Assessment of Tier II Waters in Maryland and Opportunities related to Targeting and Funding

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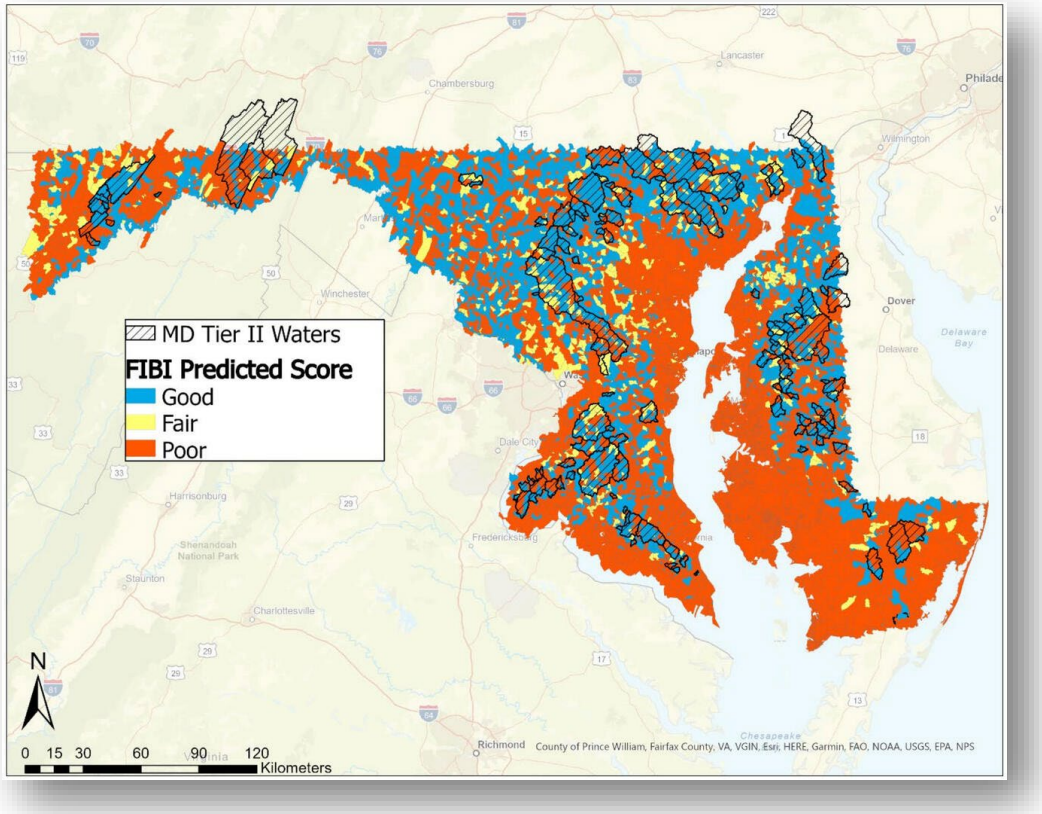
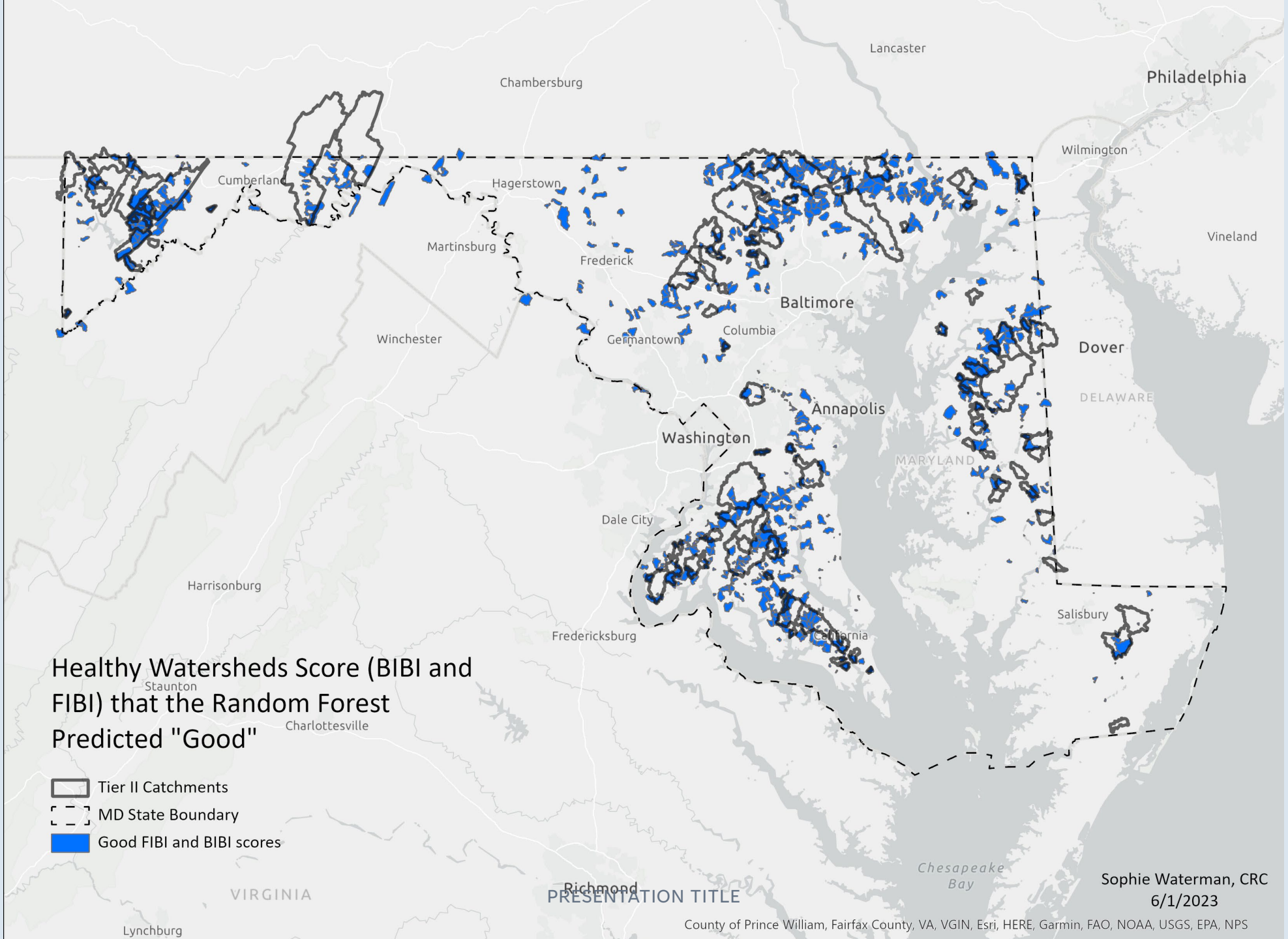
Background

