The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Data Dashboard

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What do 30 years of data look like?

Monitoring & Trends

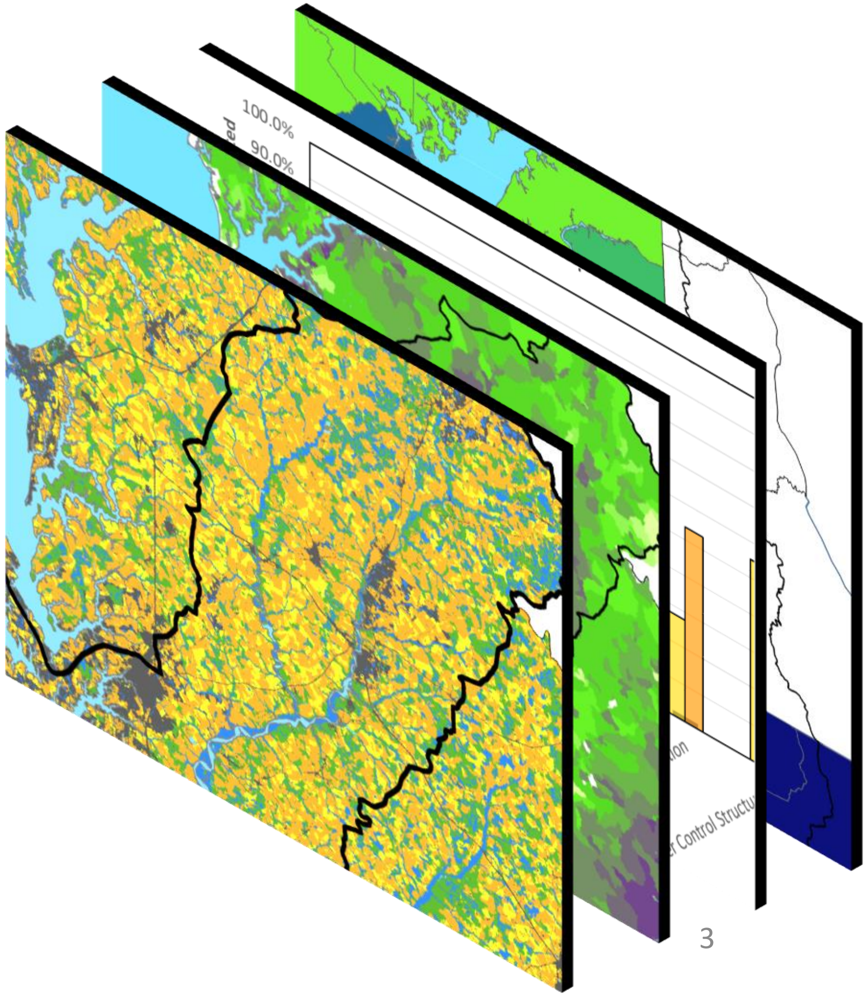
Modeling & Tools

Research

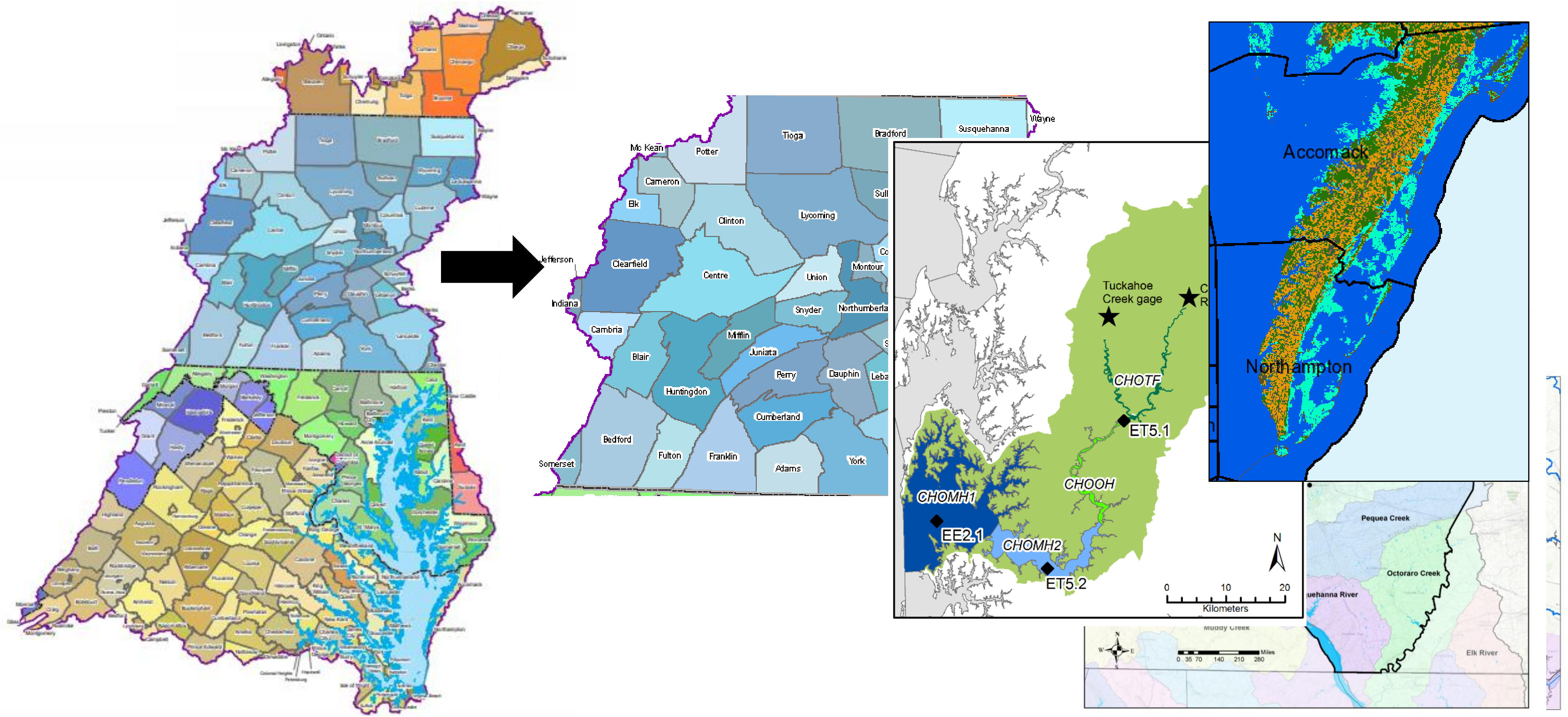
Understanding management implications

The challenge: new data & new expectations for managers

- Assess what’s been working and what hasn’t
- Develop “local area goals” at finer resolution
- Target/focus restoration efforts
- Plan for urban growth and climate change
- Co-benefits of nutrient and sediment reduction



