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Update on the Revised Wetlands Indicator

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1. The Indicators Framework
2. Indicators and their use in adaptive management toward our outcomes
3. Why the indicator was changed
4. New indicator methodology
5. New Indicator data and trends

Indicators

A summary measure that provides information on the state of, or change in, the system that is being measured.

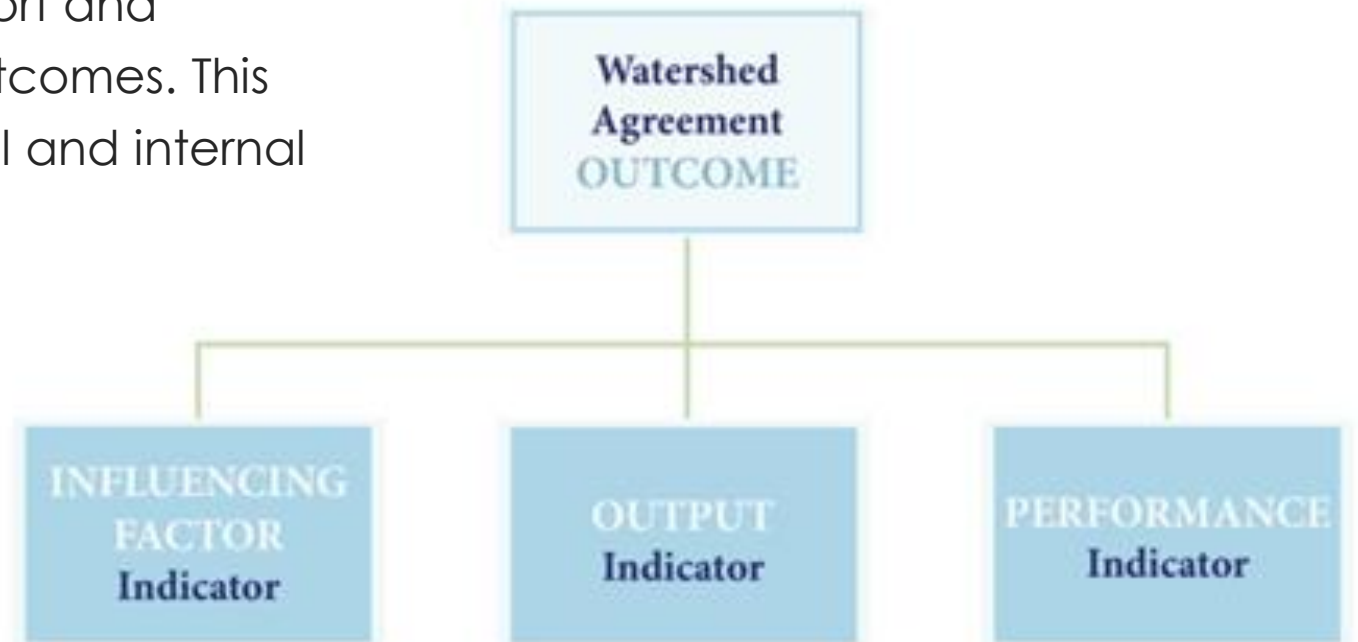
Performance – Are we achieving the outcome?

Outputs – Are we doing what we said we would do in our Logic & Action Plans and Management Strategies?

