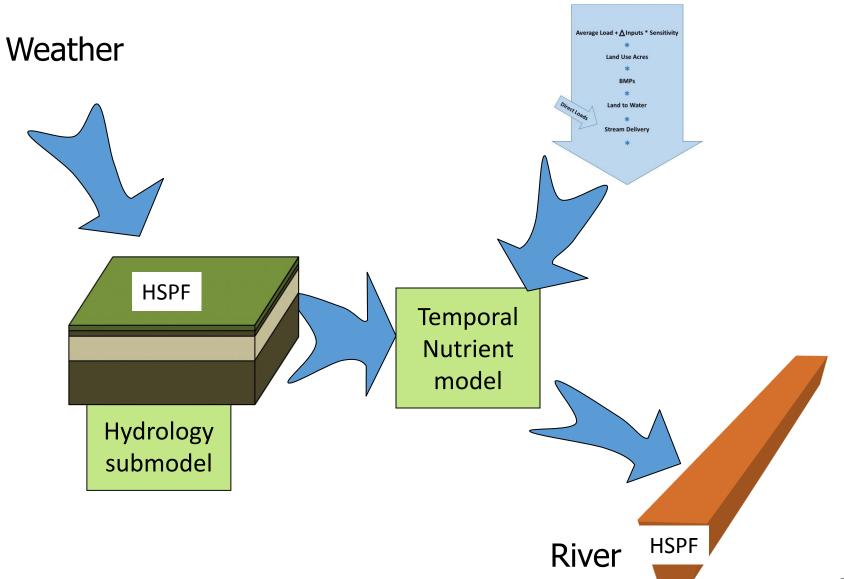




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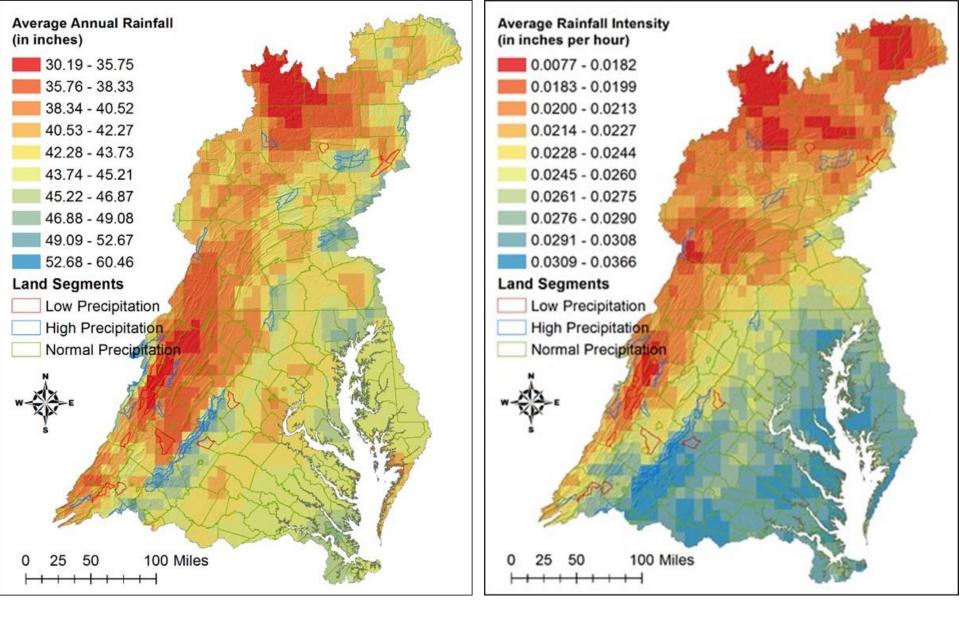


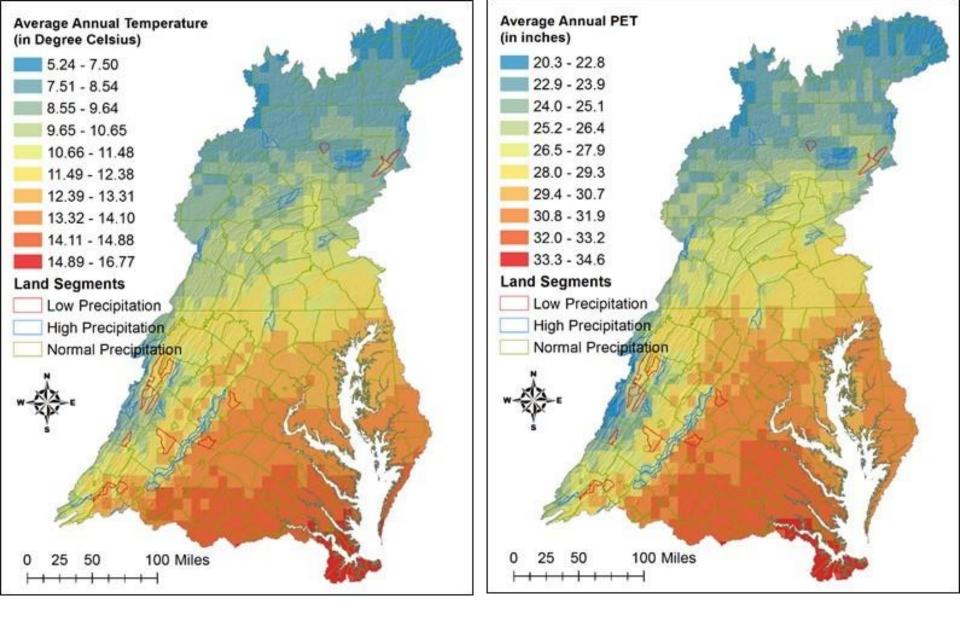
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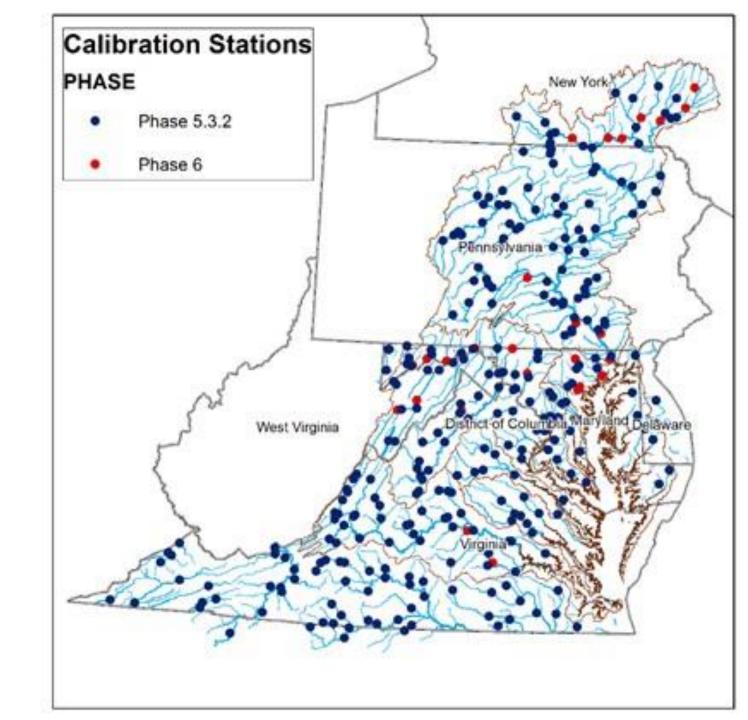


