Identifying Areas to Address Multiple Chesapeake Restoration and Conservation Goals

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Outline

- Overview of Chesapeake ecosystem and program
- Approaches for identifying areas to address multiple goals (co-benefits)
- Use by decision makers

Chesapeake Bay Program

Federal-State Partnership

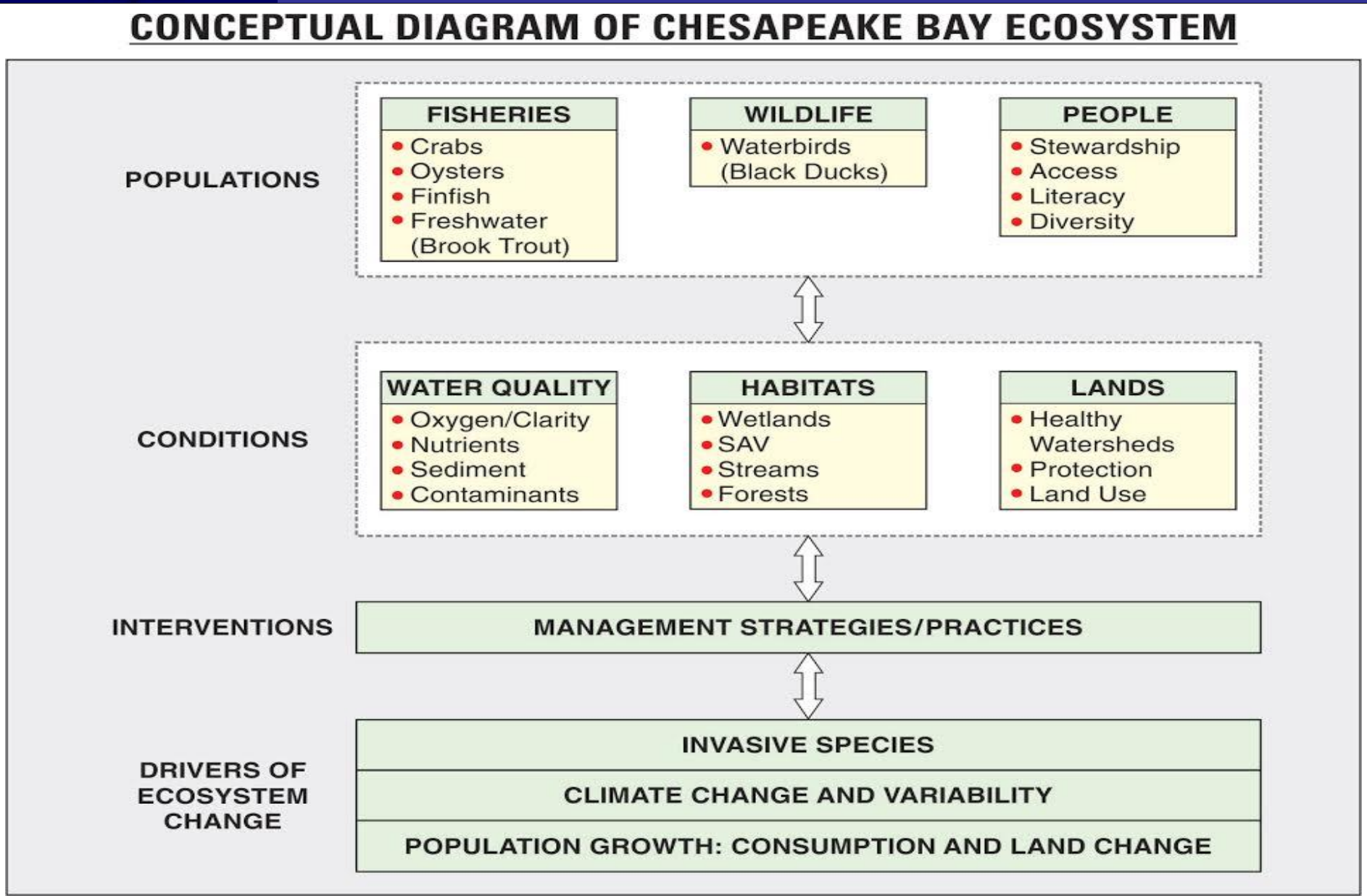
Watershed Agreement

- 10 Goals
- 31 Outcomes

- Strategic manner
- Cost effective
- Place-based approches

Mapping areas for outcomes

Striving for Co-benefits

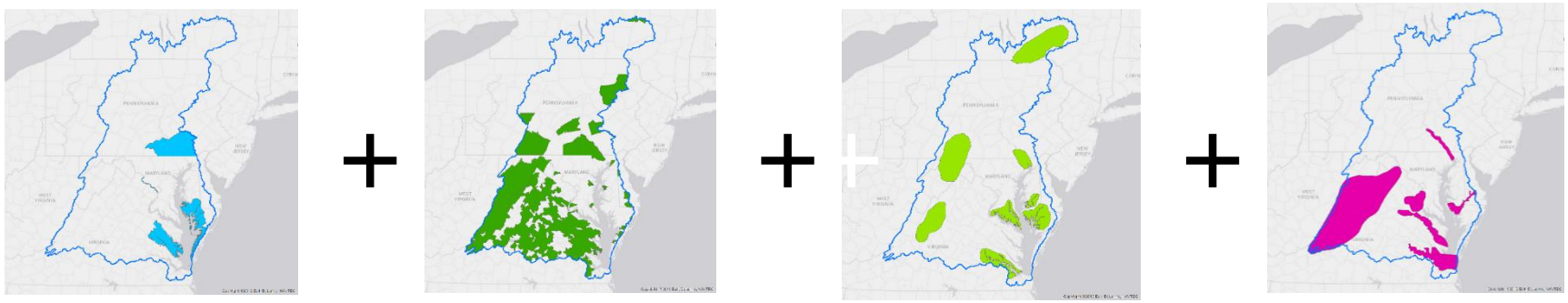


Identify Areas for Co-benefits

- Benefits to living resources
- Restoration and conservation
- Inter-related outcomes
- Consider future threats

