2025 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Outcome

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Goal: *Water Quality*

Outcome:

By 2025, have all practices and controls installed to achieve the Bay's dissolved oxygen, water clarity/submerged aquatic vegetation and chlorophyll-a standards as articulated in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL document.
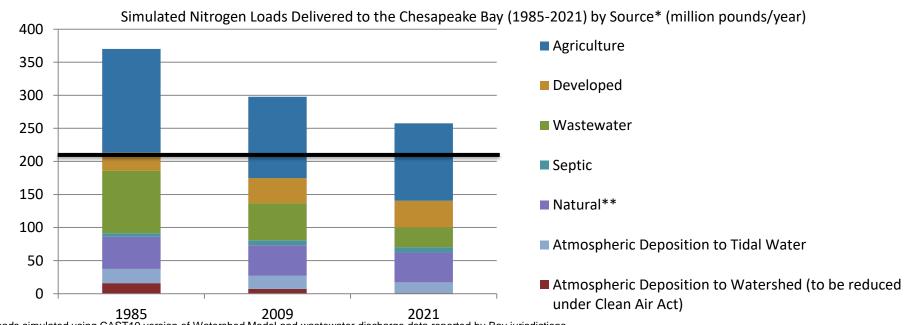

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Summary of Outlook and Recent Progress

OUTLOOK OFF COURSE

RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE

	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Sediment
Outlook	OUTLOOK OFF COURSE	OUTLOOK OFF COURSE	OUTLOOK COMPLETED
Recent progress	RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE	RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE	RECENT PROGRESS INCREASE

Simulated Nitrogen Loads Delivered to the Chesapeake Bay (1985-2021) by Source* (million pounds/year)

Legend:
- Agriculture
- Developed
- Wastewater
- Septic
- Natural**
- Atmospheric Deposition to Tidal Water
- Atmospheric Deposition to Watershed (to be reduced under Clean Air Act)

*Loads simulated using CAST19 version of Watershed Model and wastewater discharge data reported by Bay jurisdictions.
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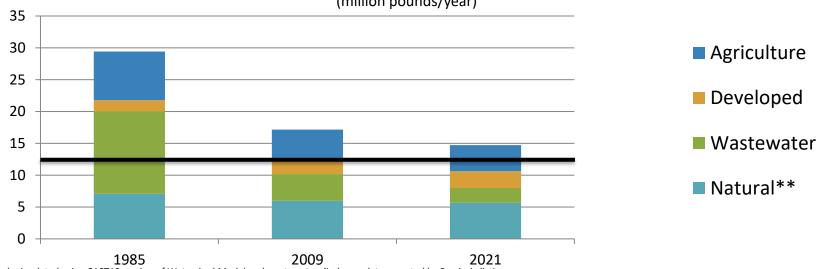
What is our Outlook and Recent Progress?

Phosphorus

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Simulated Phosphorus Loads Delivered to the Chesapeake Bay (1985-2021) by Source* (million pounds/year)

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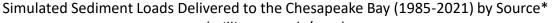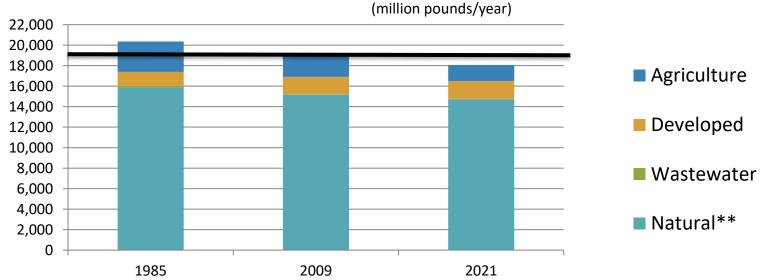
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Sediment

Simulated Sediment Loads Delivered to the Chesapeake Bay (1985-2021) by Source* (million pounds/year)

- Agriculture
- Developed
- Wastewater
- Natural**

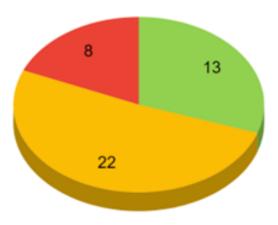*Loads simulated using CAST19 version of Watershed Model and wastewater discharge data reported by Bay jurisdictions.
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Learn

What have we learned in the last two years?

Color Totals out of 43 actions

Successes

- Two-Year Milestones Progress
- Actions with a clear workplan and frequent updates
- Actions with a clearly identified responsible party
- Individual progress within Jurisdictions and organizations

Challenges

- Overcommitted on actions
- Unclear responsible party
- Misalignment of WQGIT's time
- COVID/Avian Influenza
- Funding technical assistance and capacity
- BMP Verification
- Unaccounted additional loads

On the Horizon

- New or increased funding sources
- Multiple benefits projects
- Use monitoring results to accelerate progress for water quality standards attainment
- Phase 7 model development
- Climate change conditions
- Addressing data concerns

Adapt

How does all of this impact our work?

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Based on what we learned, we plan to...

- Prioritize **fewer** actions with **more** impact
- Incorporate two-year milestones
- Use monitoring results to attain water quality standards
- Increased GIT/workgroup collaboration
- Opportunities for lessons learned
- Emerging Science/Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR)

Equitable and inclusive restoration…

- Use existing tools to target water quality projects in under-served areas.
- Increase collaboration within the partnership (Toxics, Stewardship GIT)
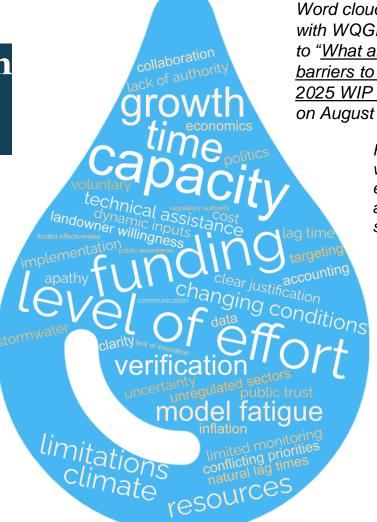- Improve engagement with under-represented groups/areas

Fill the Gap

How can the Management Board help achieve the outcome?

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We need your help with addressing more loads with less time…

▪Support changes for increased capacity (people, resources, expertise) within programs

Word cloud generated with WQGIT responses to "What are the biggest barriers to achieving the 2025 WIP outcome?" on August 25, 2022.

Responses were partially edited to account for similar entries.

We need your help with addressing more loads with less time…

▪Develop and provide public communications on expectations for 2025 and what happens after 2025

▪Time, if needed, to adapt priorities based on the upcoming Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report

▪What actions do you want reflected in the updated Logic and Action Plan for WQSAM and 2025 WIP outcomes?

Discussion