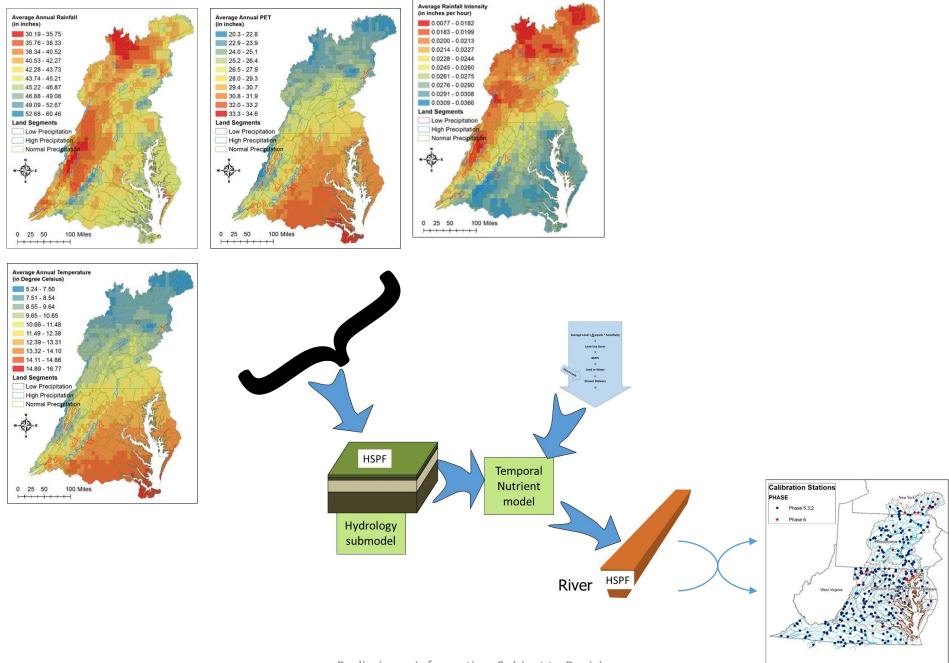
#### Purposes of the temporal model

- Calibrate the watershed model to observations
- Estimate river delivery
- Create input loads for the estuarine model
- Scientific investigations lag time









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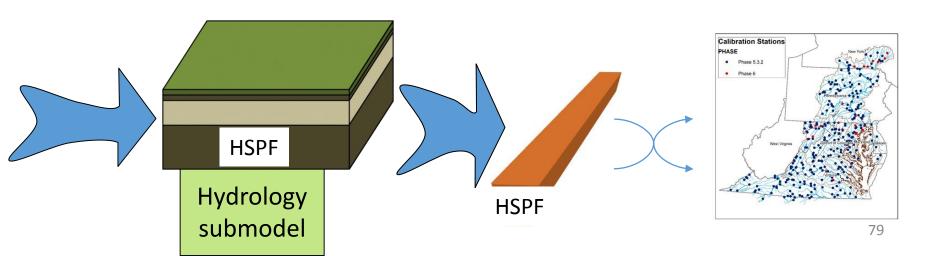
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### Hydrology Calibration

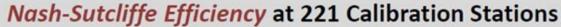
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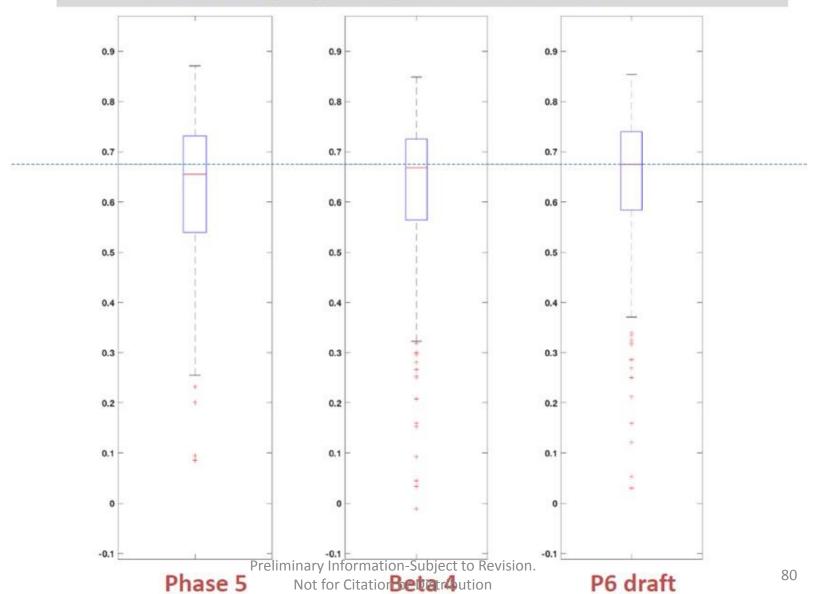
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Infiltration
Surface stormflow vs
subsurface stormflow

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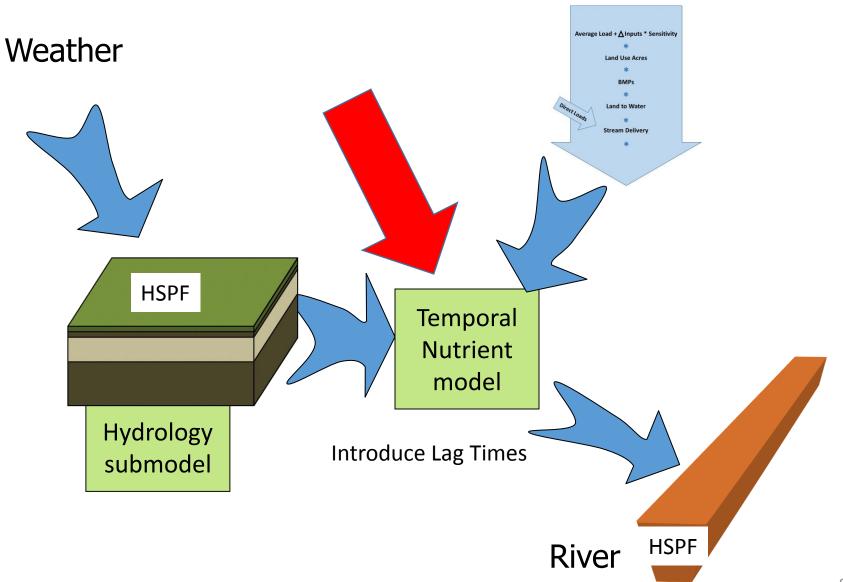