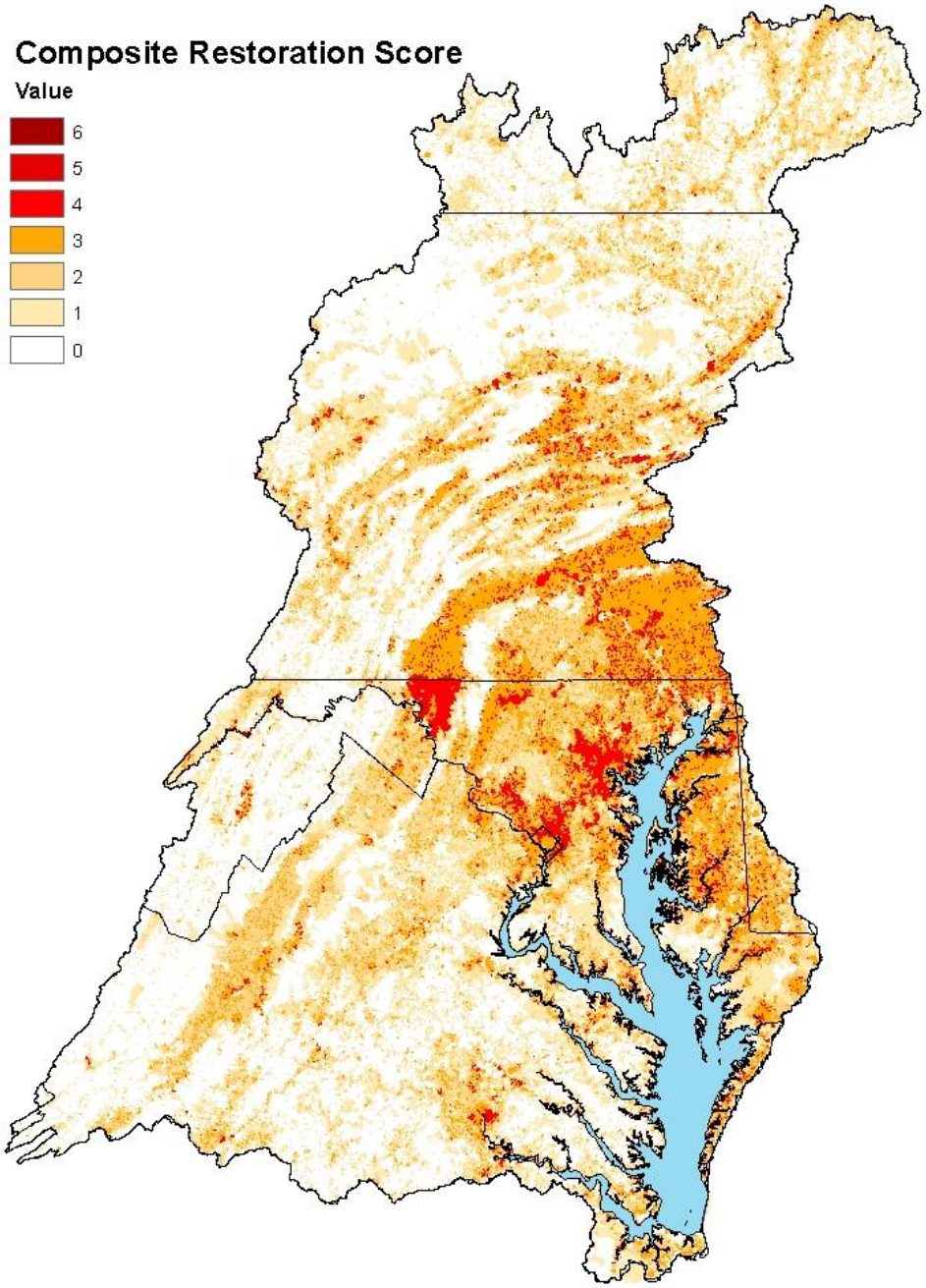
- Interact with stakeholders

Creating “Composite” Maps



Overlay spatial data=Composite Maps

- Restoration
- Conservation



Restoration Areas

- Designated use non-attainment (tidal waters)
