

The Next Level: How can we leverage nutrient and sediment practices to achieve other priorities?


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Precision Conservation

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a landscape. The river is dark blue. The land on either side is covered in dense vegetation, primarily trees, which are overlaid with a semi-transparent, multi-colored map. The colors include shades of green, yellow, orange, and red, indicating different levels of conservation priority or land use. In the background, there are green agricultural fields and a line of trees. The sky is a pale blue.

*"Getting the right practices,
in the right places,
at the right scale"*

Chesapeake Bay Program Geospatial Support

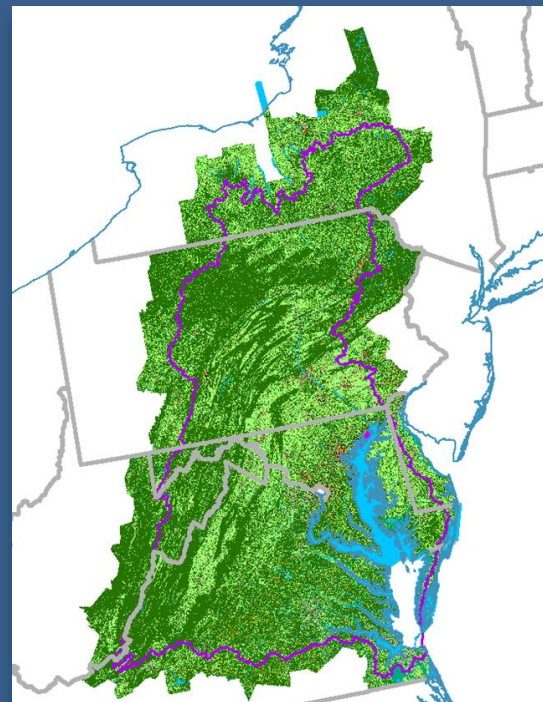
Objective 1: Land Cover, Land Use and Change Mapping