#### P6 draft - Hydrology calibration





#### Temporal nutrient model

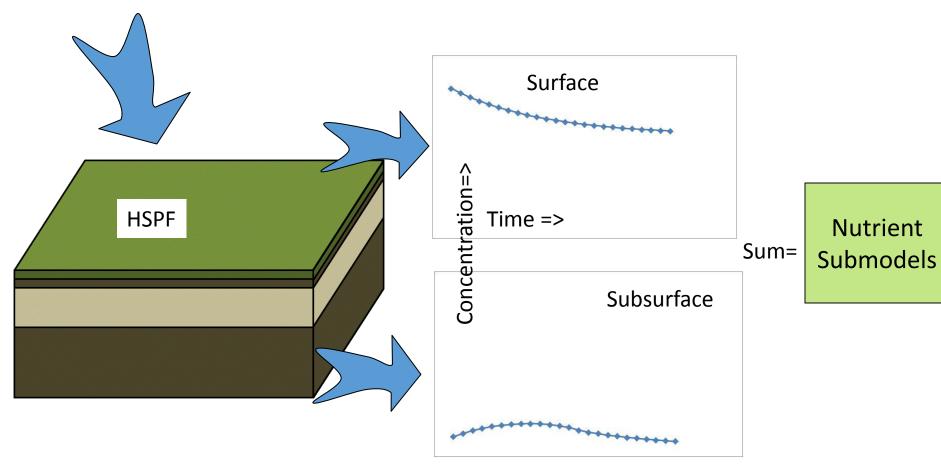


#### Lag Models - Nitrogen

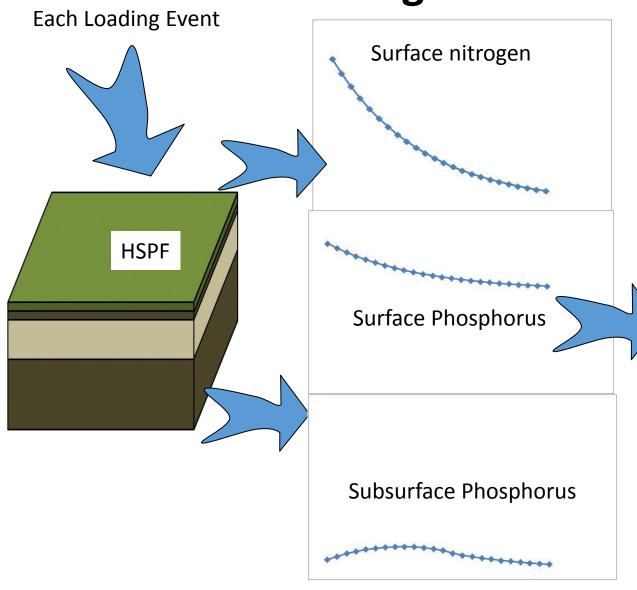
Each Loading Event Surface Concentration=> **HSPF** Time => **Nutrient** Sum= Submodels Subsurface

#### **Lag Models - Phosphorus**

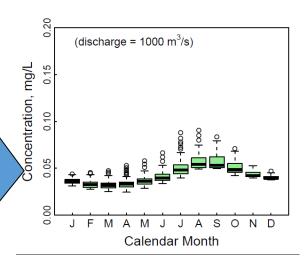
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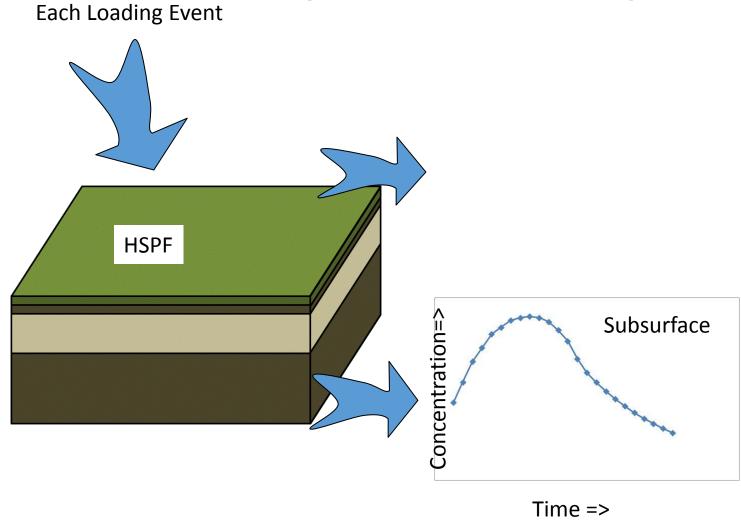
#### Lag Models



#### Calibrated to match Observed seasonality



#### Lag Models - Nitrogen

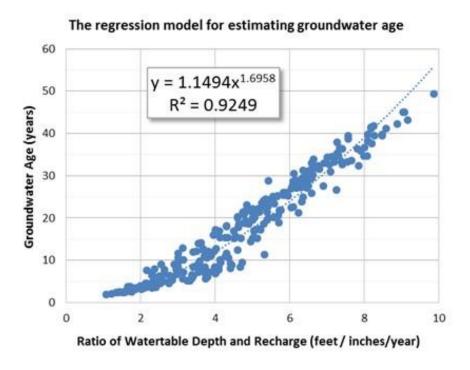


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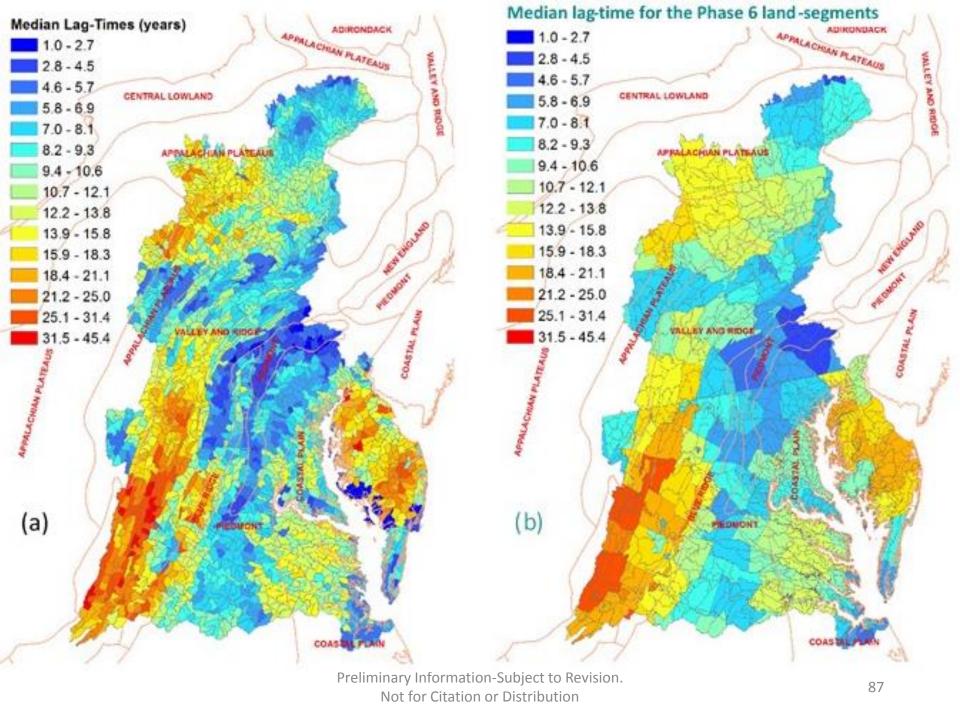
#### Nitrogen Groundwater Lag

# **USGS MODFLOW** Ward Sanford et al





Relationships between measurable landscape features and lag time



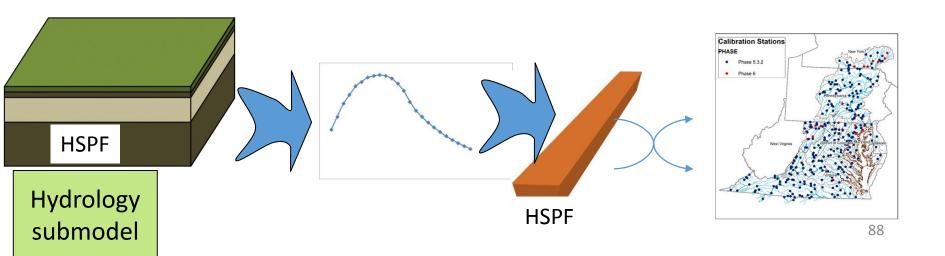
# Water Quality Calibration

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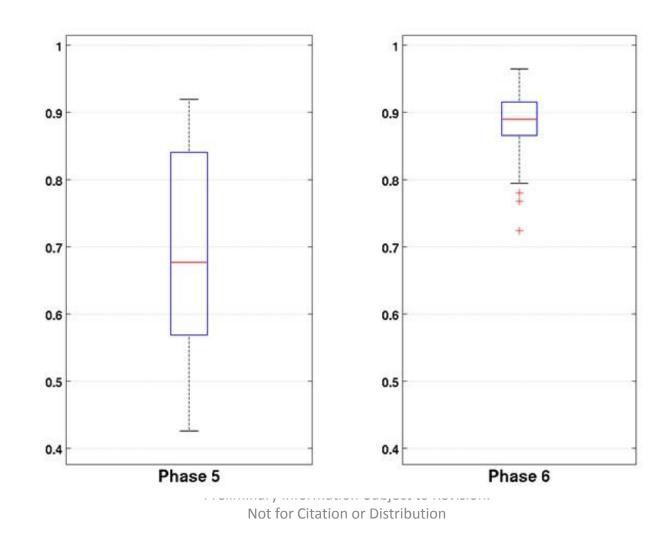
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Lowest nitrate concentrations
Average oxygen concentration

