

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

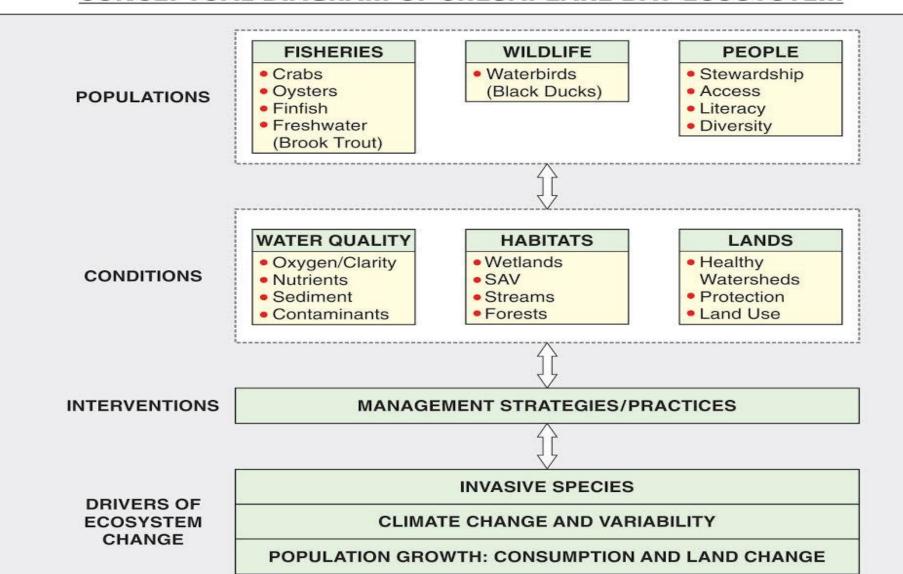


Mapping areas for outcomes



Striving for Co-benefits

CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM OF CHESAPEAKE BAY ECOSYSTEM





