Through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, the Chesapeake Bay Program has committed to…*

Relevant Photo

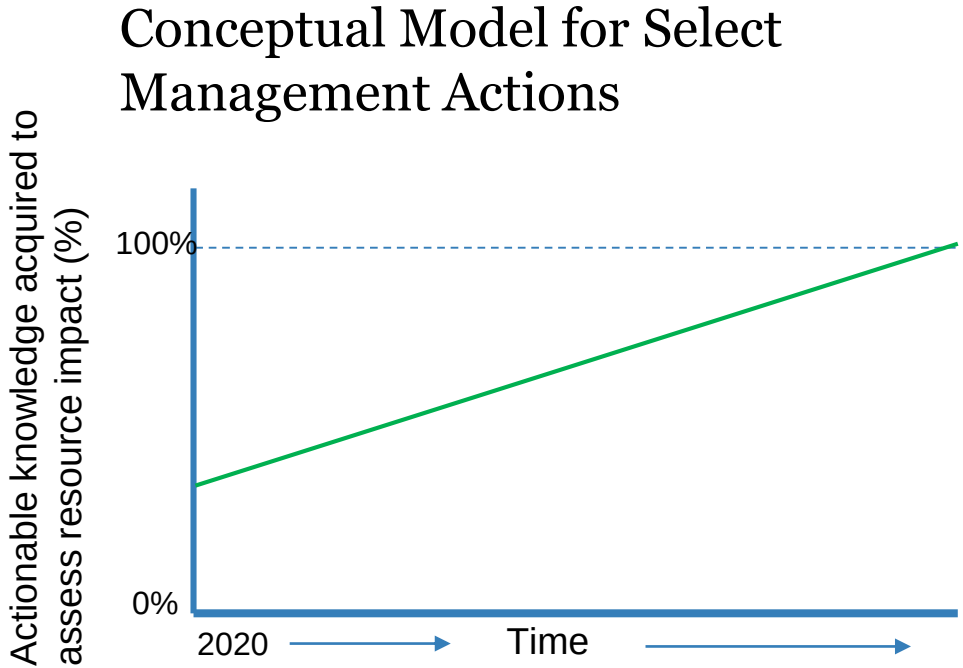
Goal: Ensure that the Bay and its rivers are free of effects of toxic contaminants on living resources and human health

Outcome: Continually increase our understanding of the impacts of and mitigation options for toxic contaminants.

Successes and Challenges

- Informing and providing a venue for briefings and technical discussion largely **green**
- Reporting of results of studies being conducted by others or ongoing nature comprise the **green**/**yellow**
- Inventorying and assessing data at the watershed scale, compiling new information and methods for modeling tools largely **red**

What is our Expected and Actual Progress?



TO COME:

- Improvements to MA wording
- Assessment of tasks within the MA

On the Horizon

- Science: PFAS status, mercury/EDC follow on, others?
- Policy: PFAS thresholds, others?
- Fiscal: COVID-19 impacts, others?

Based on what we learned, we plan to …

- Evolve next steps from results and outcomes ongoing/completed studies: Anacostia, USGS EDC, mercury, STAC workshop (management action focus, BMPs), consider geographic focal areas
- Elevate new topics: PFAS ? Other?

With awareness of fiscal impacts

Help Needed

- Policy: Encourage jurisdictions and federal agencies to consider toxic contaminants in N, P, sediment management actions in Phase 3 WIPs (co-benefit or negative impacts)

- Science: PFAS/mercury: Commitment from jurisdictions to support a more coordinated science approach