Erodibility
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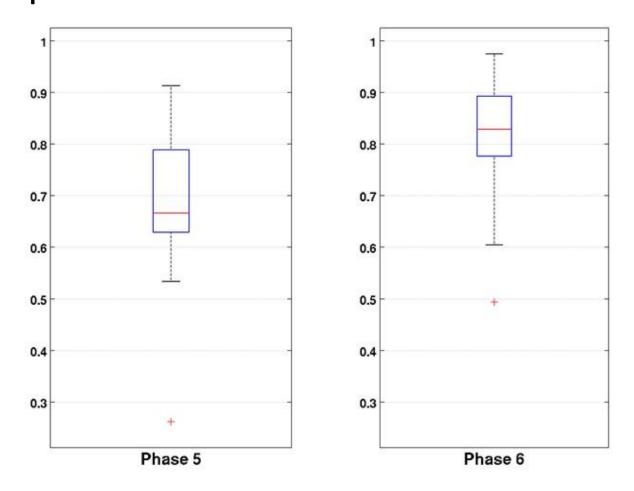
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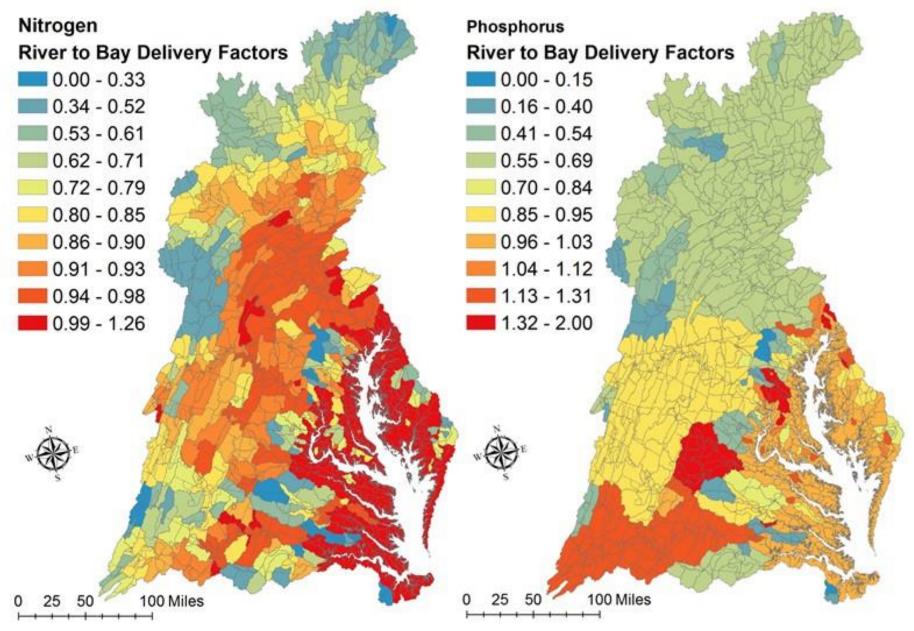


# Monthly Correlation Coefficient Nitrogen



# Monthly Correlation Coefficient Phosphorus





# Significant New Monitoring And Research Since 2011 Indicate Conditions have Changed

- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) (2012, 2014, 2015)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2015)
- Johns Hopkins University (2013, 2015, 2016)
- CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (2014, 2016)
- Enhanced Monitoring and Modeling funded by Exelon and conducted by Gomez and Sullivan, University of Maryland and USGS (2014-2016)



#### Multiple models and lines of evidence

- Direct Use
  - HDR / Gomez & Sullivan / Exelon Model
  - WRTDS Statistical Analysis
- Supporting Evidence
  - Langland studies
  - LSRWA
  - Observations
  - STAC publications
  - Older publications

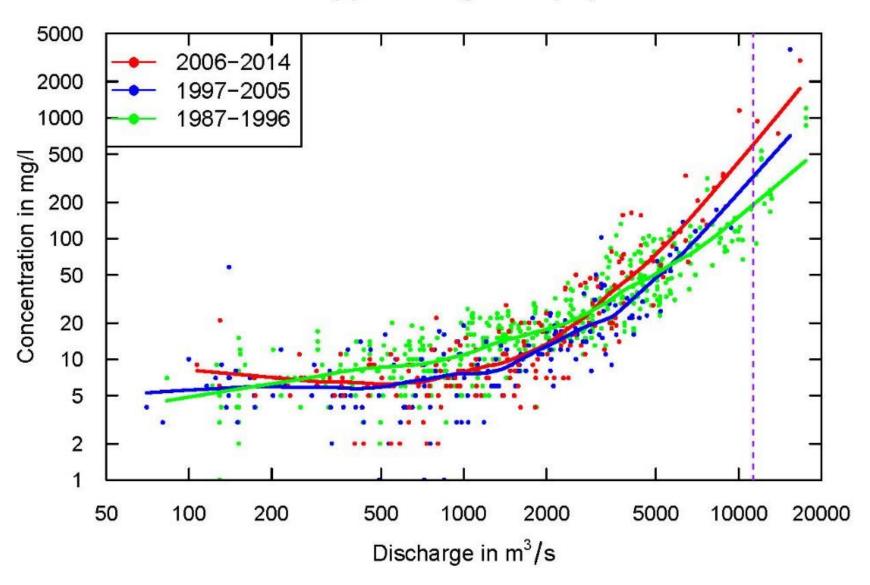
#### **MWG Decisions**

- What is the current state of the Conowingo Pool?
  - There is overwhelming evidence that the Conowingo Pool is in dynamic equilibrium
    - HDR Model
    - WRTDS
      - USGS
      - Johns Hopkins
    - LSRWA
    - STAC workshop and review of LSRWA

#### **MWG Decisions**

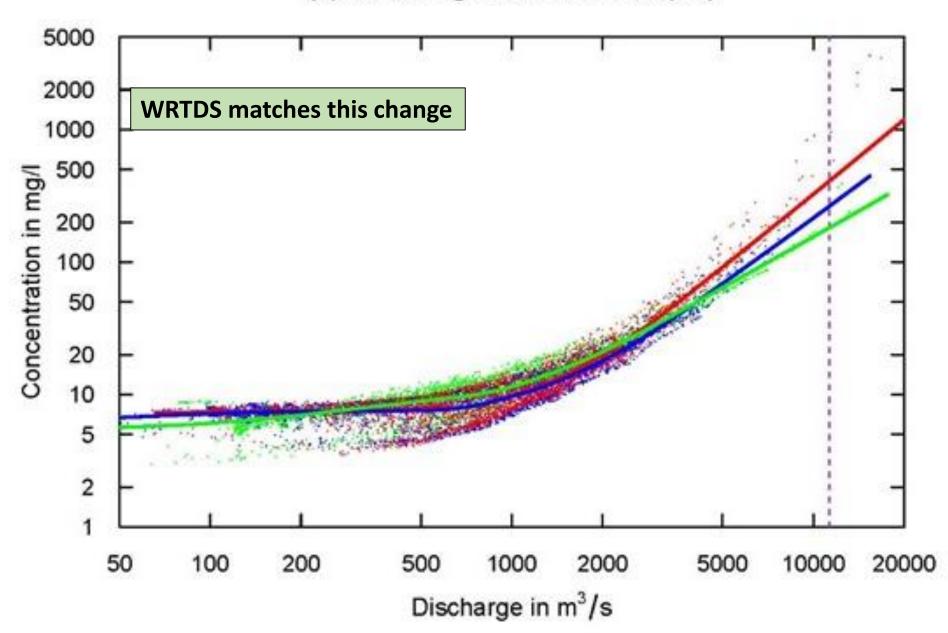
- How does the scour and deposition change with time?
  - The Phase 6 watershed model can be calibrated to WRTDS annual loads, since WRTDS matches the observed change in the reservoir behavior over time