Telling local stories to demonstrate utility of data

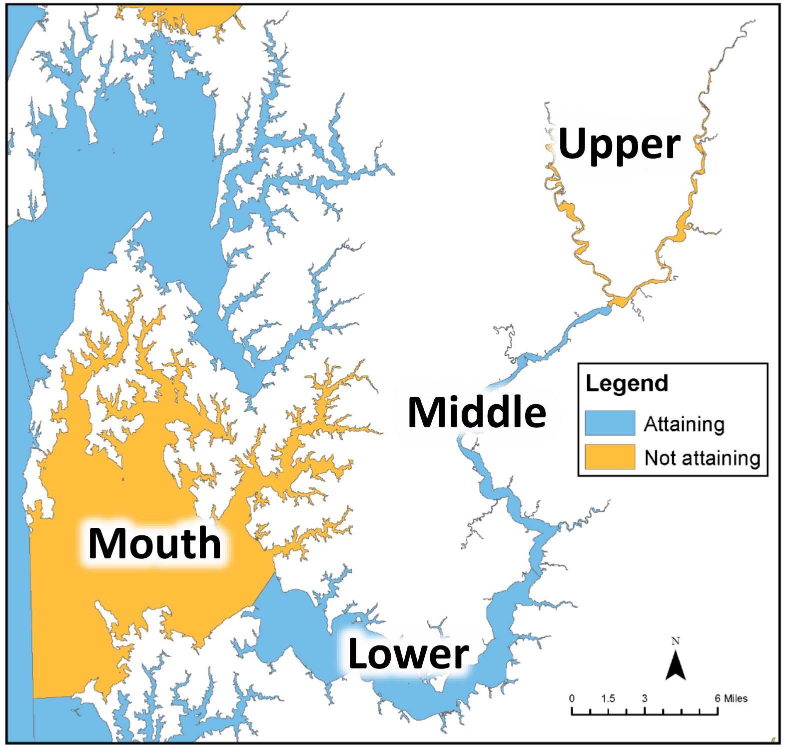


Telling a local story

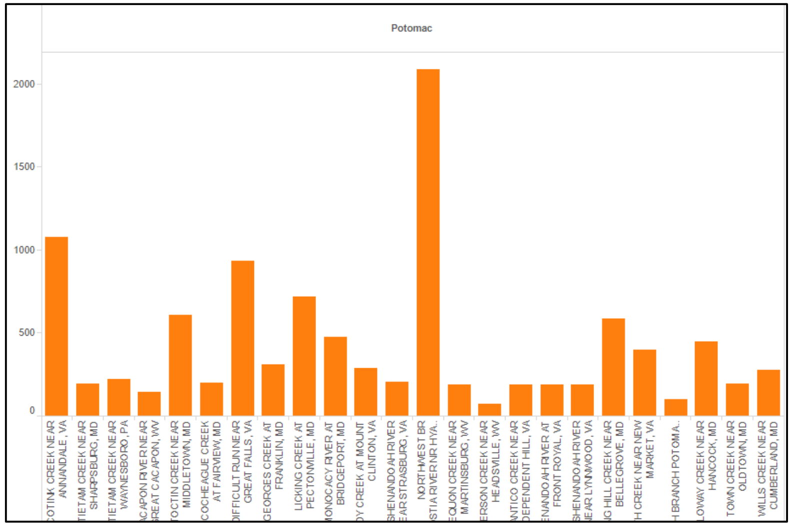
Local water quality

- What's happening with local water quality in my area?
- What's the status?
- What are the trends?

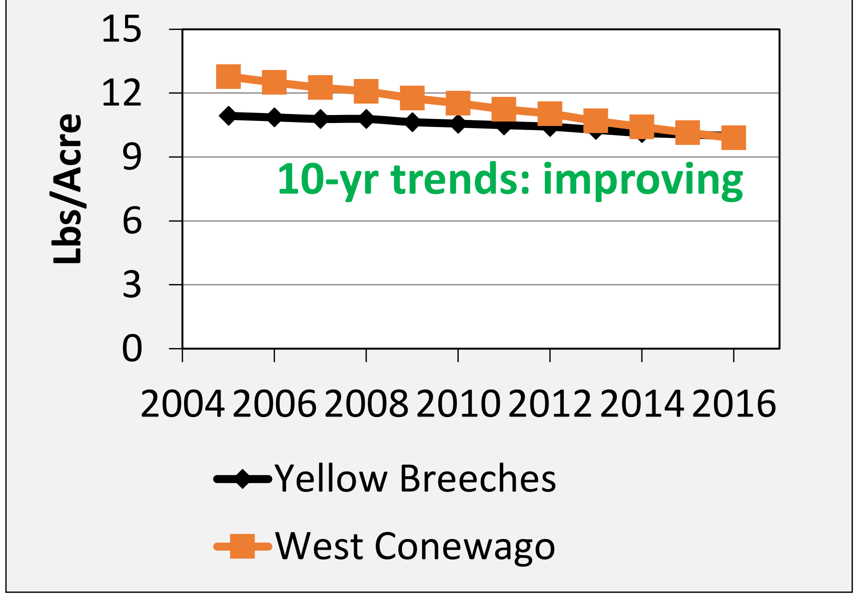
Choptank River water quality standards



Sediment monitoring in Potomac River basin (pounds per acre)