- Oyster restoration

- Inland fish habitat assessment
- Index of ecological integrity (<25%)

- N and P loads (top 25%)
- Toxic contaminant impairments

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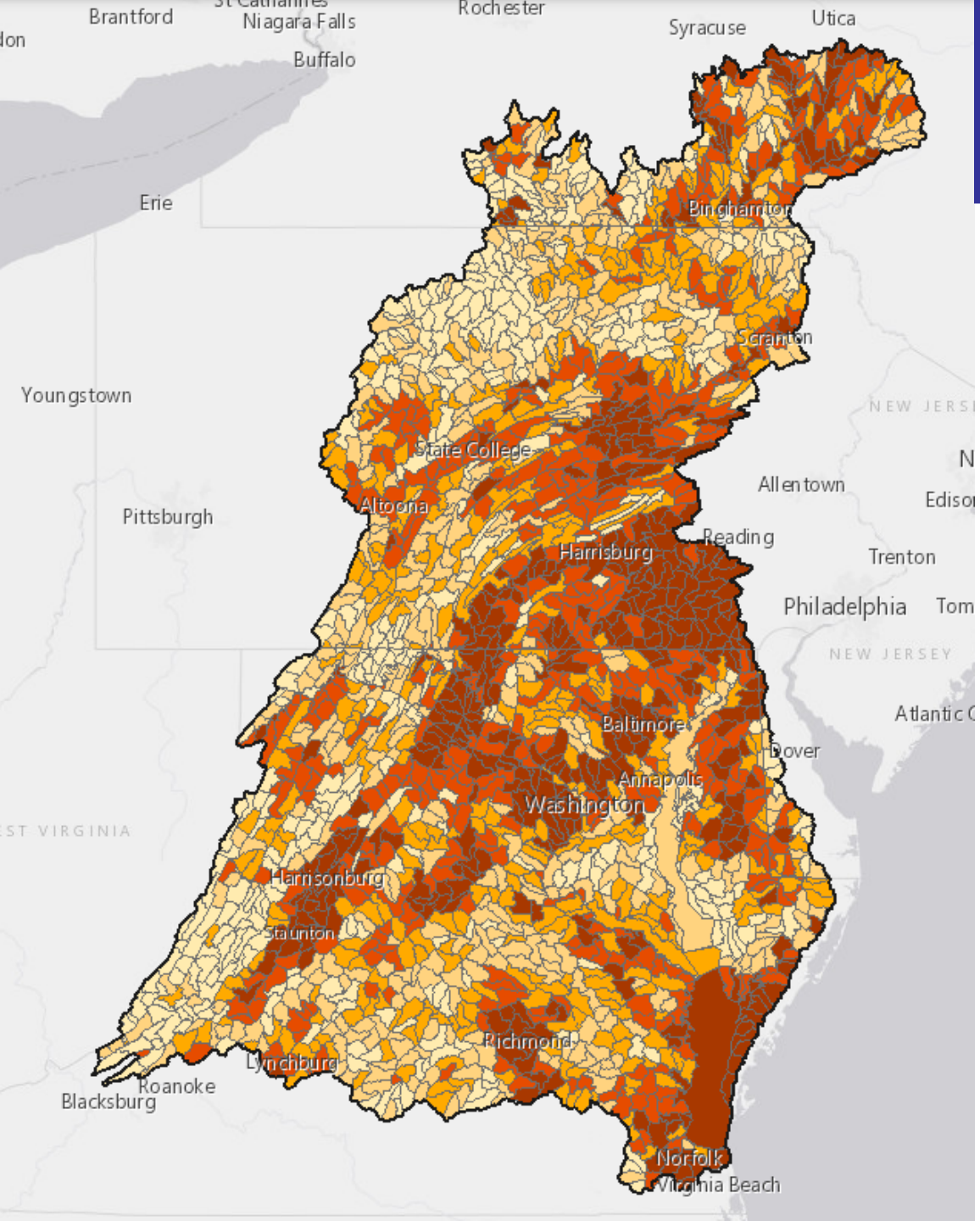