Data release May 2022

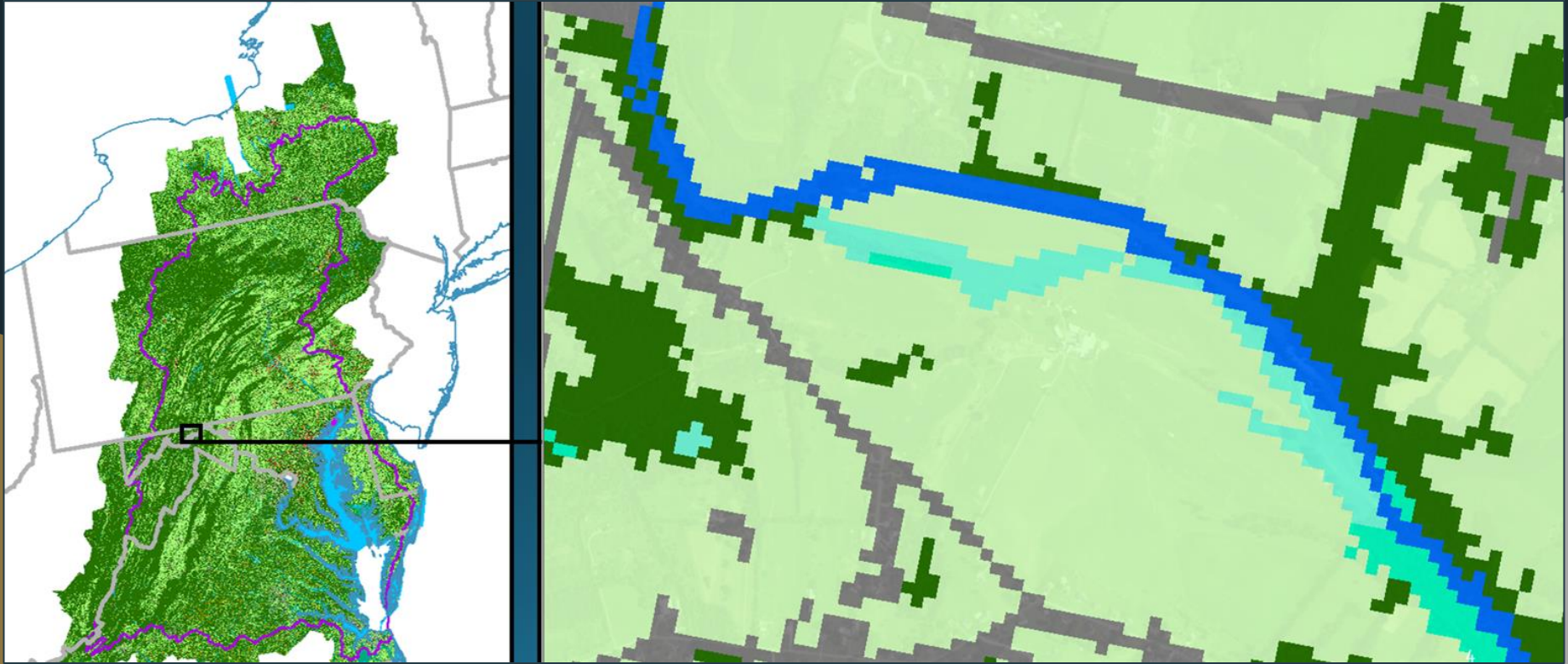
Objective 2: Streamflow Mapping

Objective 3: Restoration Planning & Reporting (Opportunity Mapping, Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Modeling)

Objective 4: Cross-GIT mapping support
(User-needs research on CBP Data Tools)



Previously Available Land Cover Data



High-resolution Land Cover Data



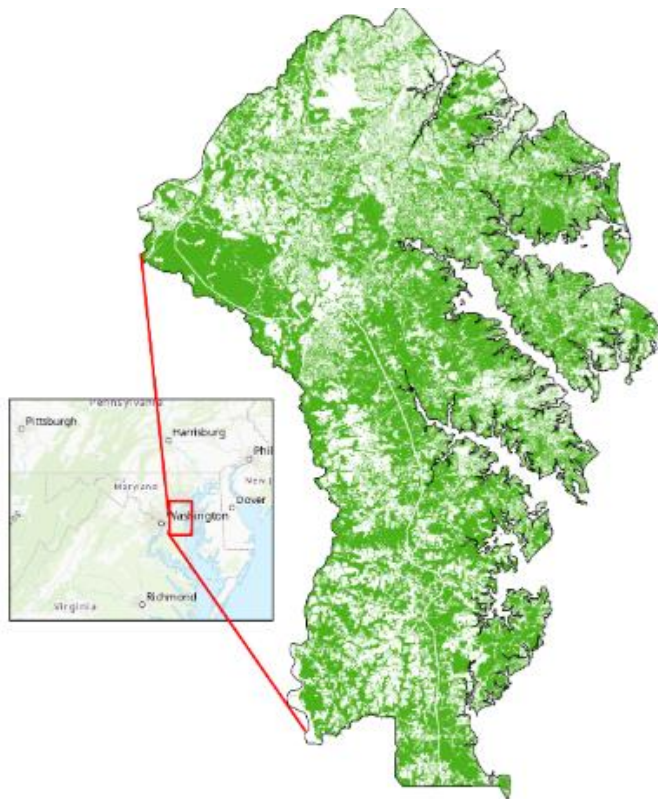
Change Detection products: Tree Canopy Change Anne Arundel County, MD