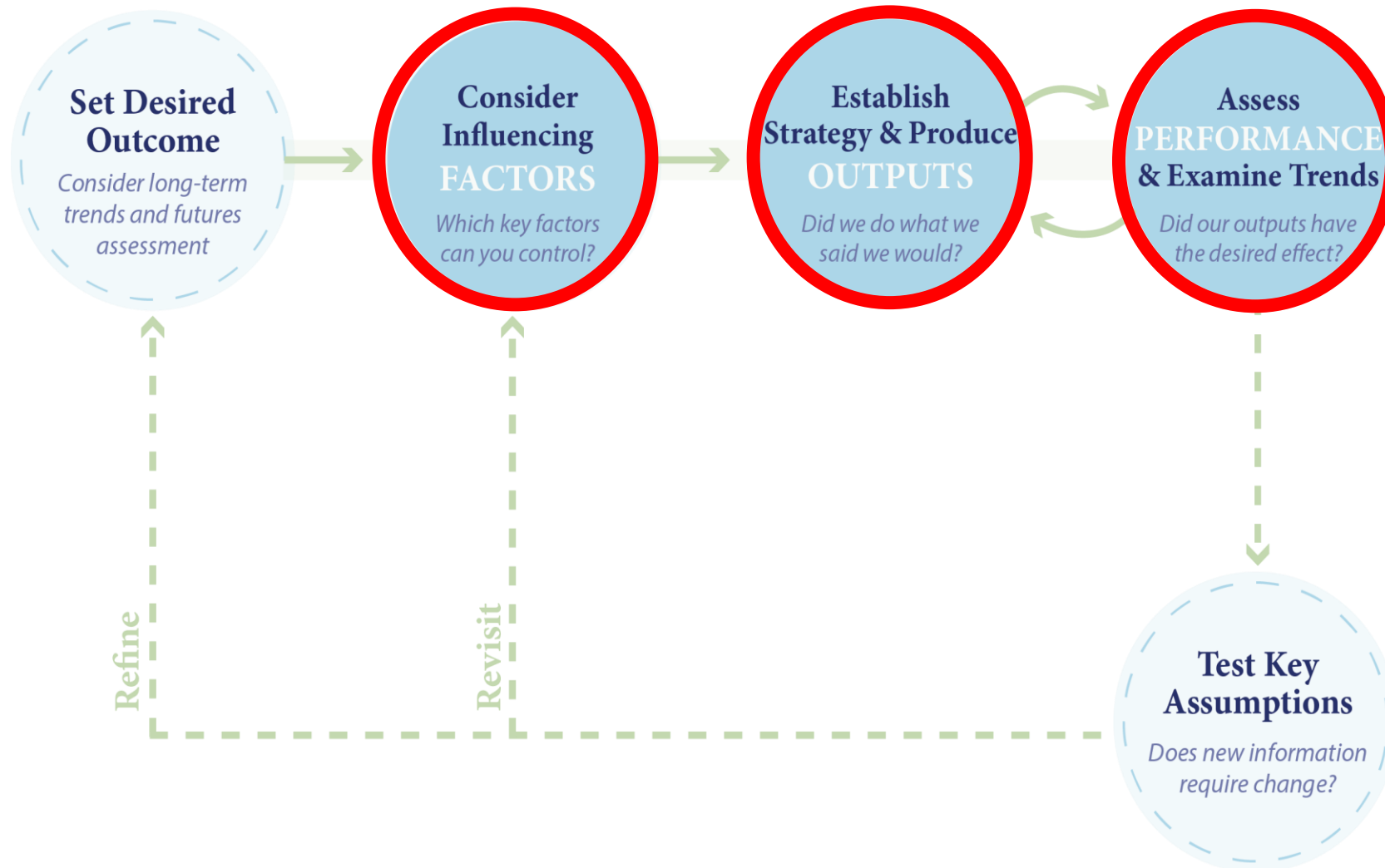
Influencing Factors – What KEY influencing factors are impacting the achievement of an outcome?

The Indicators Framework

The [Indicators Framework](#) is a conceptual model that demonstrates the relationships between indicators and describes how they will be used. The Framework is aligned with the Agreement at the Outcome level and includes the information needed to support and communicate progress towards these outcomes. This model is a mechanism to support external and internal communication.