Maryland Healthy Watershed Assessment

- Development of the MDWHA afforded the opportunity to evaluate the predictive ability of watershed metrics to predict watershed health.
- Uses data from the Maryland Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) as response variables.
- Both the fish (FIBI) and benthic (BIBI) indices provide assessments of stream health and are calibrated to reference conditions for Maryland streams.

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DELAWARE
Annapolis
Washington
MARYLAND
Dale City
Harrisonburg
Salisbury
Fredericksburg
California
Staunton
Charlottesville
Healthy Watersheds Score (BIBI and FIBI) that the Random Forest Predicted "Good"
Tier II Catchments
MD State Boundary
Good FIBI and BIBI scores
VIRGINIA
Richmond
Chesapeake Bay
Lynchburg
PRESENTATION TITLE
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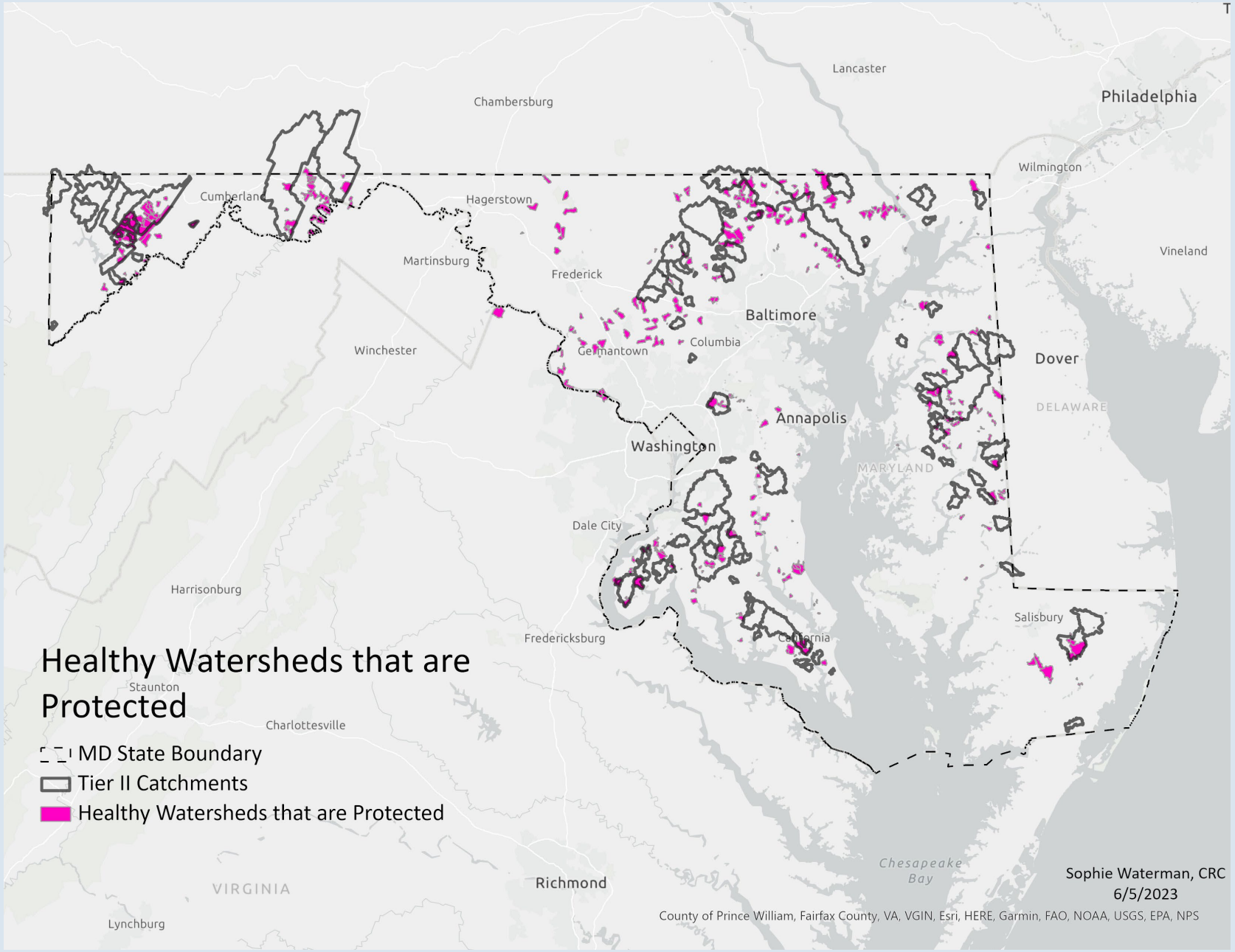
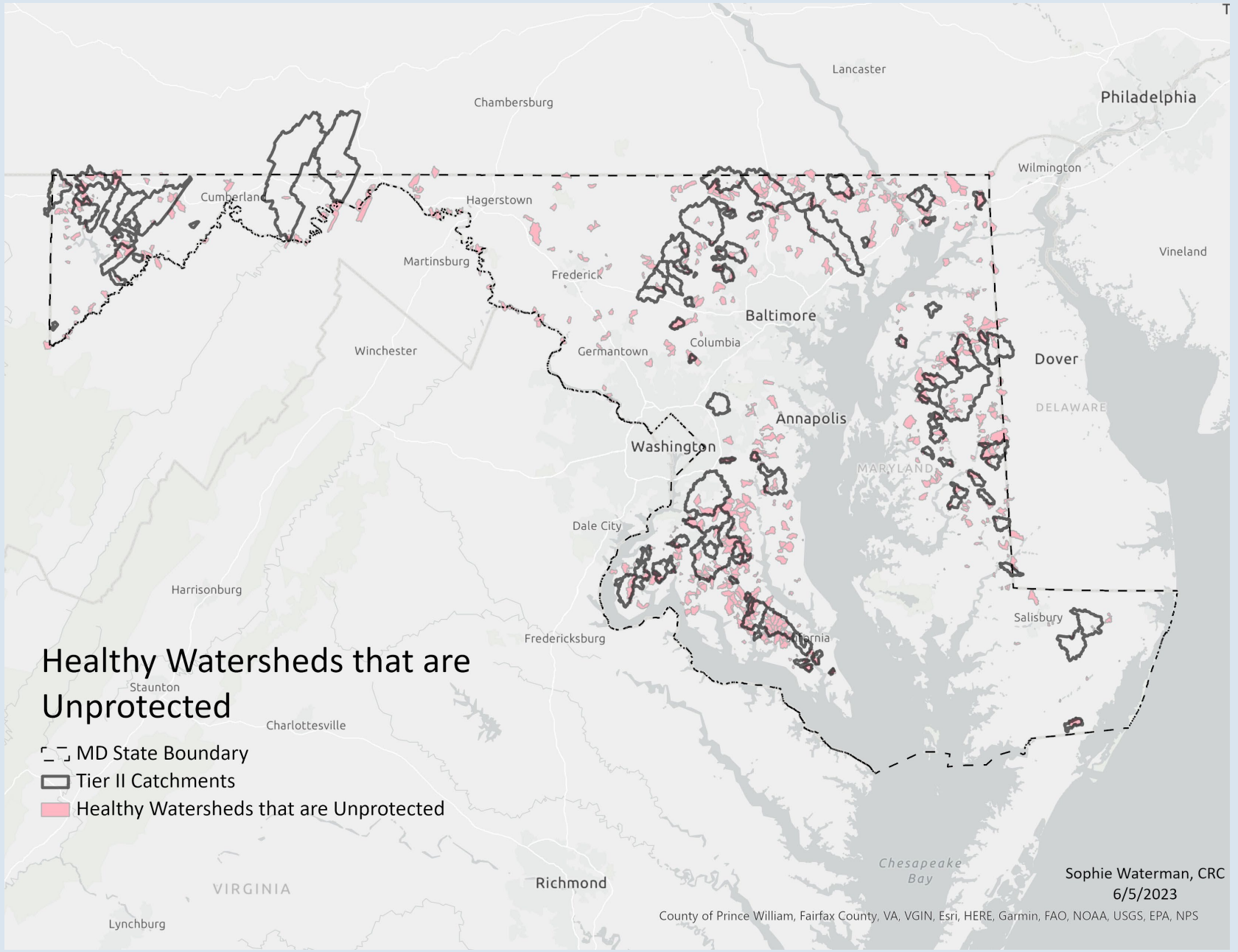
Assessing Vulnerability