2013





2017

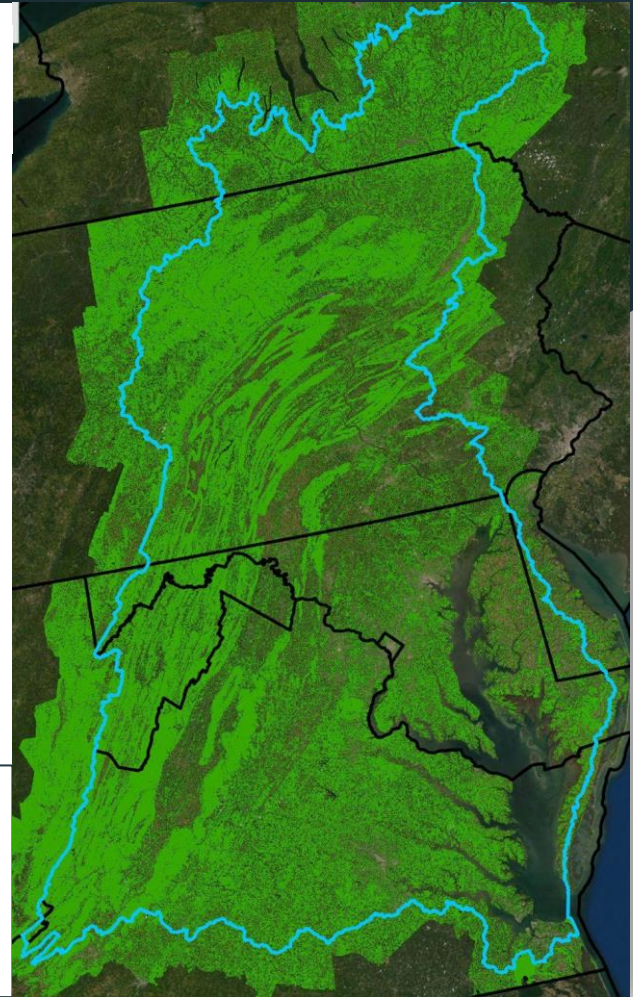


Anne Arundel County 2017 Tree Canopy

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-  Tree Canopy Land Cover
-  Chesapeake Bay Watershed



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Impervious Surface Analysis

Example land uses:

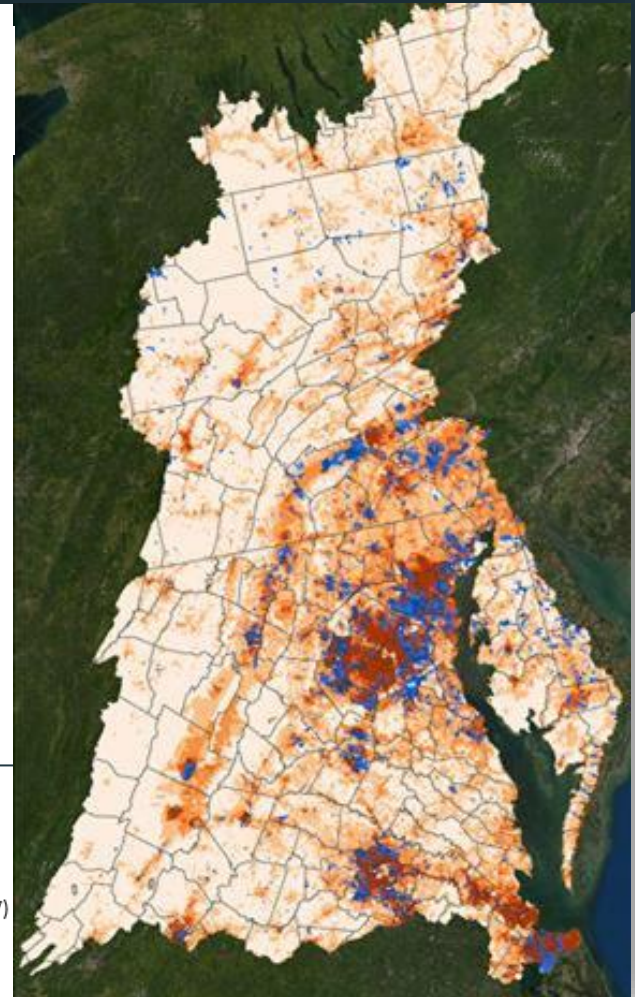
- Roads
- Buildings
- Pavement

Less developed -> More developed (in 2017)