Indicators and Adaptive Management (SRS Process)



Why the previous indicator needed revision

- Reported via NEIN for crediting as BMPs
- Did not incorporate enhanced wetlands, which are part of the outcome
- Did not report wetlands unrelated to water quality implementation
- Overall, incomplete

New Indicator Methodology

- Reported by jurisdictions using new Habitat Tracker database
- This additional submission means delayed data acquisition from DC and DE
- Includes land cover, nontidal/tidal, enhanced/created, and black duck habitat
- Requires HUC-level data reporting to be counted
- Missing some data from PA as a result

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Acres Gained (Cumulative)*	
DC	0
DE	6
MD	6126.676
NY	74.72
PA	348.196
VA	378.1
WV	1.49
Total	6935.182

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Acres Enhanced (cumulative)*	
DC	0
DE	70
MD	39018.58
NY	272.77
PA	178.2
VA	23080.5
WV	41
Total	62661.05

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Wetlands Gains, Cumulative

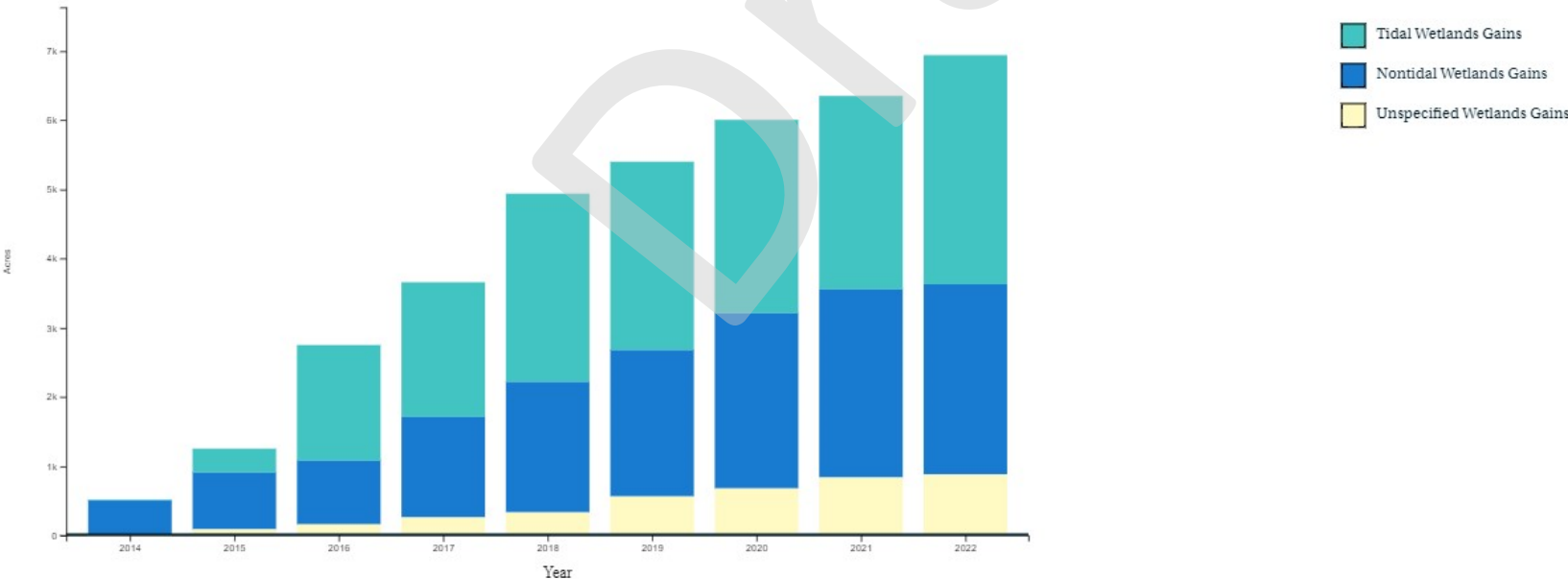
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Tidal/Nontidal