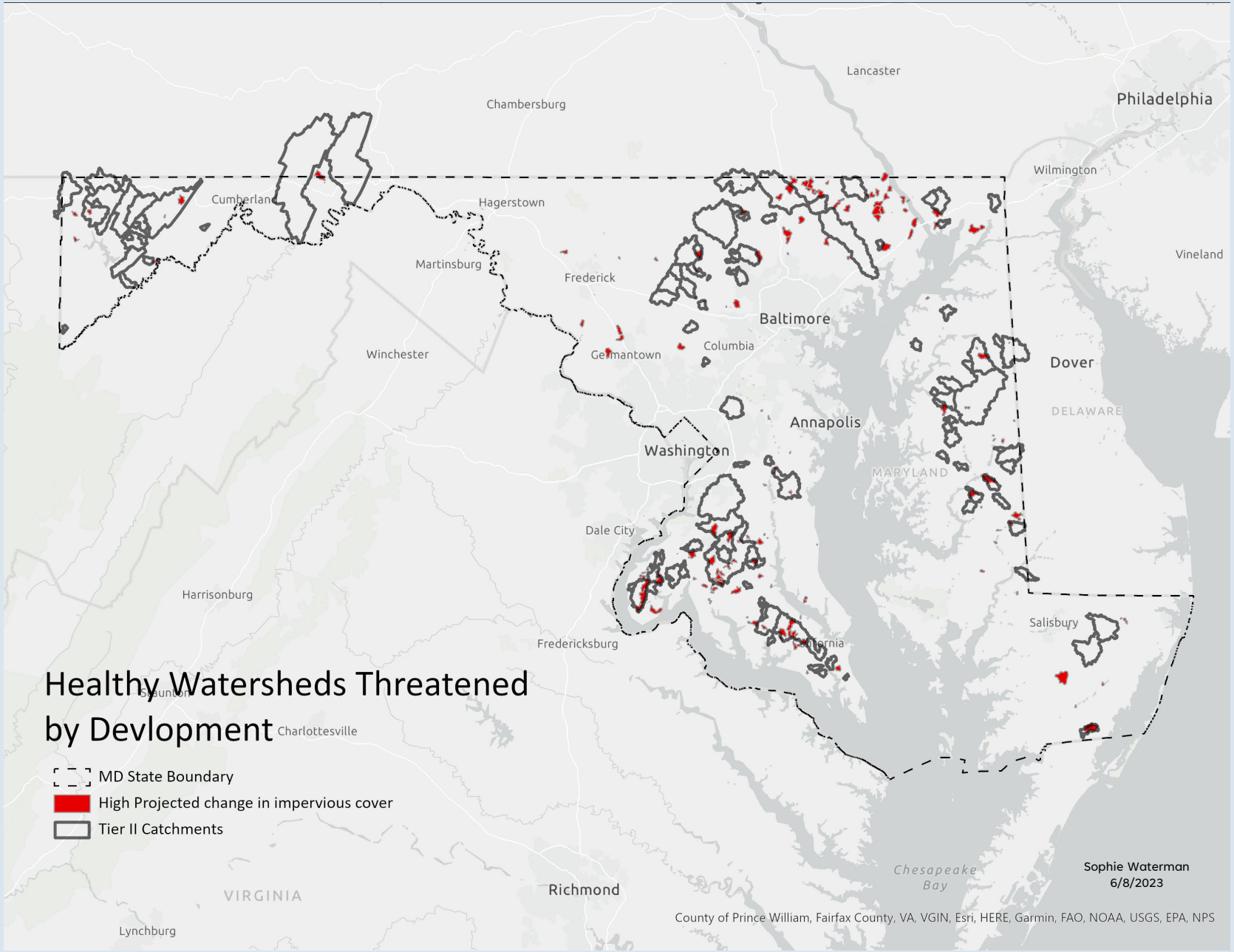
Healthy Watersheds that are Protected



Healthy Watersheds