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- Ranked within each jurisdiction

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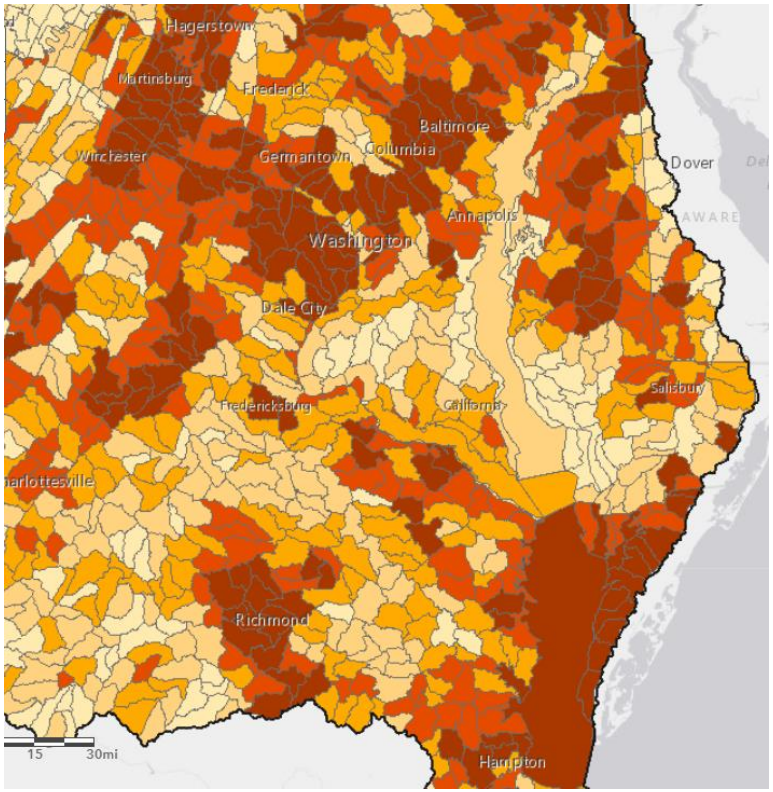
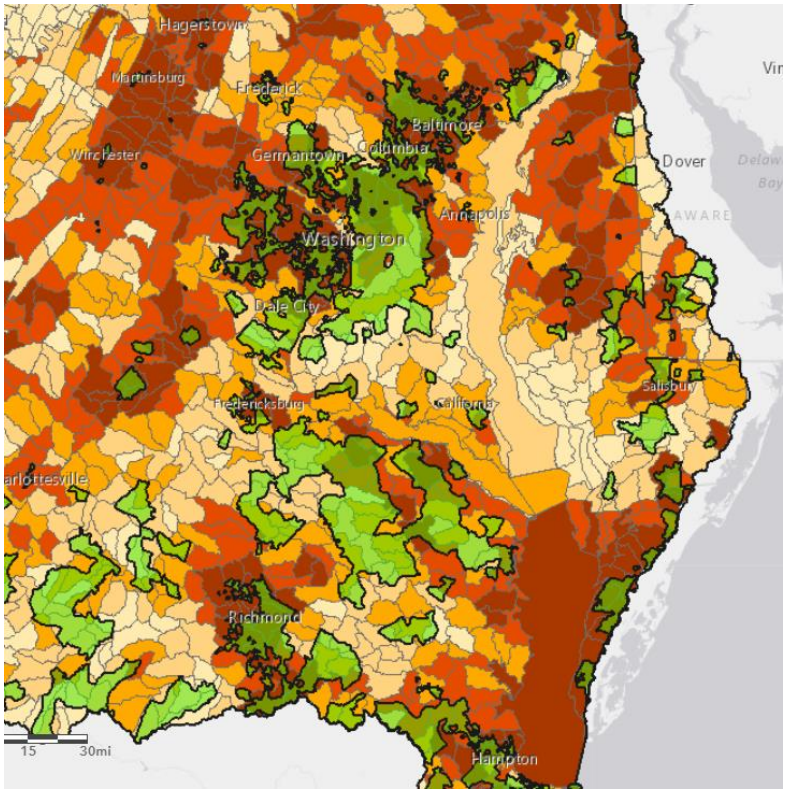
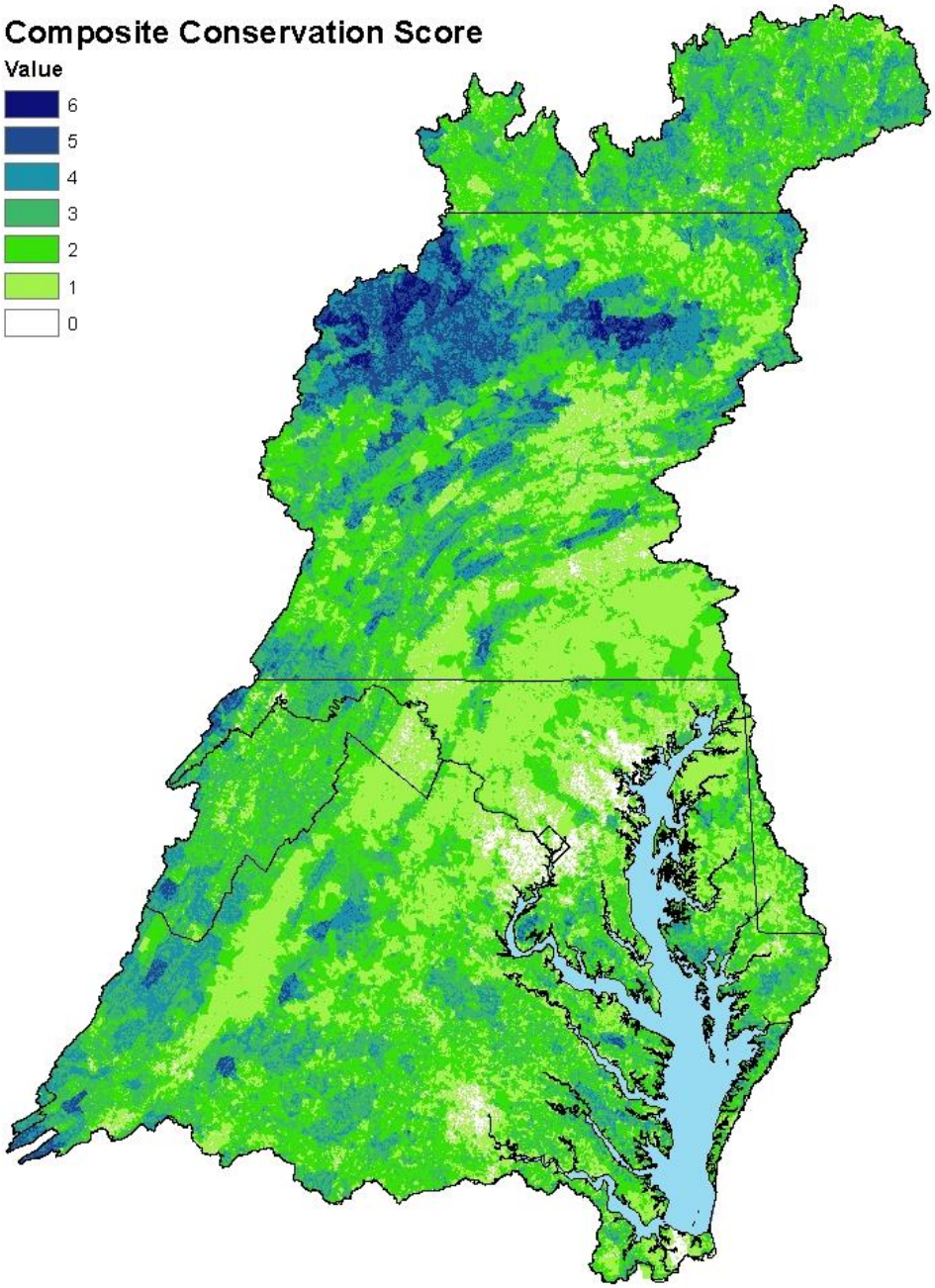
Diversity Metrics as Overlays