York County nitrogen trends



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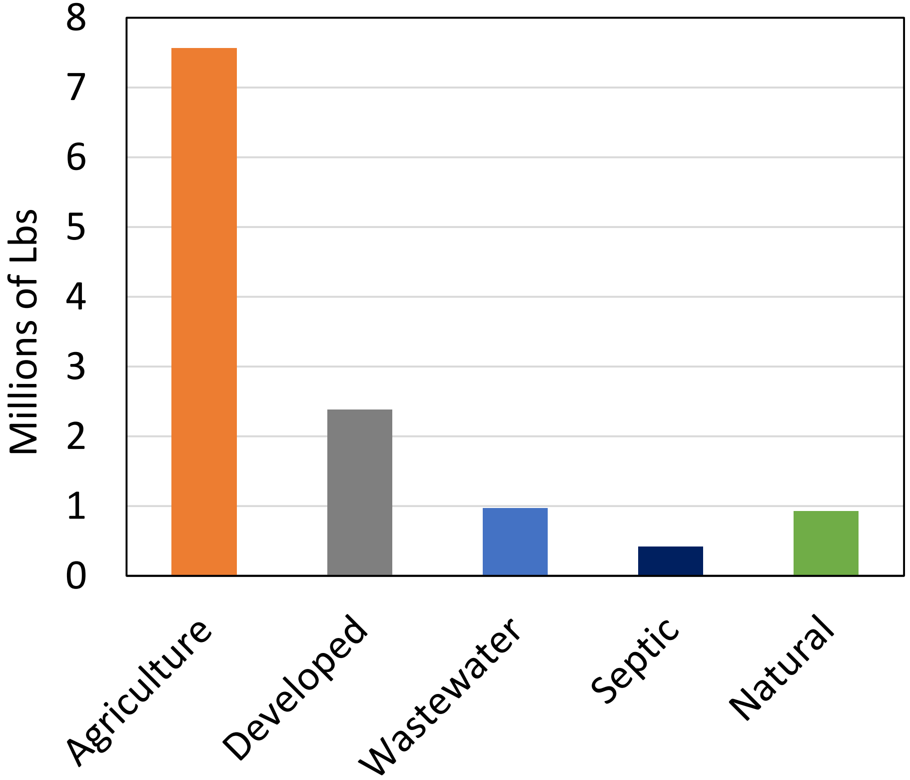
Sources and drivers behind local water quality

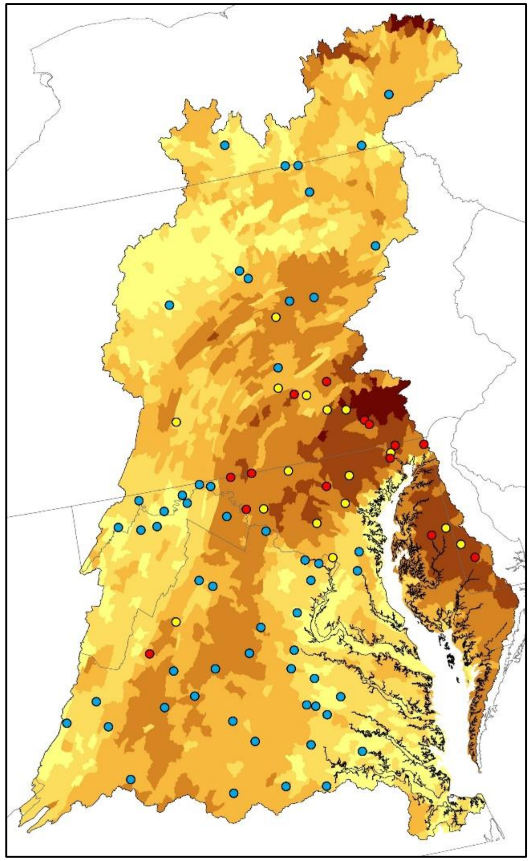
- Where does pollution come from?
- Where geographically?
- How is pollution making it to streams?