with Low Protection



Healthy Watersheds Threatened by Devlopment



Targeting/ Other Uses

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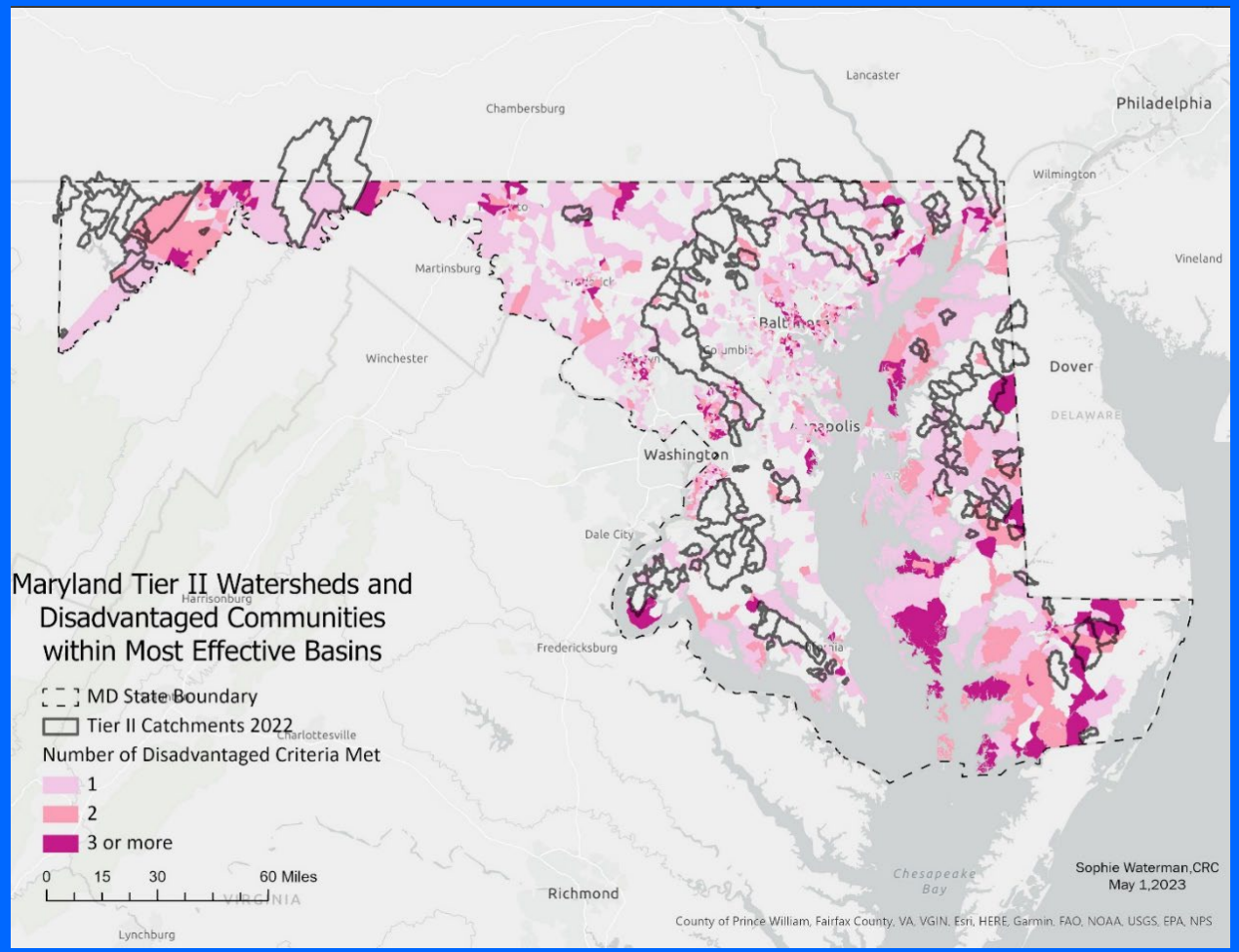
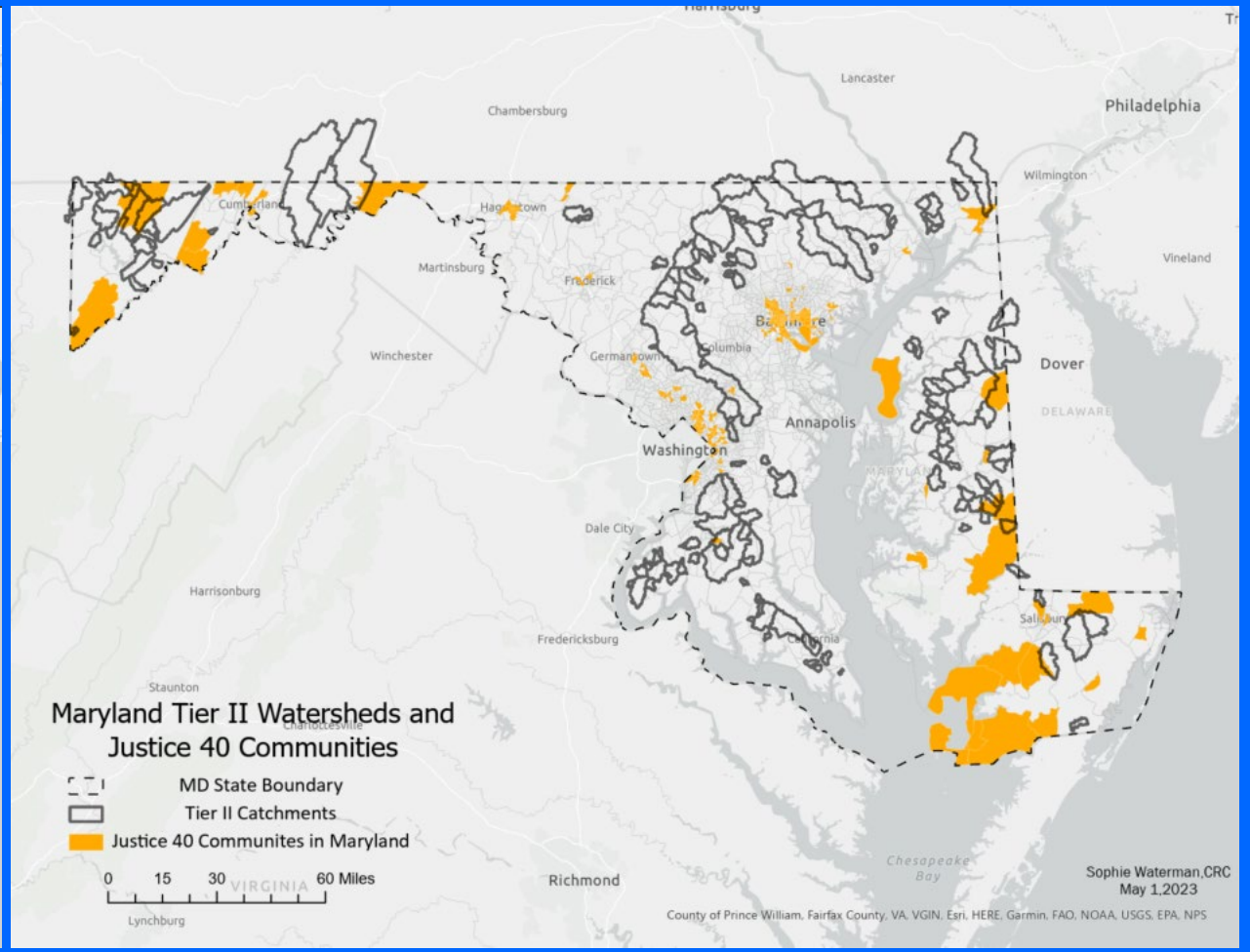