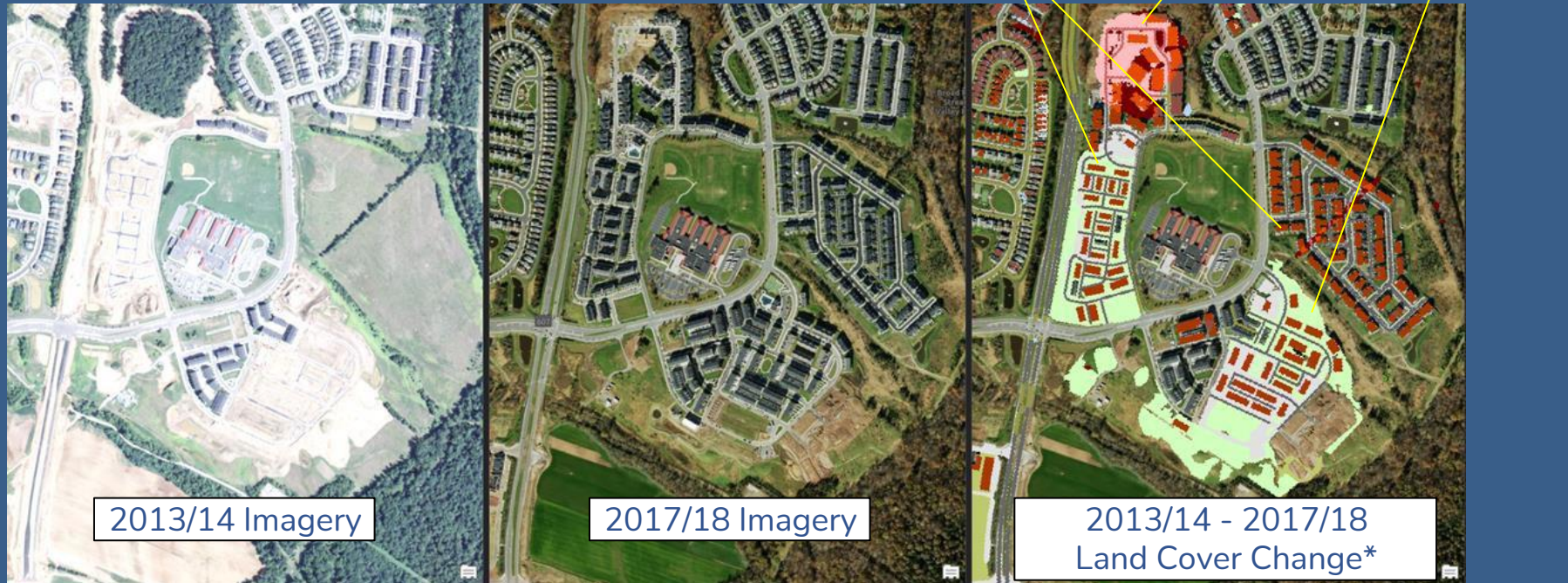
0% 68.3%

Change in impervious (increase from 2013 - 2017)

0% 3.8%



Impervious Surface Analysis



* data shown are preliminary results and may differ from the final released data

Previously Available Hydrography Data



High-resolution Hydrography Data



Leveraging High-resolution Data to Restore Impaired Streams

Pennsylvania “Rapid Stream Delisting Strategy” brings together:

- Water-Quality
- Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat
- Land Conservation
- Benefits to people

PA Dept. of Environmental Protection: Integrated Water Quality Report & 303(d) List;

- Non-attaining for aquatic life use
- Impaired from agricultural sources

Rapid Stream Delisting Strategy:

- Isolating relatively small impaired stream segments to achieve attainment status & delist
- Quantifying goals, needs, and feasibility
- Coordination and collaboration



Photo: Frank Rohrer

Leveraging High-resolution Data to Restore Impaired Streams

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Efficient implementation “smarter, not harder”

Advancing momentum: local knowledge



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- 0.6 mi. of stream impaired

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- 232 total acres; 3 acres buffer gap (2013)

Efficient implementation “smarter, not harder”