Restoration Composite



Restoration Composite w/Minority Population Overlay



Conservation Areas

- Priority living resource areas (tidal)
- Potential oyster habitat
- Designated use attainment
- Black duck habitat

- Inland fish habitat & brook trout
- Conservation Opp. Areas
  - Ecological integrity
  - Healthy watersheds

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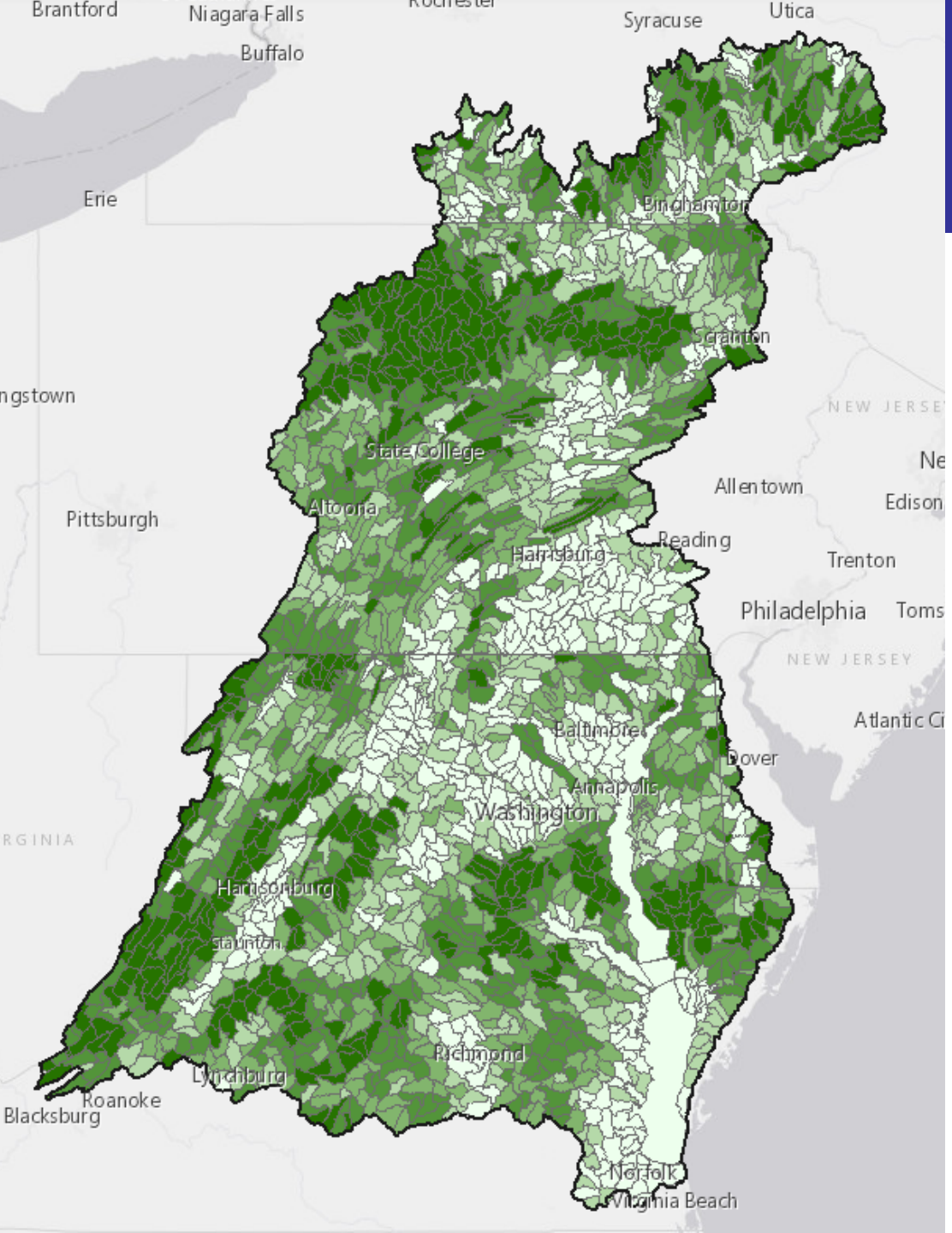