York County Nitrogen Delivered to Local Streams (2017 Progress)



High resolution land cover

Nitrate from groundwater delivered to streams



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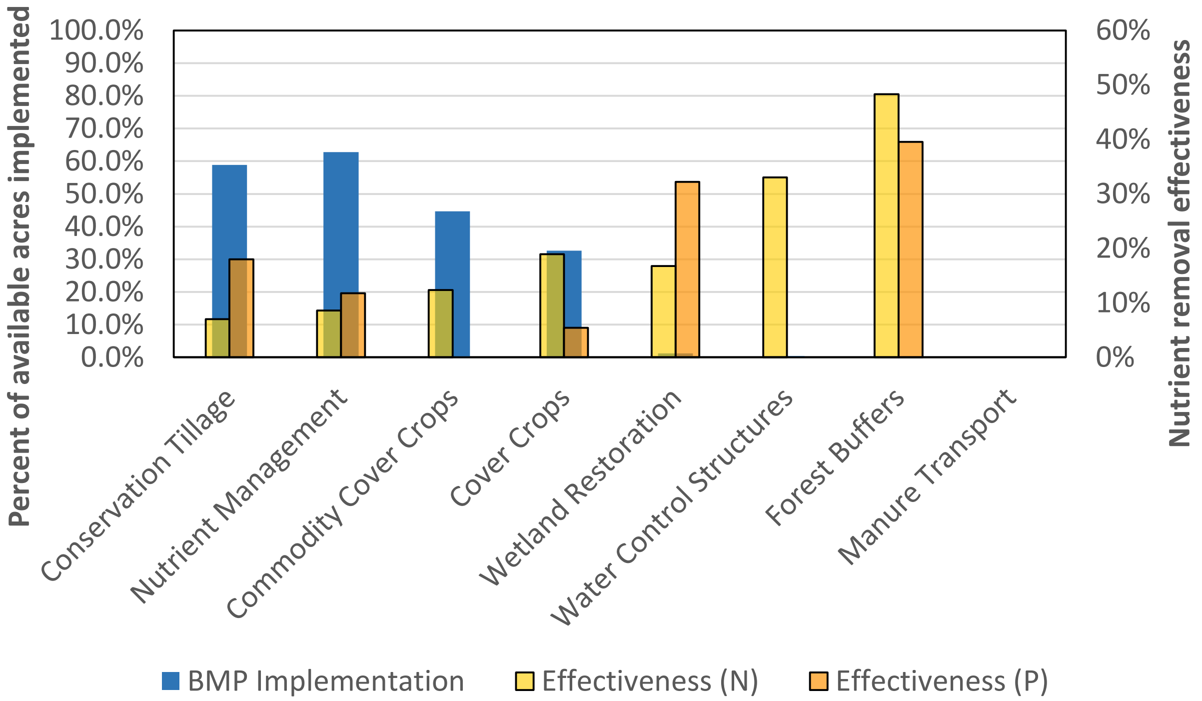
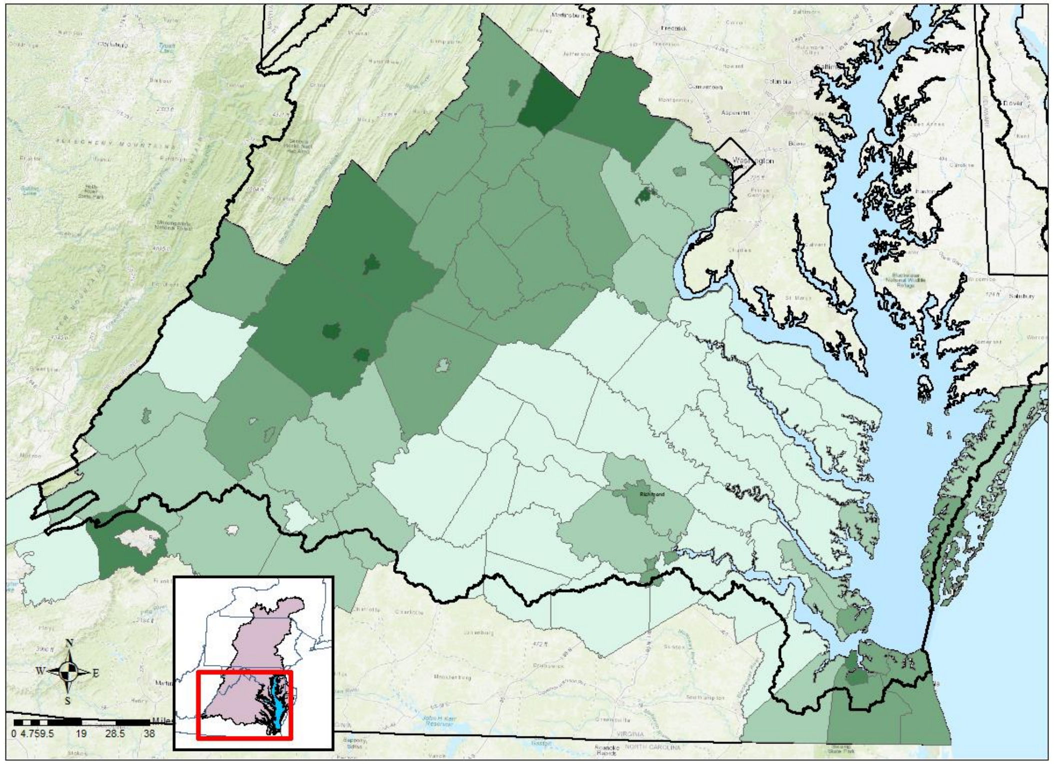
Opportunities for restoration efforts