- 5 priority farms; target 148 ag acres with BMPs

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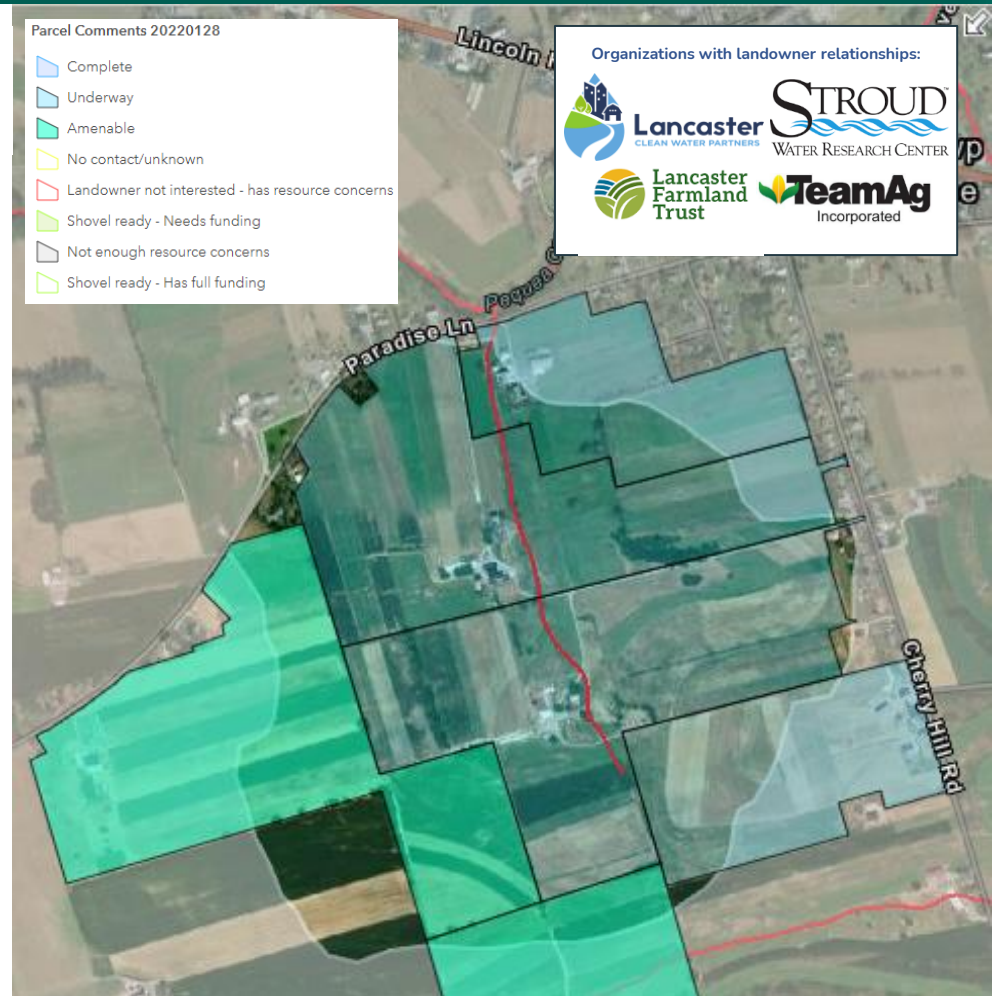
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Advancing momentum: local knowledge

- Existing relationships with farmers on 4 out of 5 priority farms



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Pennsylvania's 30 by 30 rapid stream delisting strategy

The strategy is underway for 39 streams in 7 Pennsylvania counties.

Building a project portfolio toward implementing BMPs on 500 priority farms.

Bundle projects to streamline fundraising and leverage partner strengths.

- 200 farms restored
- Approximately \$12M raised
- New funding through PA DEP Growing Greener: Watershed Renaissance program

Gov. Wolf, Chesapeake Conservancy & Partners
Announce Initiative to Restore 30 Agriculturally
Impaired Streams by 2030

April 22, 2021



ENVIRONMENT, PRESS RELEASE

Two administration employees honored for being 'Champions of the Chesapeake'

Governor Tom Wolf marked Earth Day today by joining the Chesapeake Conservancy to announce a collaborative environmental initiative for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to restore the 30 agriculturally-impaired streams by 2030.

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-chesapeake-conservancy-partners-announce-initiative-to-restore-30-agriculturally-impaired-streams-by-2030/>

Next Steps for High-resolution Data Development and Applications

CBP Interaction:

- GITs: stakeholder interaction
- BM and PSCO: Members who are involved in funding policies

Short-term actions

- Promote use of existing tools
- Ecosystem services for selected BMPs

Longer-term action

- Enhance tools with new land use data
- Connections between tools
- Provide stakeholder support
- Would require more resources





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