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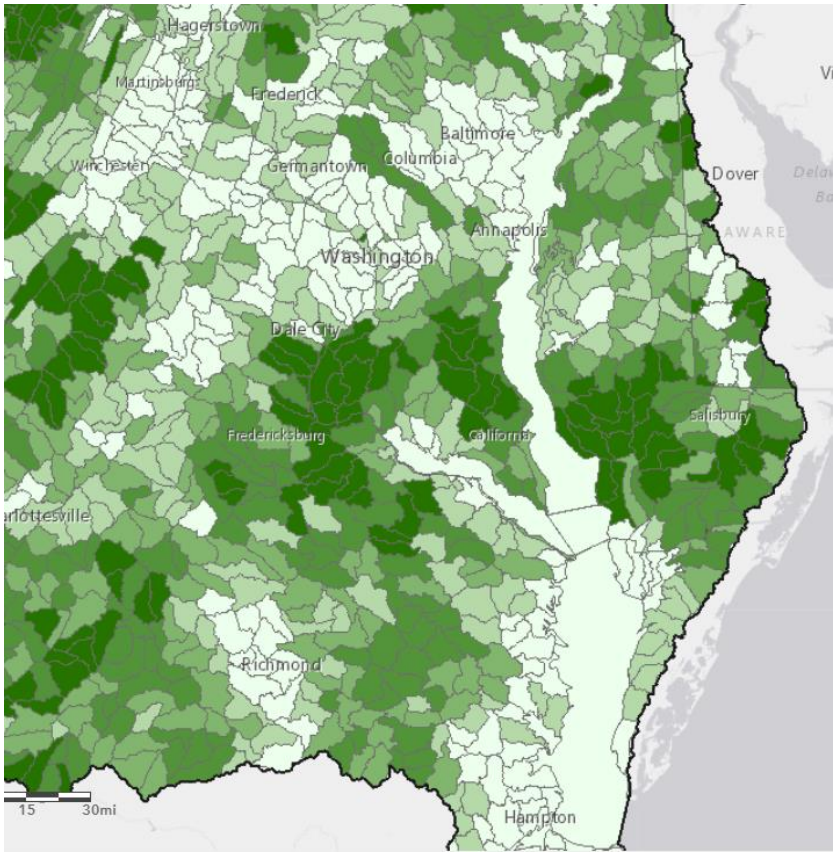