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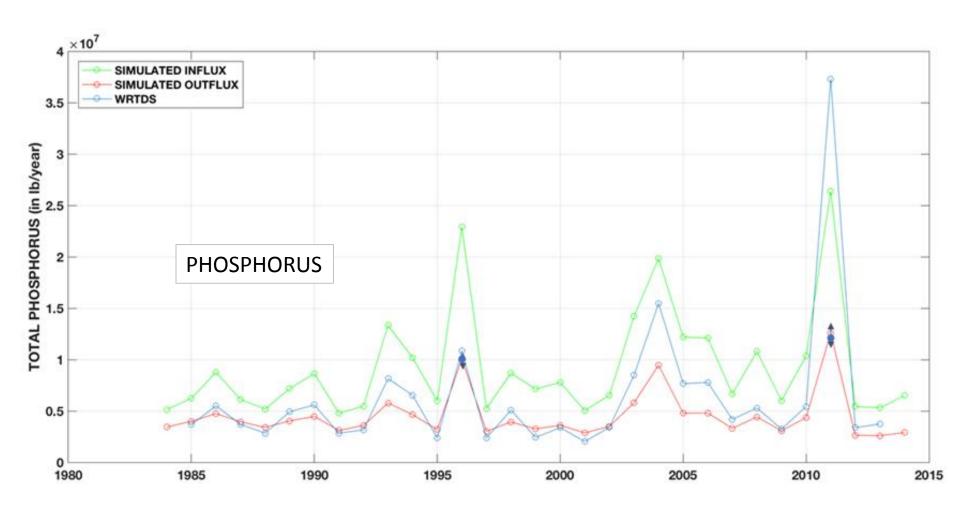


The high flow concentrations have been increasing over time

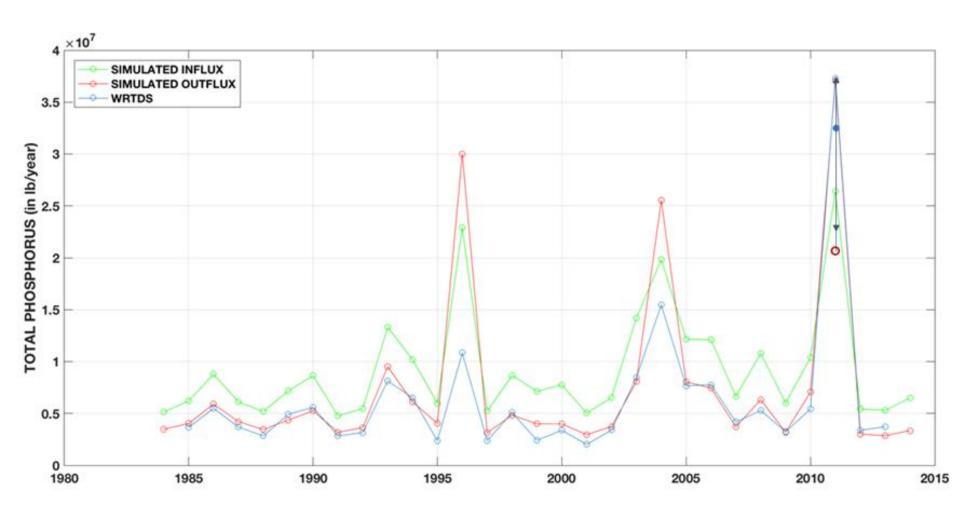
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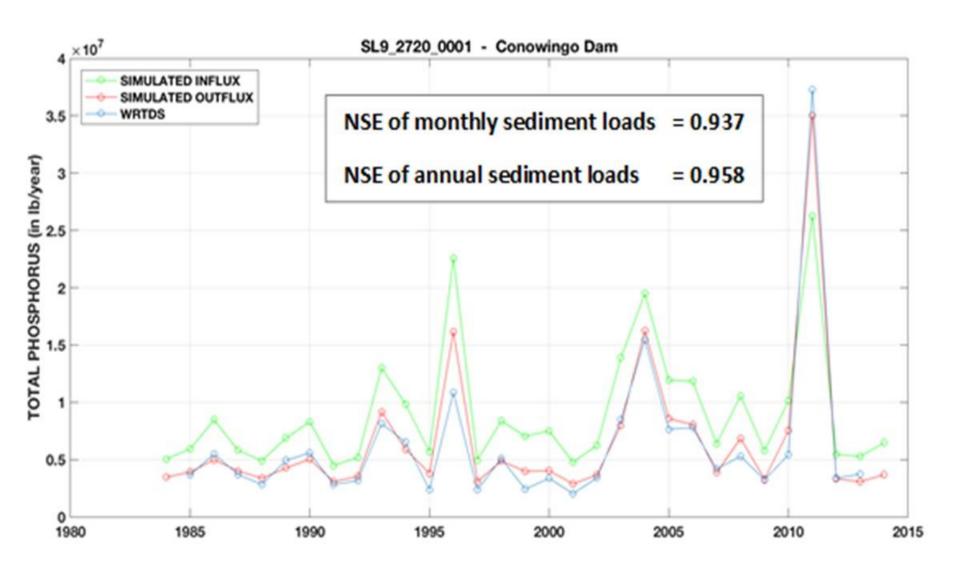
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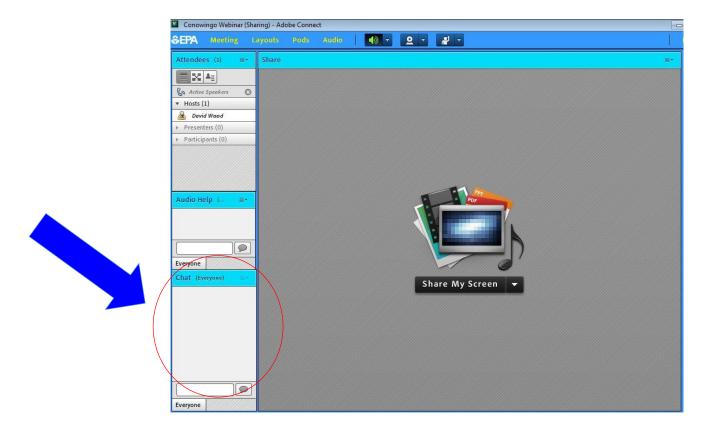


**Step 4: Apply the change through time** 



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#### Phase 6 Model Structure

Average Load +  $\triangle$  Inputs \* Sensitivity



**Land Use Acres** 

Spatially differentiated by land use and input load effects 5/25/17 and 6/1/17 Webinars

#### Phase 6

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#### Phase 6 Model Structure

Spatially differentiated by BMPs and point sources Data-driven

**BMPs** 



Direct Loads

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#### Phase 6 Model Structure