- What practices address the sources and drivers?
- What are the most effective and cost-effective practices?
- What practices have we been implementing?
- Where do opportunities exist moving forward?

2016 Reported Agricultural Conservation Practice Implementation in the Choptank Watershed



Acres available for buffer implementation by county



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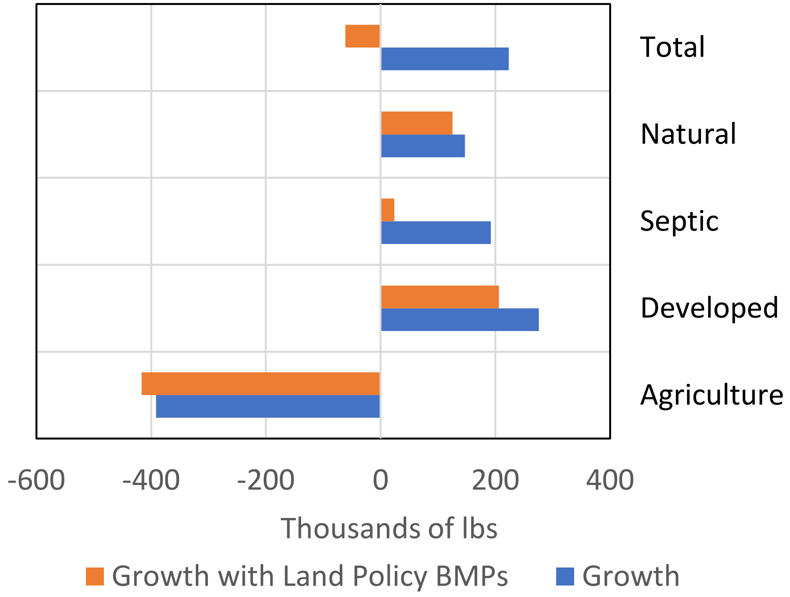
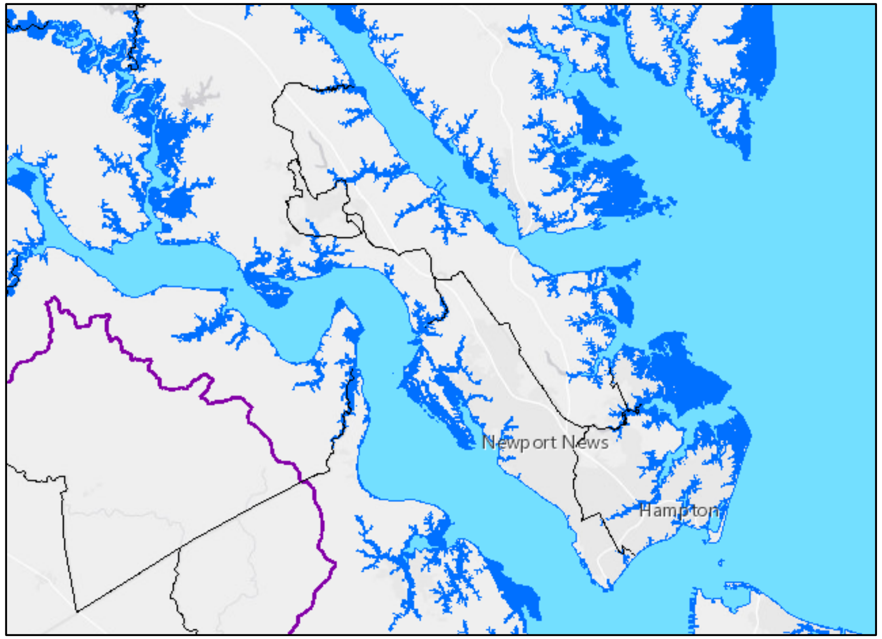
Planning for future change

- Where are growth and development going to occur?
- What impacts may climate change have and where?
- How can we conserve lands or grow smartly?

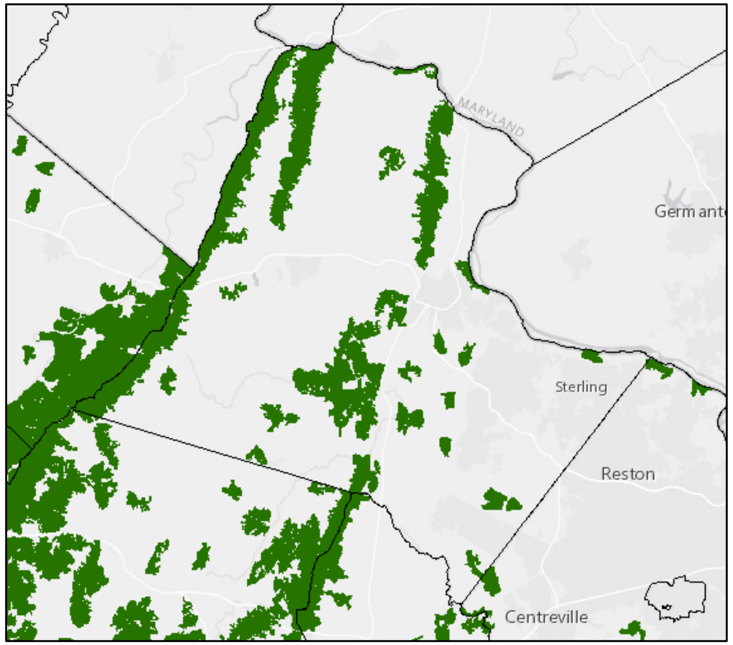
Virginia estimated change in nitrogen load 2018-2025



