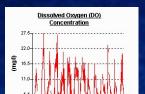


## Maryland DNR Water Quality Monitoring Programs







- 30 50 Monitors Annually
- Some at 1m below surface, others 0.3 m off bottom
- Additionally servicing 5 NOAA buoys and
   1 joint DNR/NOAA buoy, & a DNR vertical profiler
- Data collected every 15 minutes
- Sonde Parameters: D.O., Turbidity, Chlorophyll
   W.Temp, Salinity, pH, Depth (at bottom sites)
- In Situ Calibration Data Every 2 weeks
  - Before 2010 all stations had full suites of nutrients, sediment, chl, Kd, profiles
  - Now most stations eliminated nutrient sampling



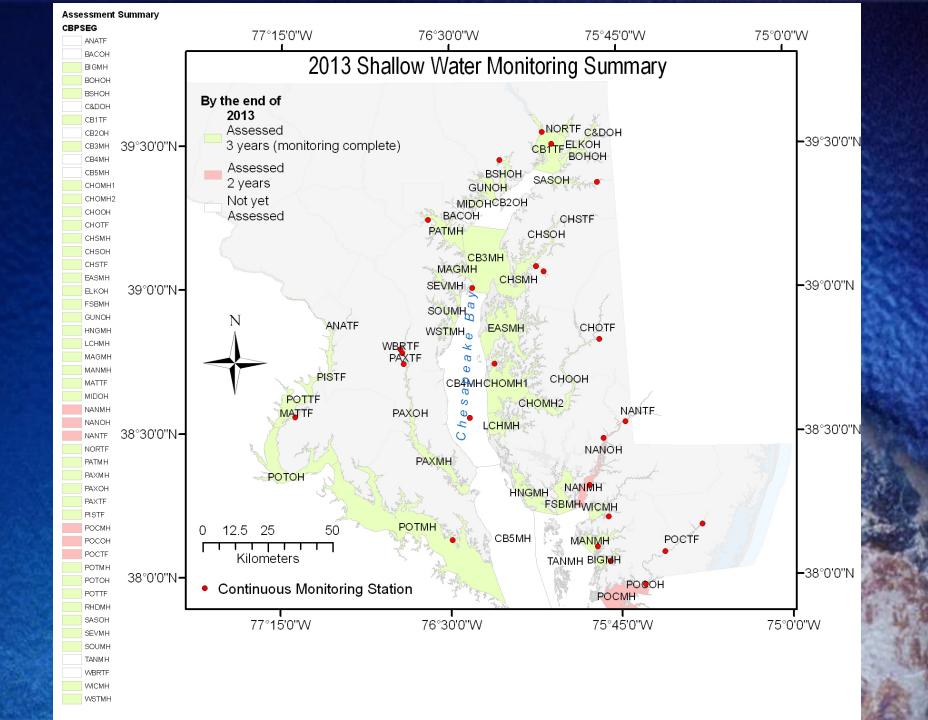
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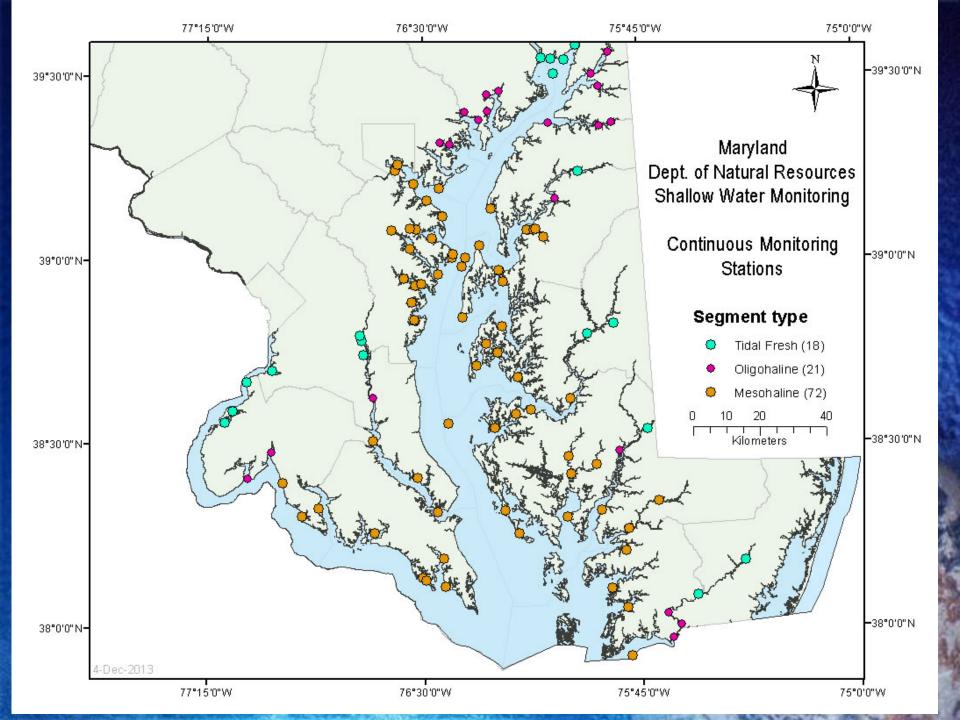
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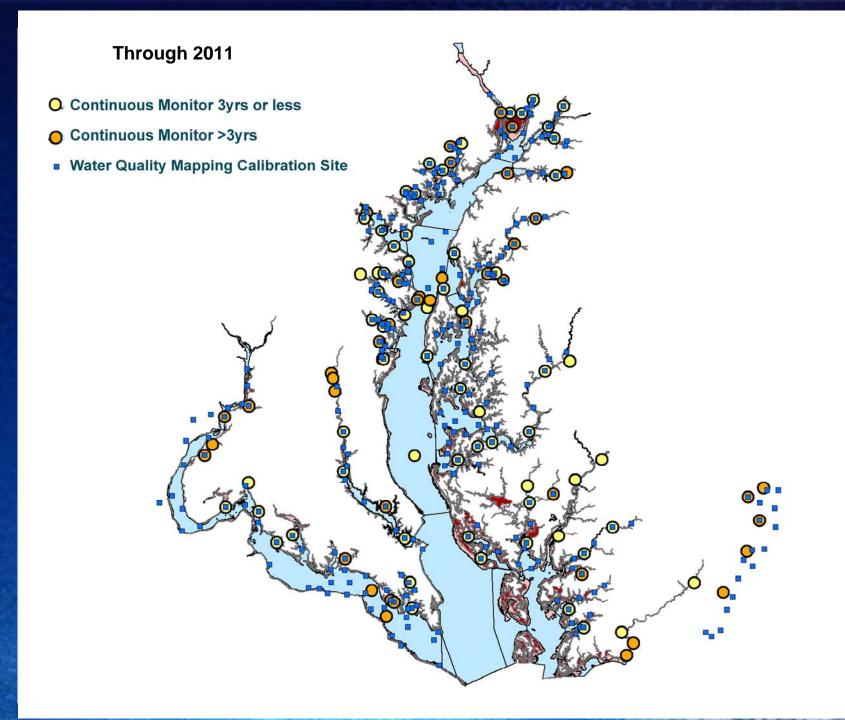
- 7 Monthly cruises Apr.-Oct over large areas/Bay segments.
- Data collected every 4 seconds in transit
- Parameters: D.O., Turbidity, Chlorophyll W.Temp, Salinity, pH, Water Depth
- Calibration Data at ~5 Sites each Cruise with similar samples/procedures as continuous monitoring

