

The New Chesapeake Watershed Agreement:

Affirming Our Commitment &
Charting the Next Course



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How did we get here?

- 2009 – Federal Executive Order was issued
- 2010 – CBP Agreement - *Chesapeake 2000* (C2K) – Commitments largely met, expired or outdated.
- 2010 – FLC and CBP's Top Leadership called for coordinating/integrating goals, outcomes, actions of the CBP with those in the EO Strategy
- 2011 - CBP EC and FLC-D agreed to a 3-year, 4 stage discussion and process**

Stage 1: Use Goal Implementation Teams to Set Direction (2011)

Stage 2: Develop Negotiation Protocols (2012)

Stage 3: Negotiate New Agreement (2013)

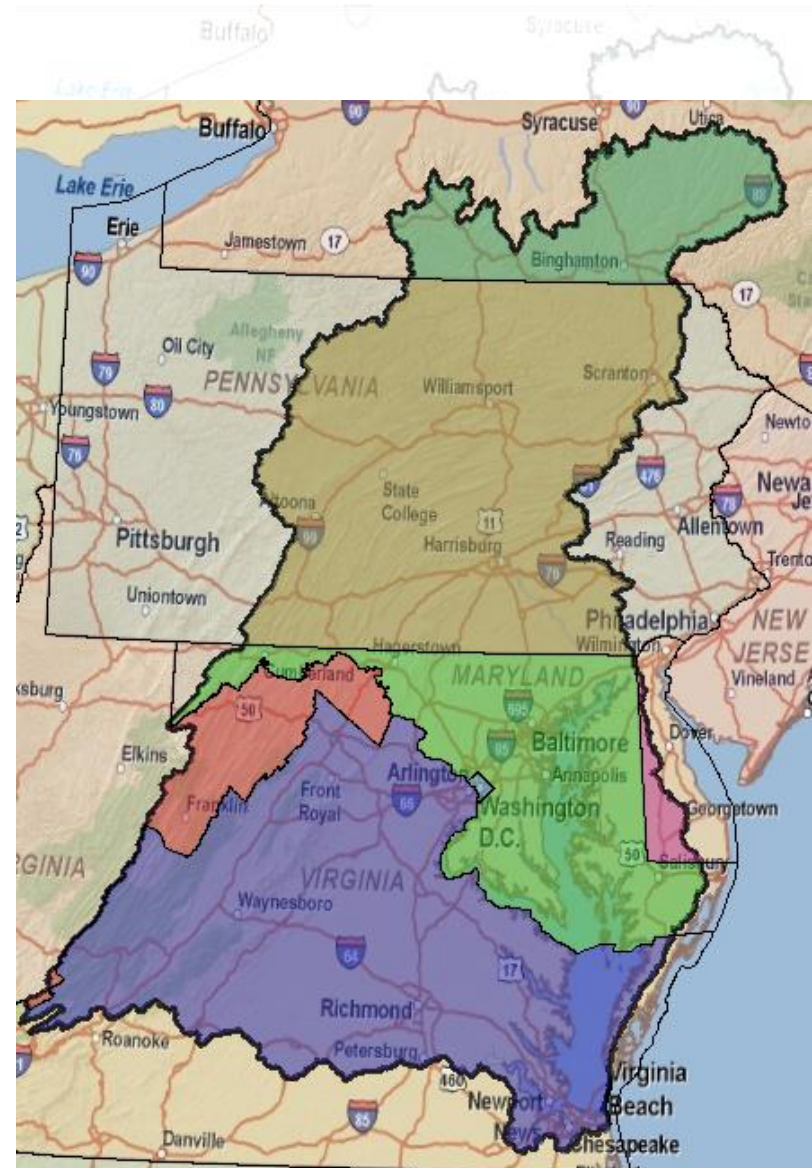
Stage 4: Implement New Agreement (2013-2025)



Why A New Partnership Agreement ?