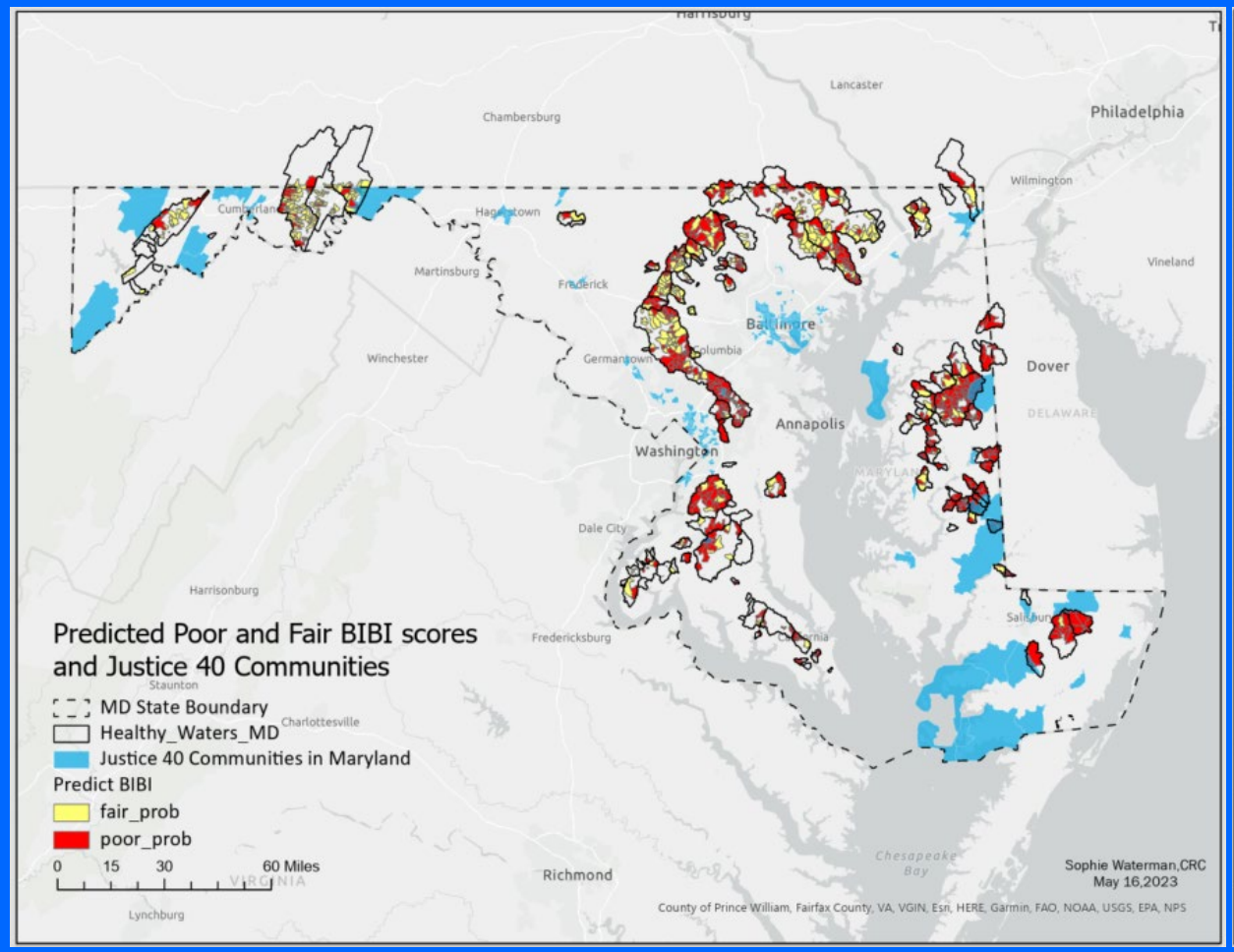
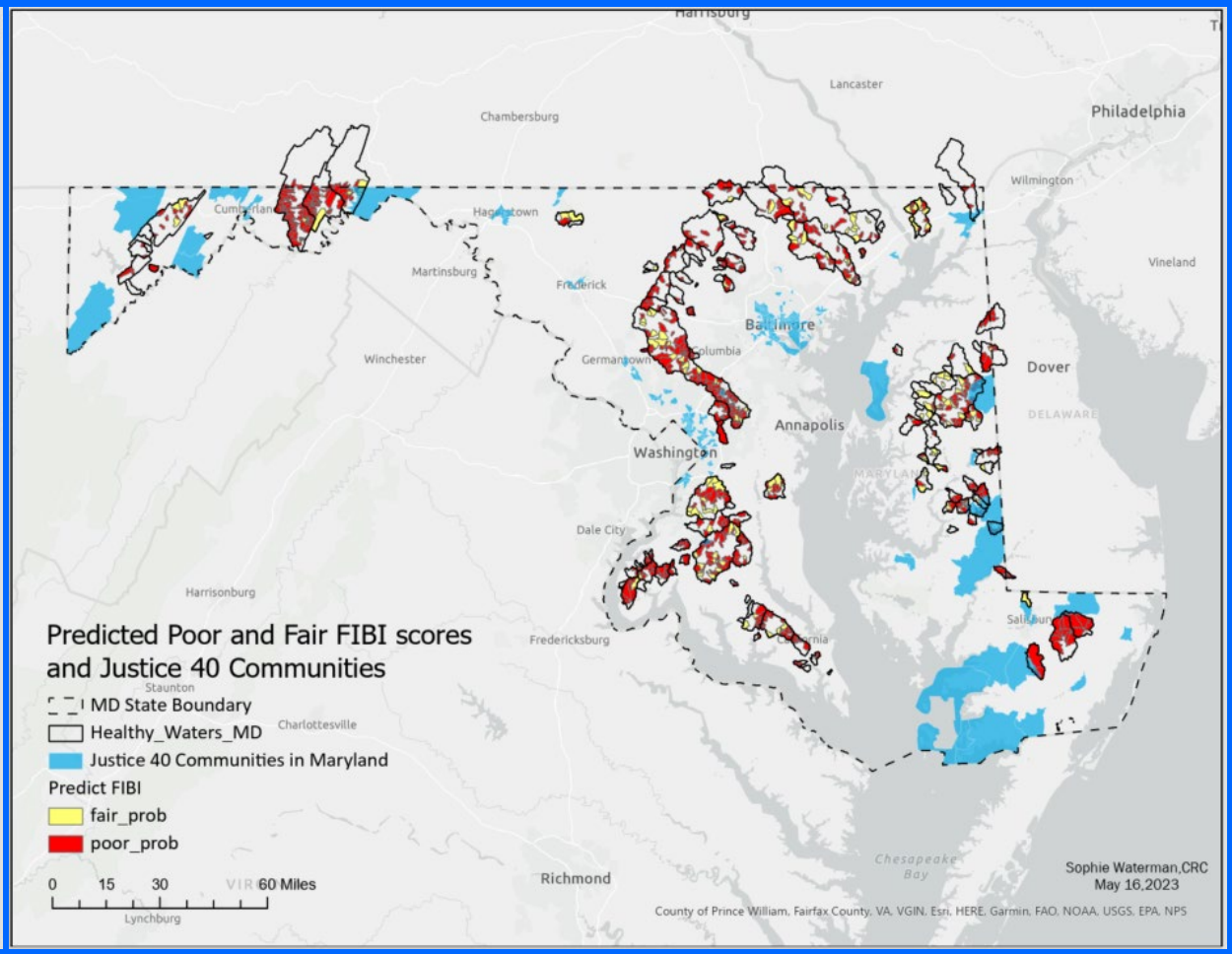


