Agricultural Modeling for the Phase 7 Watershed Model

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Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) Areas of Focus

Accounting and Reporting

Ensuring that Best Management Practices are accurately reported to the Chesapeake Bay Program for credit towards water quality goals.

Implementation

Making WIPs reality

Innovation

Staying abreast of and evaluating new/innovative agricultural conservation practices that mitigate nutrient loss

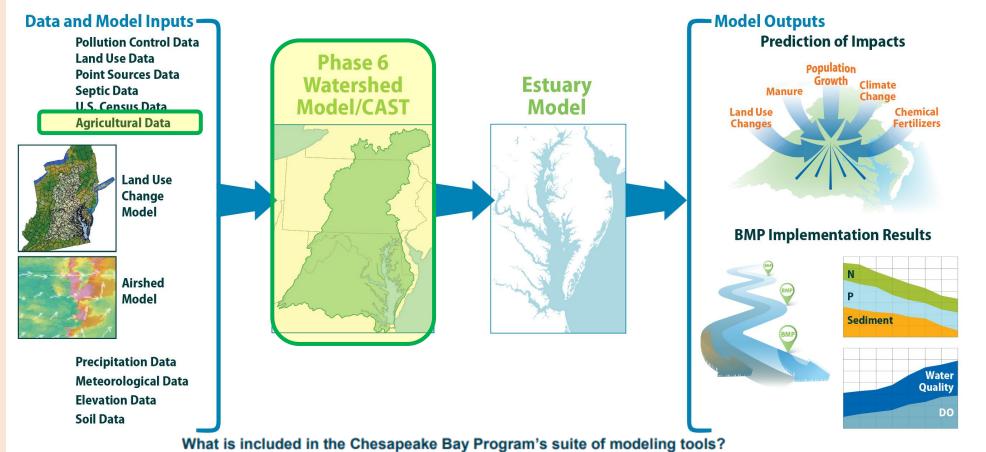
Data & Modeling

Ensuring that the agricultural sector is represented accurately

CBP Assignments

Addressing tasks and projects assigned by the Partnership

Modeling Foundation

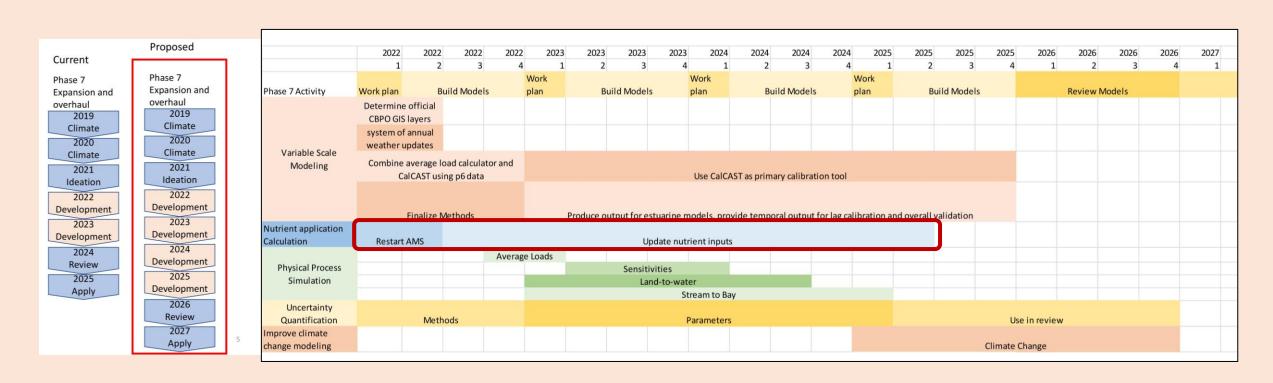


The Chesapeake Bay Program has a suite of four computer models that includes:

- Airshed Model: estimates the amount of nitrogen deposited onto the land and water by vehicles, power plants and other emission sources
- Land Use Change Model: predicts the impacts that urban population and development will have on sewer and septic systems
- Phase 6 Watershed Model: estimates the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reaching the Chesapeake Bay
- Estuary Model: examines the effects that pollution loads have on water quality https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/modeling_team

Phase 7 (Revised) Proposed Timeline

Timeline Approved @ Management Board & Principal's Staff Committee



AMS = Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee → Phase 6 Decisions

Group Placement

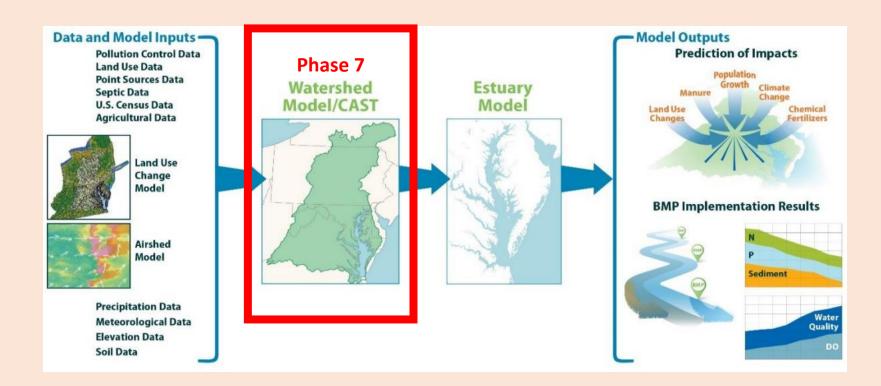
Agriculture Modeling group



Chesapeake Executive Council Principals' Staff Committee Management Board Goal Implementation Teams Sustainable Fisheries Habitat **Water Quality Maintain Healthy Watersheds Enhance Partnering, Leadership and Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship** Management

Current Direction for Phase 7 Ag Modeling

- Reconstitute a group to support agricultural modeling
 - Re-evaluating data sources & methodologies
 - Incorporate latest science, research, and agriculture management systems



Current Status Ag Modeling for Phase 7

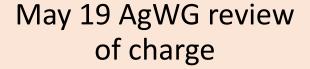
- Coordinator: Tom Butler
- Staffer: Jackie Pickford
- Draft Charge Document
 - Group approval structure
 - Necessary expertise
 - Assembling potential priorities

What to Expect

Draft charge shared for AgWG review by May 12 (tentative)

June 16 AgWG with discussion/approval?

• Call for membership nominations



Questions?