Spatially differentiated by Transport effects
Today's Webinar

**Land to Water** 

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**Stream Delivery** 

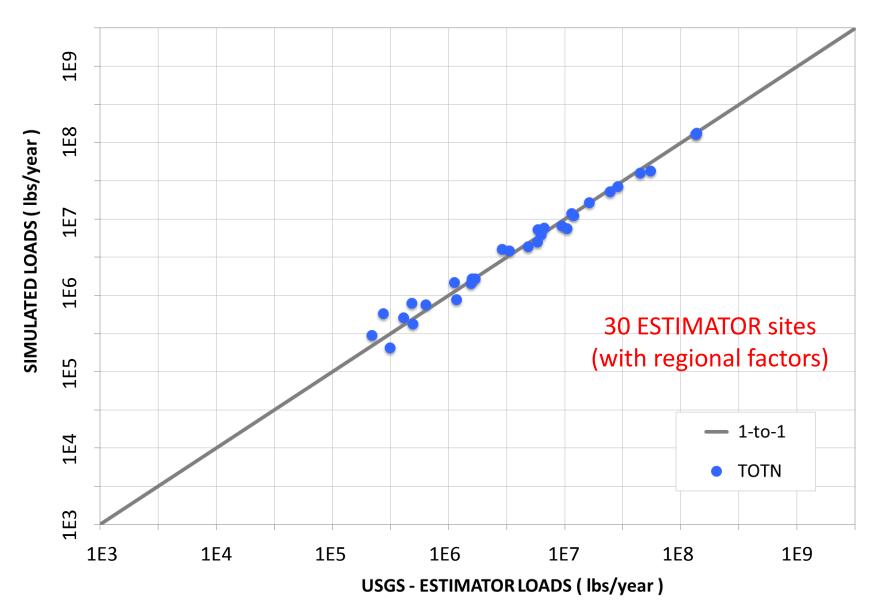
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**River Delivery** 

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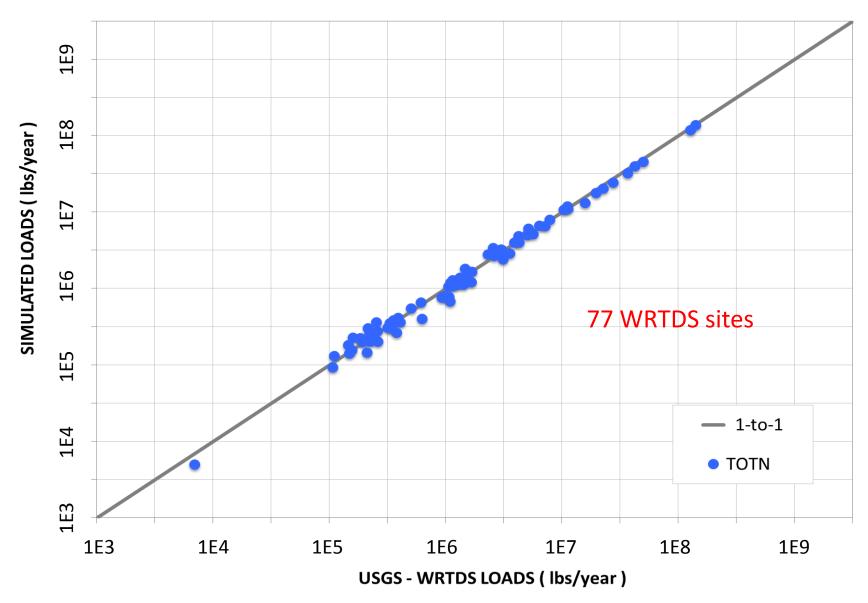
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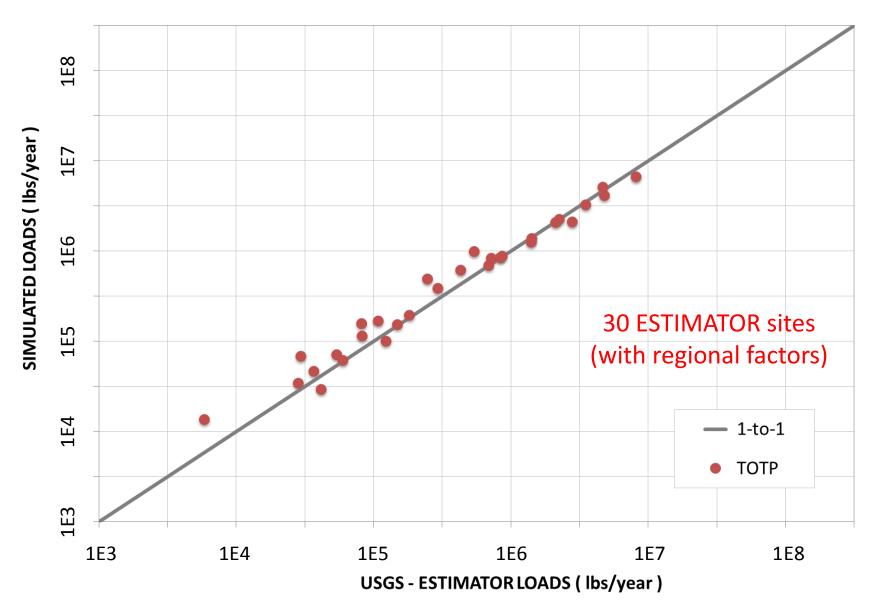


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# Revised inputs, model refinements, and calibration methods

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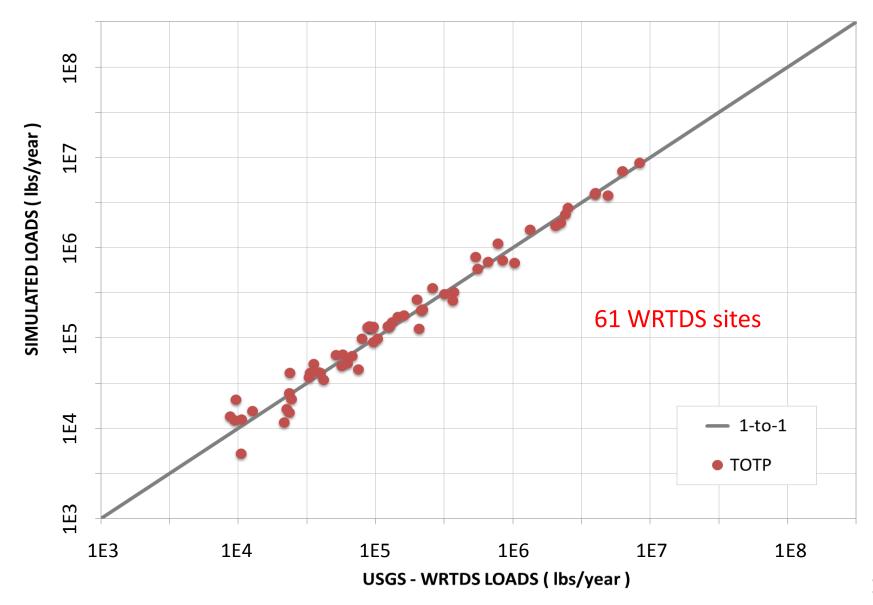