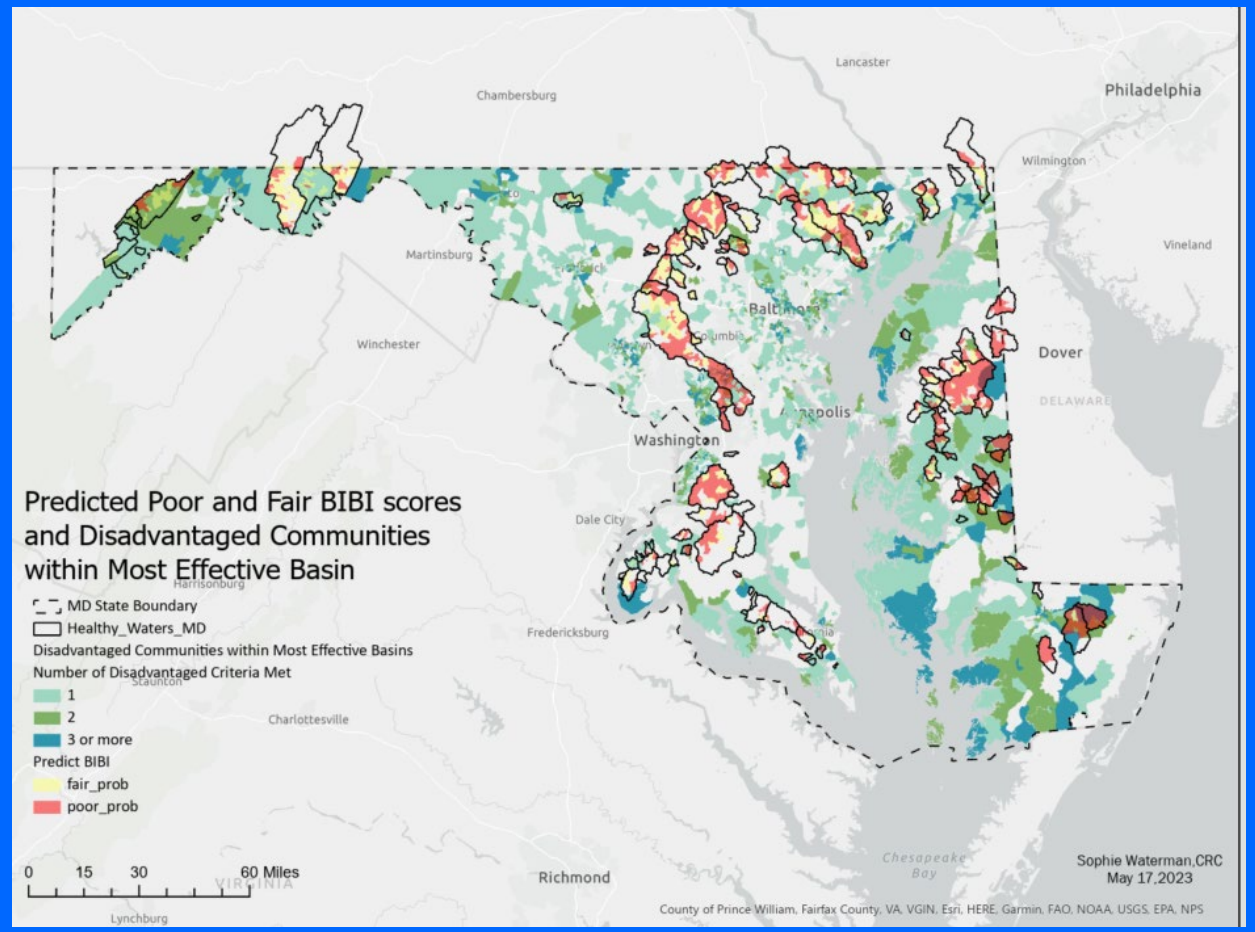


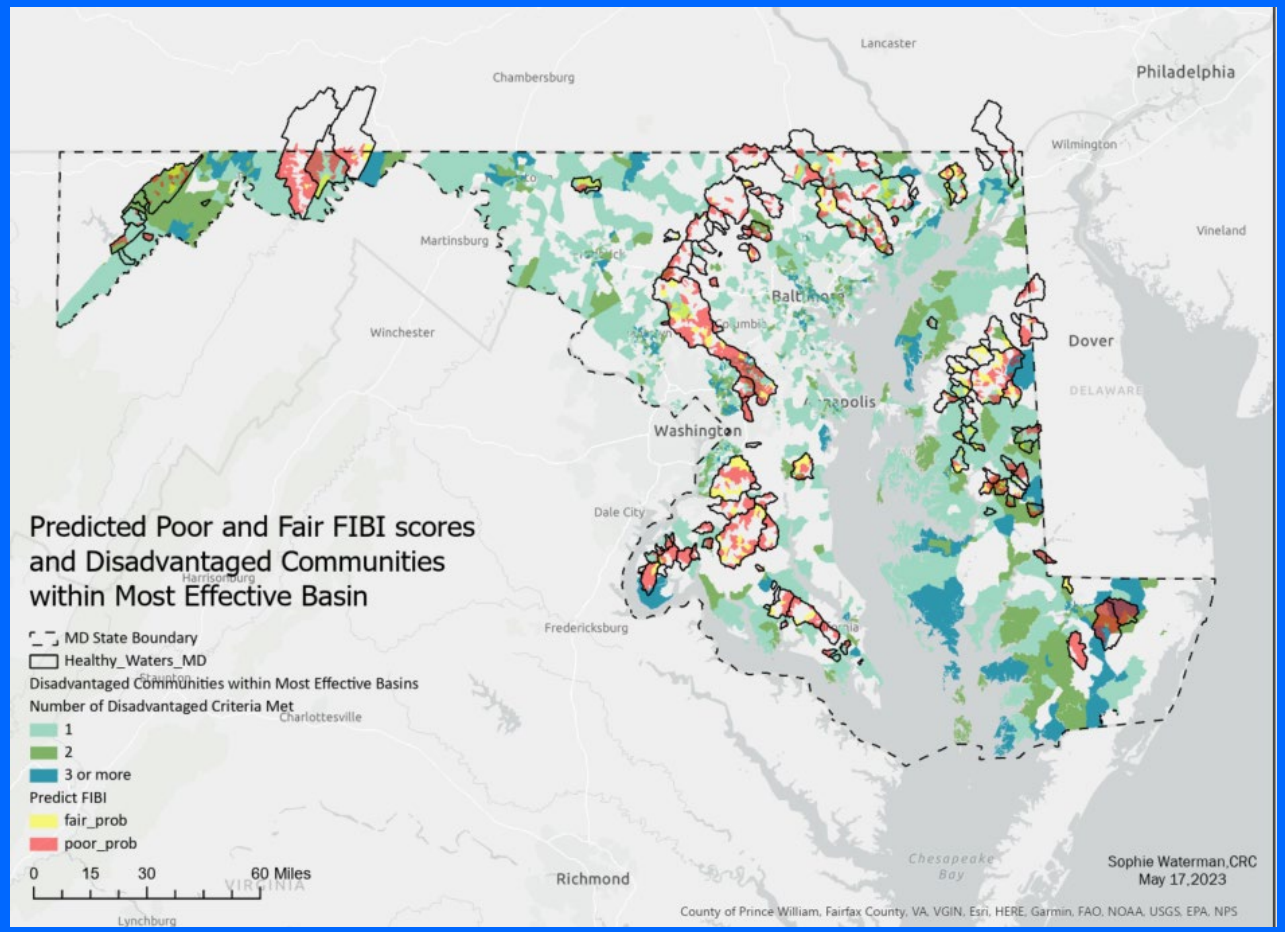
Targeting using MDHWA and J40





Targeting using MDHWA and MEB





Next Steps

What Next?

- Comparing healthy watersheds and disadvantaged communites.
- White paper
- Asking other questions and finding the answer from the data
- HWGIT Input