Land Use



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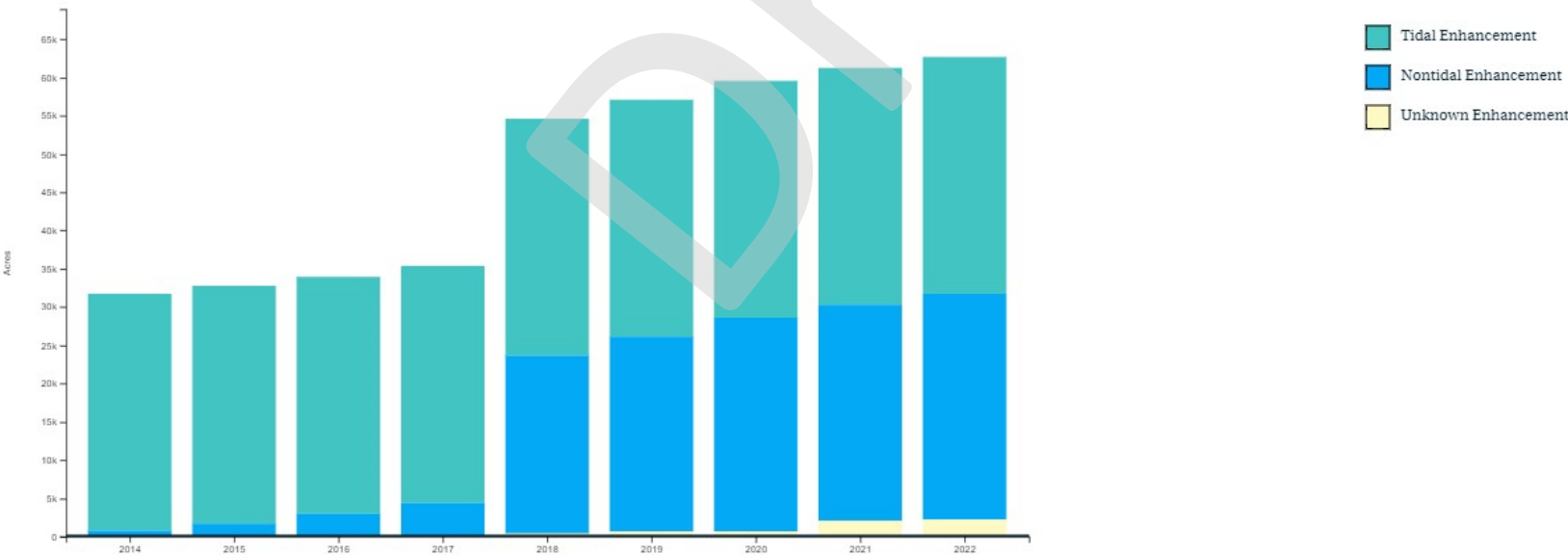
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Wetlands Enhancements, Cumulative

Wetlands enhancements are measured against the target to enhance 150,000 acres of wetland