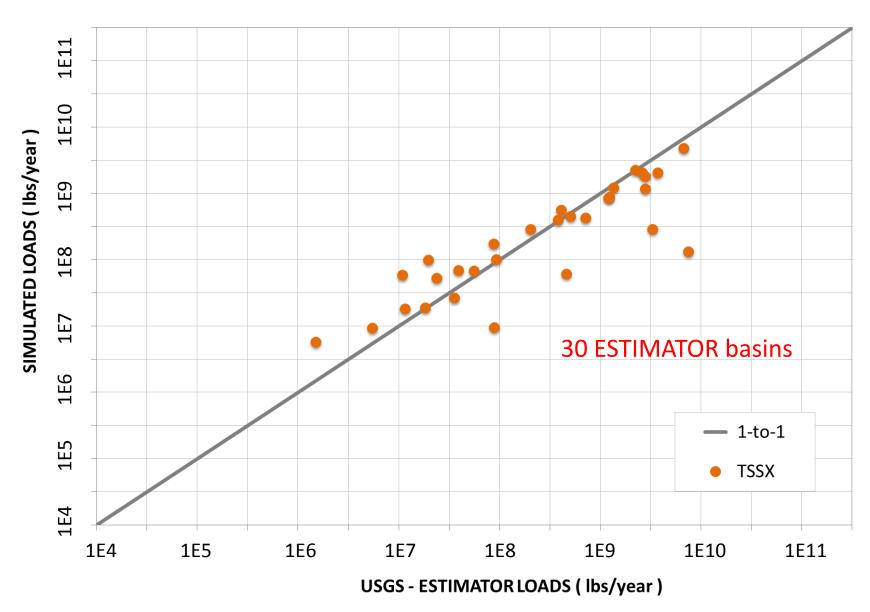


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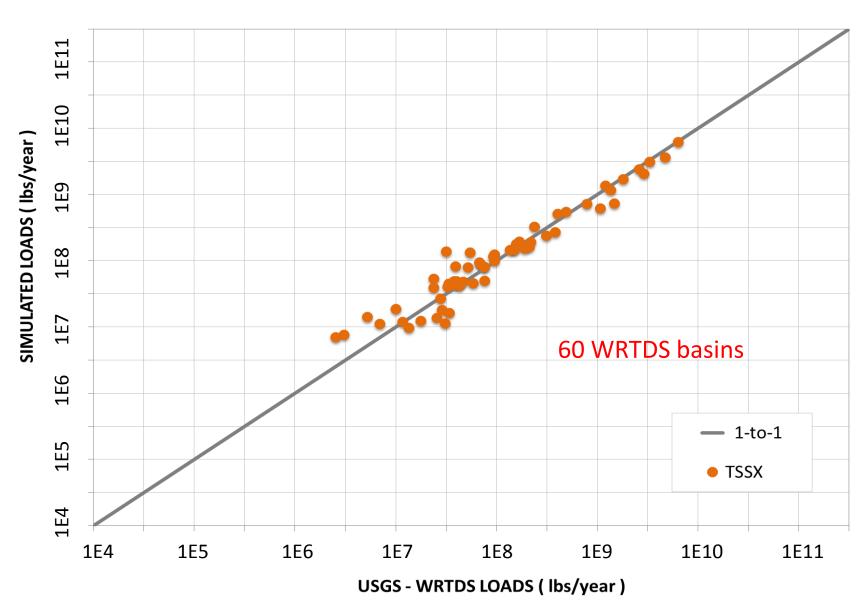




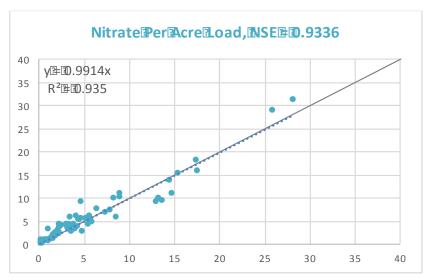
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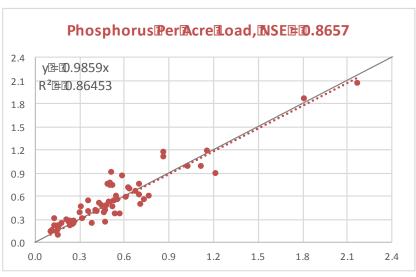
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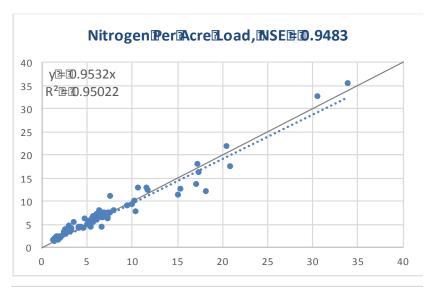


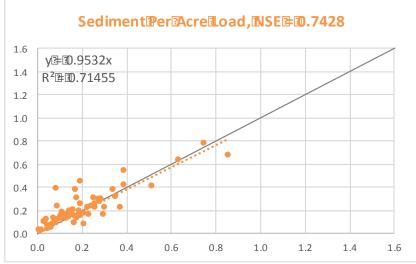
### **Draft Phase 6 – geographic efficiencies**





Simulated Per Acre Load



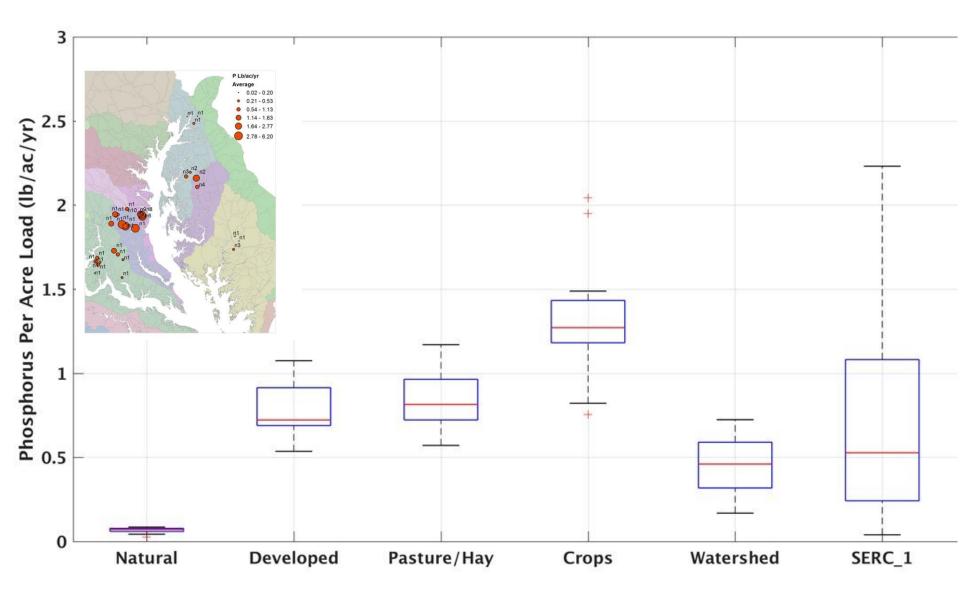


**WRTDS Per Acre Load** 

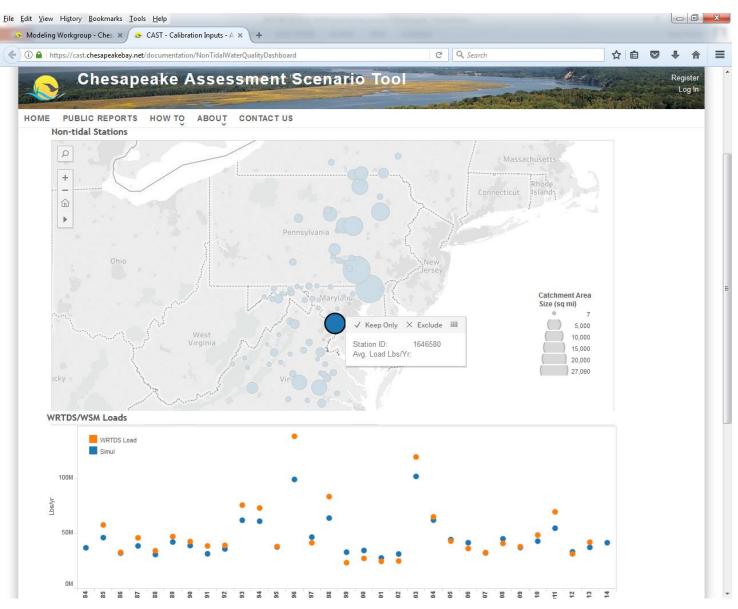
### Summary of geographic efficiencies

Constituents	Phase 5	Draft Phase 6
Nitrate	0.8284	0.9336
Nitrogen	0.8704	0.9483
Phosphorus	0.6321	0.8657
Sediment	-0.0770	0.7428