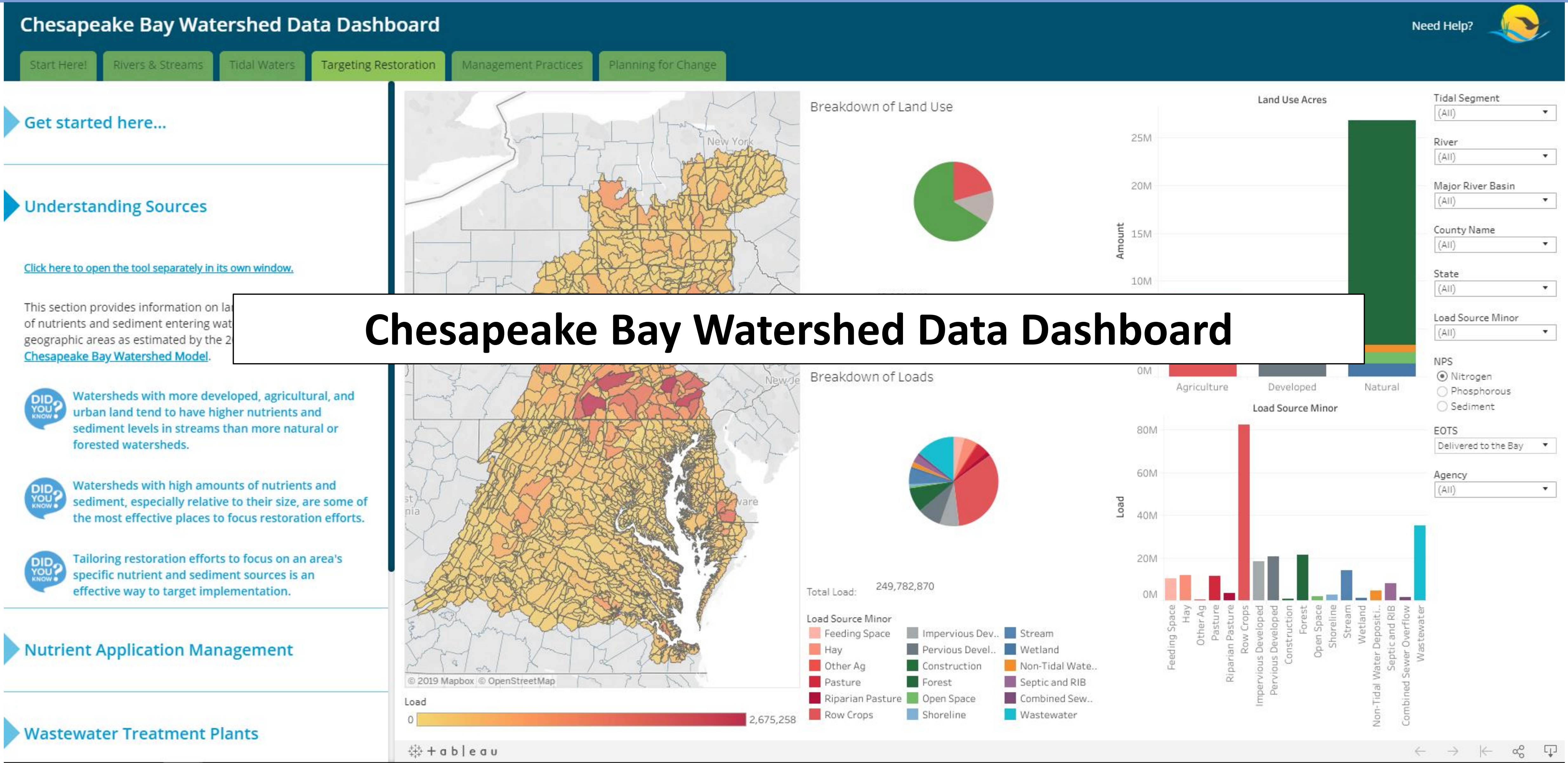
Lands impacted by 1 meter sea level rise in Virginia



Large forest tracts available for conservation in Loudoun County, VA



Making data accessible, understandable & usable



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