Identify Areas for Co-benefits



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

Interact with stakeholders



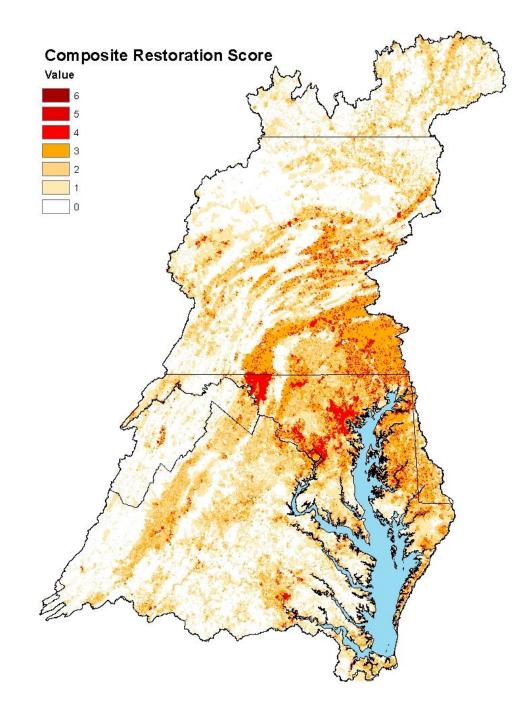
Creating "Composite" Maps



Overlay spatial data=Composite Maps

- Restoration
- Conservation





Restoration Areas

- Designated use nonattainment (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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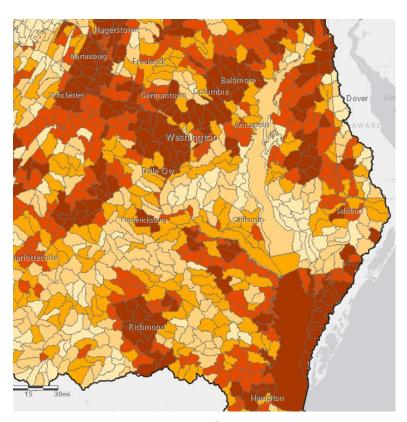
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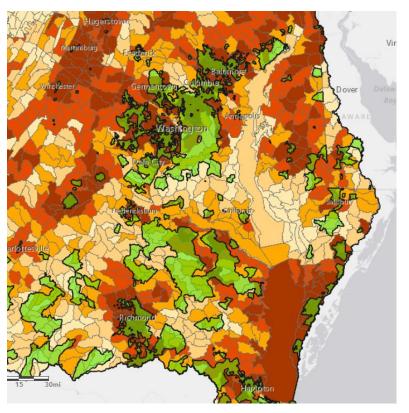
- Summarize scores to watersheds (HUC 12)
- Ranked within each jurisdiction
- Darkest watersheds represent areas with greater opportunities for co-benefits



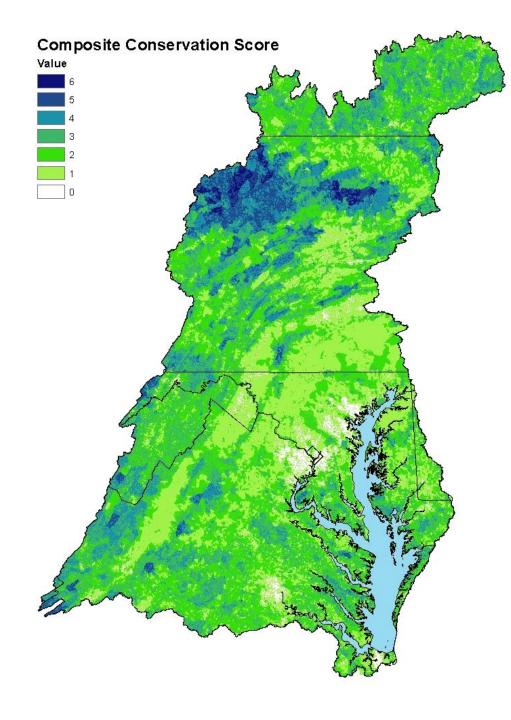
Diversity Metrics as Overlays



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

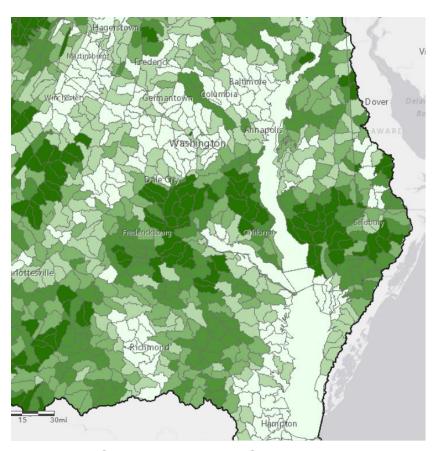
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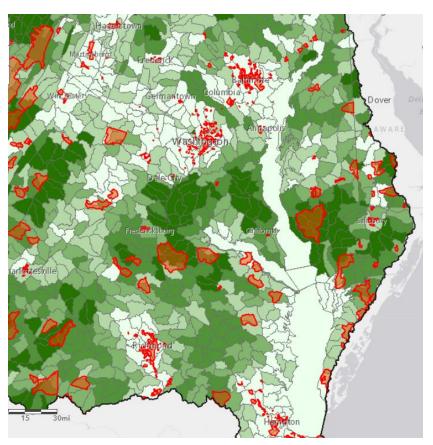
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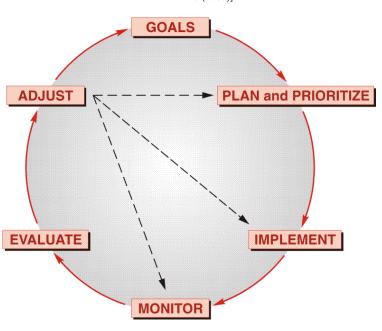
Conservation Composite w/Low Income Overlay



Use by Decision Makers

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM DECISION MAKING

[Modified from Williams and others (2007) and Levin and others (2009)]



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



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