### **Coastal Plain Phosphorus**

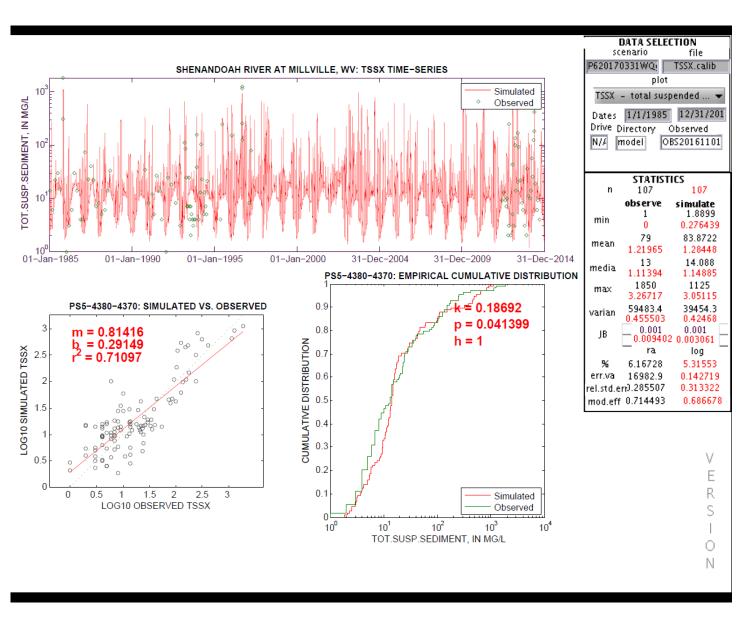


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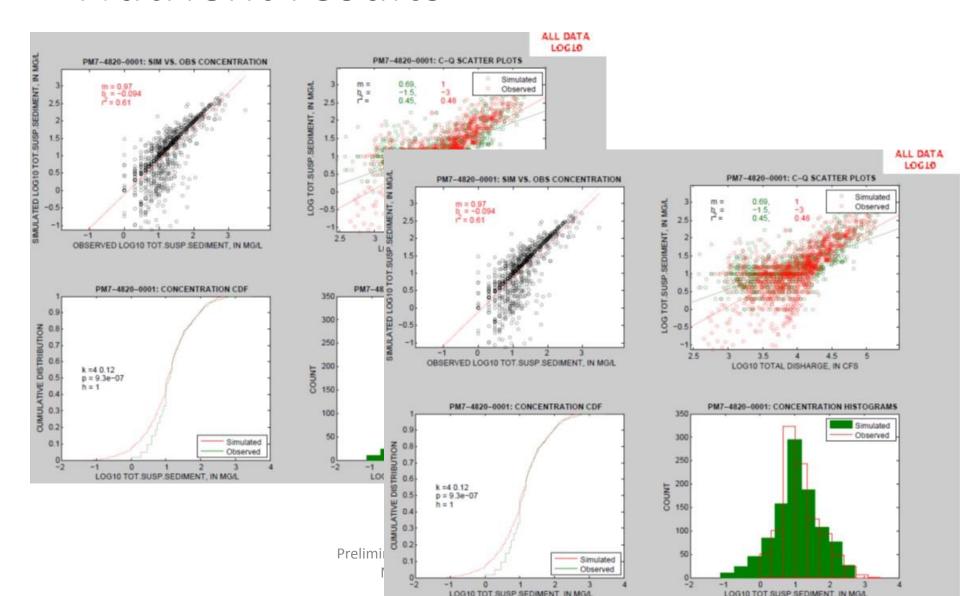
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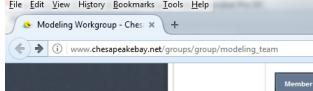
## Calibration



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### Nutrient results





# Draft Phase 6 Released 6/1

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### Draft Phase 6

This project page is the repository for the Phase 6 model, its documentation, as well as files and links to Tableau pages. Please email Kyle Hinson (khinson@chesapeakebay.net) with any questions you may have.

### Documentation

All documentation files will be uploaded to this FTP site to assist in partnership review of Phase 8: ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/modeling/Phase8/Draft Phase 6/Documentation/

Workgroups & Task Groups

### Calibration

A summary PDF of calibration results has been generated and is available for download (large file): ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/modeling/Phase6/Draft\_Phase\_6/Watershed\_Model/WSM\_Outputs/Calibration\_Figures /00\_Calibration\_Figures\_All\_Phase6Draft.pdf

Other detailed calibration results for each calibrated parameter and river segment can be found in a separate FTP folder: ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/modeling/Phase6/Draft\_Phase\_6/Watershed\_Model/WSM\_Outputs/Calibration\_Figures/

Further detailed calibrated output for the watesrhed can be found in csv files located at this FTP site: ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/modeling/Phase6/Draft Phase 6/Watershed Model/WSM Outputs/Summary Loads/

Further comparisons between the Watershed Model and WRTDS can be found at the non-tidal dashboard. These visual representations show both the loads estimated from monitoring data (WRTDS) and loads estimated from the Draft Phase 6 Model: http://cast-beta.chesapeakebay.net/documentation/NonTidalWaterQualityDashboard

### Land Use Data

Land use files can be found at this FTP site: ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/Modeling/Phase8/Draft\_Phase\_6/Land\_Use/

### Watershed Model Inputs

Links to the sites for Watershed Model Inputs can be found at these web pages:

CAST Homepage (Note: The Phase 6 CAST Beta will be directed here until June 15): http://cast-beta.chesapeakebay.net/

Phase 6 Soil Phosphorus Figures: ftp://ftp.chesapeakebay.net/Modeling/soil-p-history/fig/

### Model Review Process

The process by which the partnership can most effectively submit comments and provide feedback to the development of the Phase 6 model will be outlined in a continuously updated document found below. The schedule of upcoming webinars is also provided below. Please contact Lewis Linker (Ilinker@chesapeakebay.net) or Kyle Hinson (khinson@chesapeakebay.net) with any questions.

Phase 6 Sediment Simulation Webinar: April 19, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (webpage link, recording link)

Phase 6 Integrated Models and Decision Framework Overview Webinar: May 9, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (webpage link, recording link)

Phase 6 CBP Model Poultry Data Webinar: May 24, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (webpage link, recording link)

Phase 6 Inputs Webinar: May 25, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (webpage link, recording link)

Phase 6 Loads Webinar: June 1, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (webpage link, recording link)

Phase 6 Physical Transport Webinar: June 20, 2017, 1 PM - 3 PM (link)

Phase 6 Approval Process (622.55 KB) 🔁

Draft Phase 6 Watershed Model - Summary Statistics (3.35 MB)

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## Summary

- The CBP partnership built the Phase 6 model using a simplified structure
- Load differences between regions are based on the best available information supported by multiple lines of evidence
  - USGS Sparrow is used for land-to-water and stream delivery factors
  - HSPF is used for river delivery factors
- The resulting model is better able to match spatial differences in monitored stream loads.

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