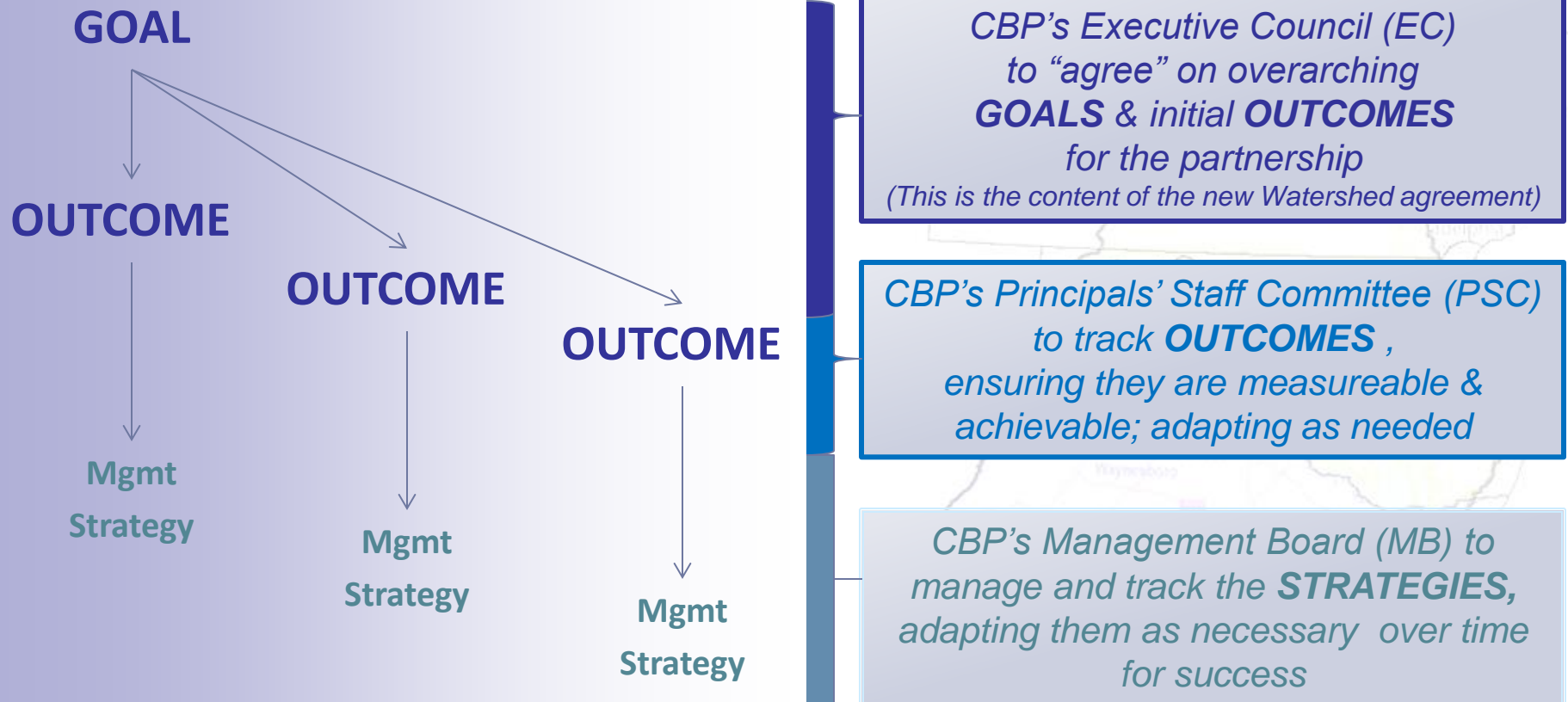
The Next Generation Agreement:

- Renews commitments & sets new goals
- Provides opportunity for full participation by the headwater states
- Updates science, governance and management techniques – ie: climate change, adaptive management
- Improves coordination, integration & collaboration among the partners
- Harmonizes the EO and TMDL with the Partnership agreement and governance structures



Development Framework

ALL goals, outcomes and strategies derived from the CBP Goal Teams –
issue experts & stakeholders from across the jurisdictions / watershed.



Resource managers and decision makers will be guided by the strategies while retaining some flexibility to implement the practices that make the most sense for their region.

Management Strategy Elements

Elements

- Outcome
- Partners involved
- Factors influencing ability to meet goal
- Current efforts and gaps
- Management Approach
- Monitoring Progress
- Assessing Progress
- Adaptively Manage



- Developed by GITs; built with stakeholder input
- Approved by MB
- Evaluated biennially
- Progress tracked thru ChesapeakeStat

What will it do?