#### **Points of Interest**

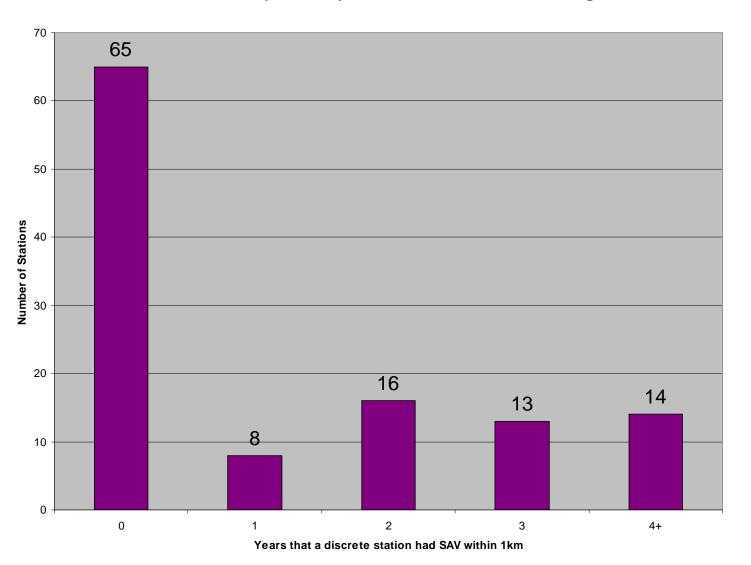
- Most sites have three consecutive years of data for water quality criteria assessment purposes
- Numerous 'sentinel' sites have more years, with the most being 14yrs.
- Some sites deployed for special studies or purposes
  - upstream and downstream of oyster restoration project (Harness Crk)
  - bottom meters at up/down river sites bracketing vertical profiler (Harris Crk)
  - inside and outside of an SAV bed
  - sites on east/west sides of the Bay in segment 3
  - some sites in proximity of buoys in open water
  - sites in lower Susquehanna, Flats and nearby tribs concurrently
  - sites traversing the length of major rivers (Potomac, Patuxent)
  - in 2001 and 2002, water quality mapping collected twice monthly in Severn and Magothy
  - sites run the range of urban to rural/ag dominated watersheds, tidal fresh to mesohaline (polyhaline in VA)
- 500+ cumulative 'seasons' of data for MD