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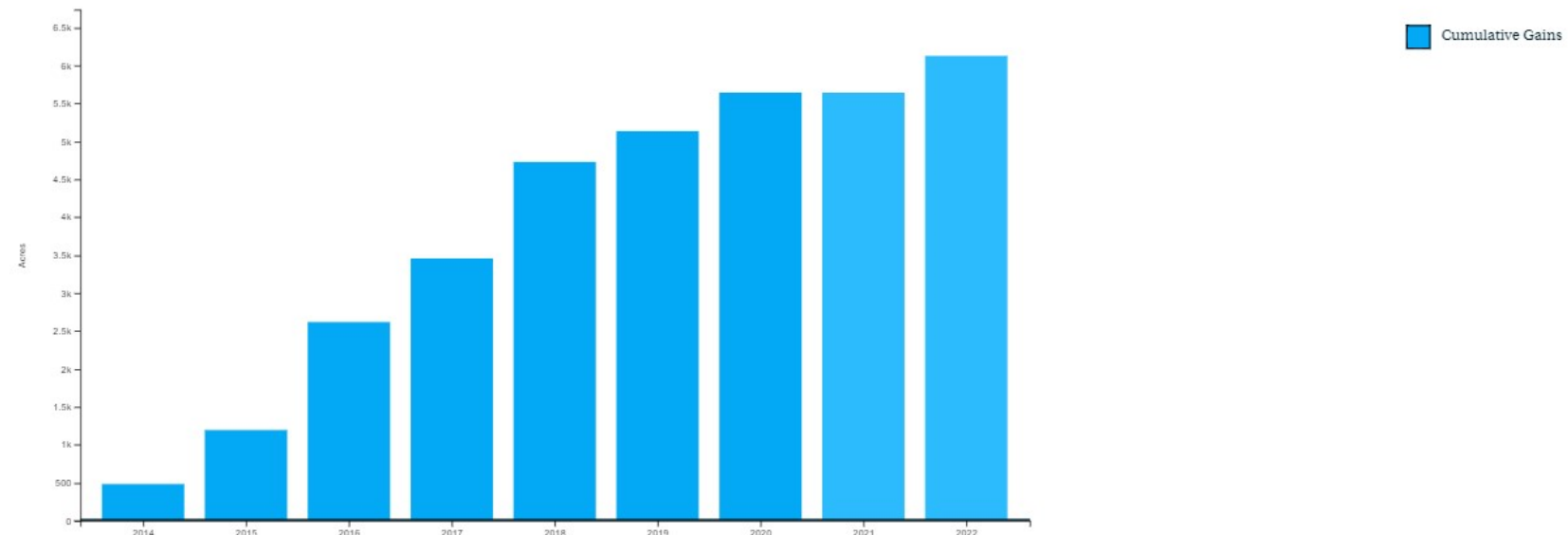
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Wetlands Gains by Jurisdiction, Cumulative

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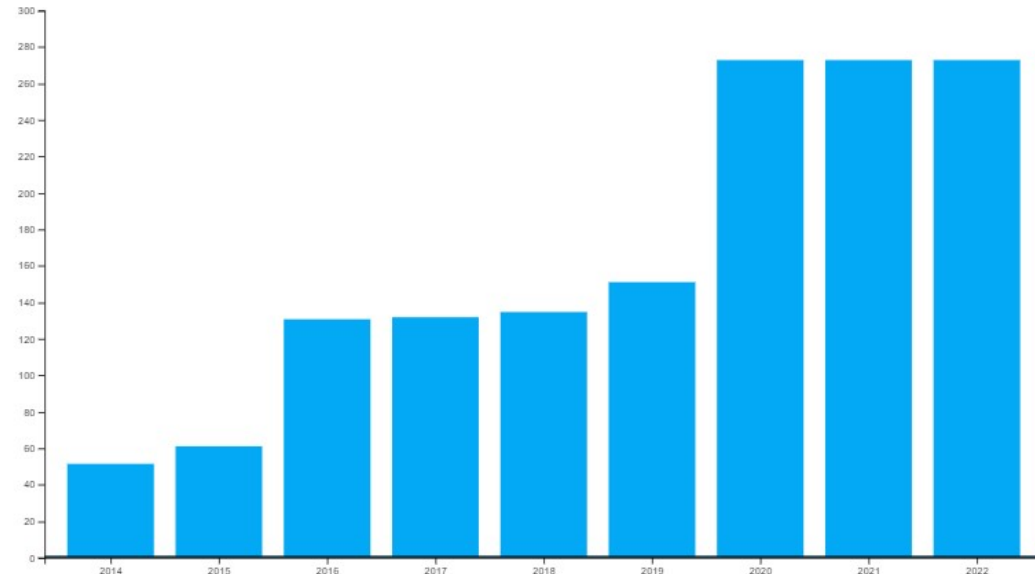
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