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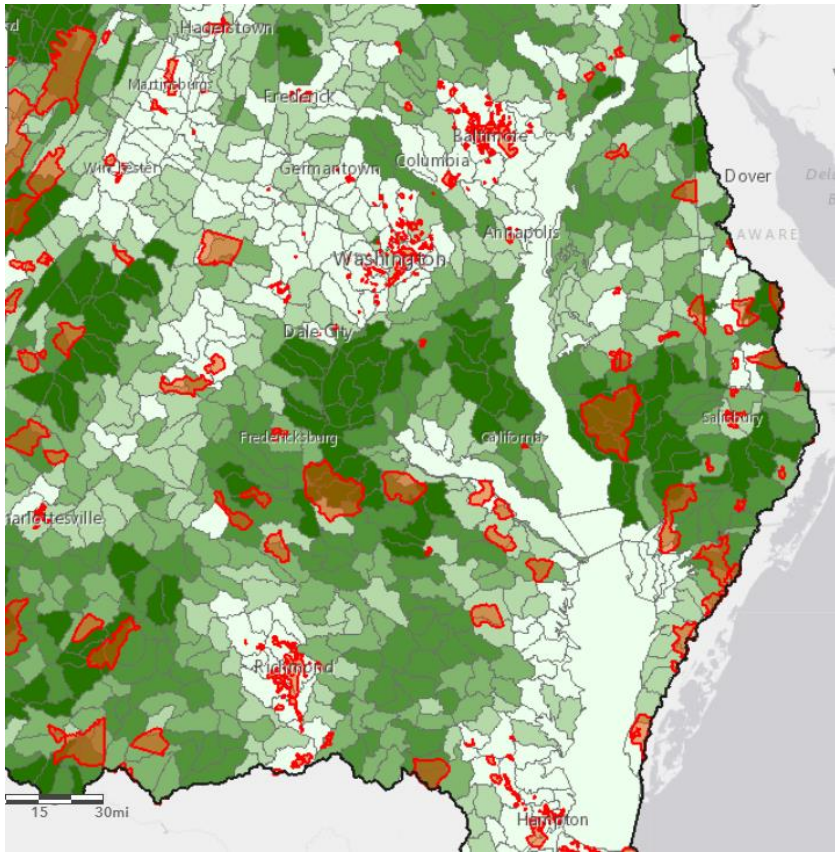
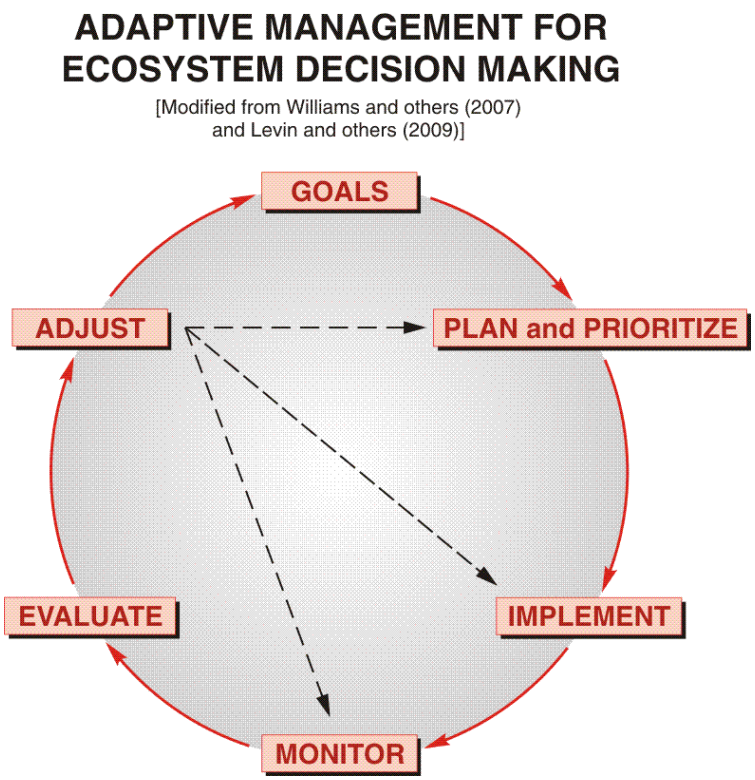


Conservation Composite w/Low Income Overlay

Use by Decision Makers



- CBP Goal Teams
  - Integrated place-based efforts
- USCOE comprehensive plan
- Grant providers
  - NFWF
- Opportunities for hi-res information

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