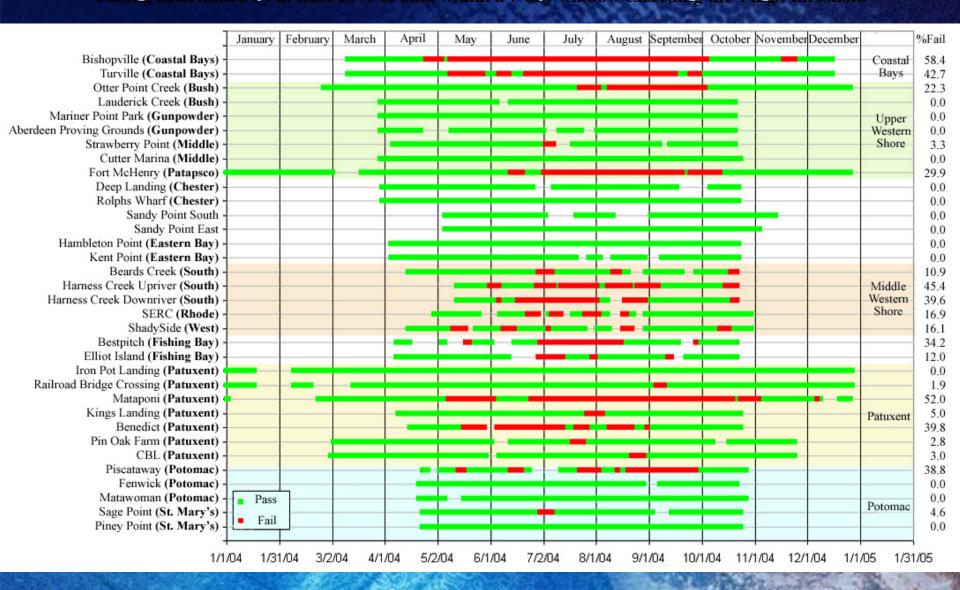


#### **SAV** at or in close proximity to a Continuous Monitoring Station



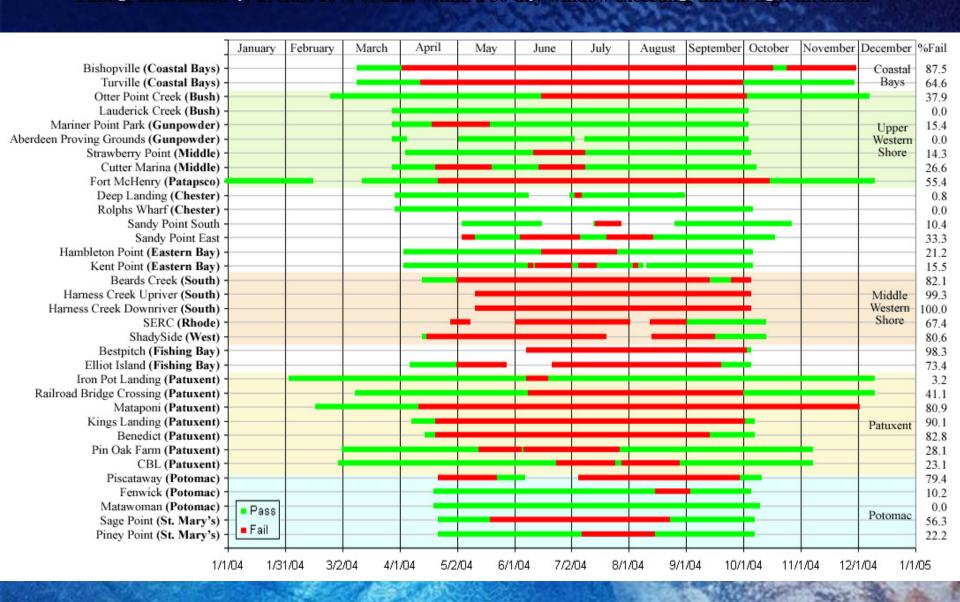
### 2004 7-day Dissolved Oxygen Criteria

Failing determined by at least 10% of data within a 7-day window exceeding the 4 mg/l threshold



## 2004 30-Day Dissolved Oxygen Criteria

Failing determined by at least 10% of data within a 30-day window exceeding the 5.5 mg/l threshold





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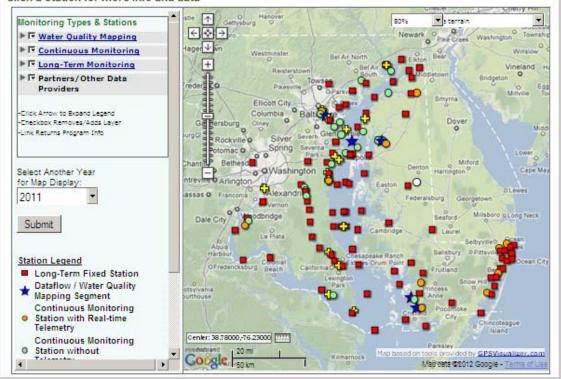
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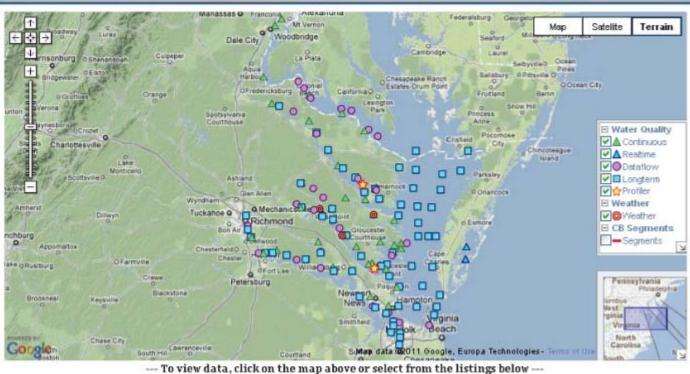








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