Clarity

- Clearer goals and more well defined outcomes than previous agreements



Flexibility

- Use of adaptive management to adjust to changing conditions and circumstances



Transparency & Accountability

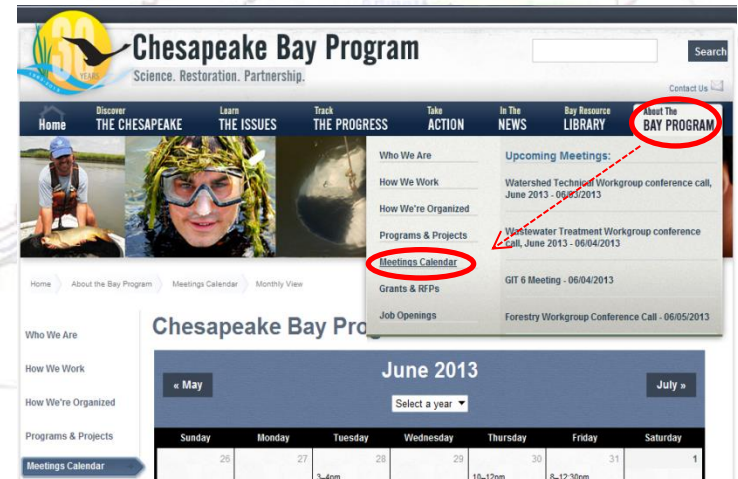
- Partners set priorities & commit resources through management strategies



Development Timeline

- Management Board – 7/11; *Stakeholder Input* (2 hours)
- Management Board – 8/8
- Management Board – 9/20
- PSC – 9/24
- *Draft issued for public comment period – 10/1 thru 11/1*
- PSC/FLCD Com – 10/10 (*public comments – 2 hours*)
- *Revised Draft to PSC for approval – 10/30*
- MB/PSC/FLCD joint meeting – 11/6
- Final Agreement to EC – 11/15
- Executive Council Meeting and Agreement Signature (12/12)

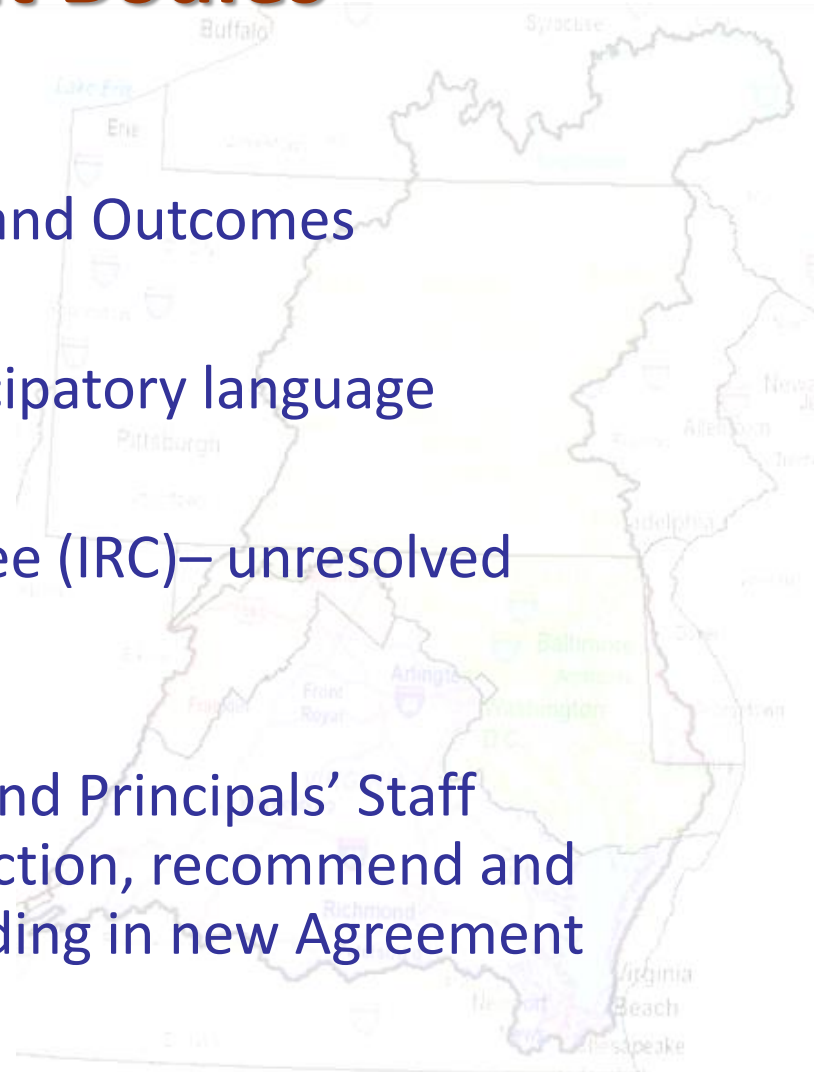
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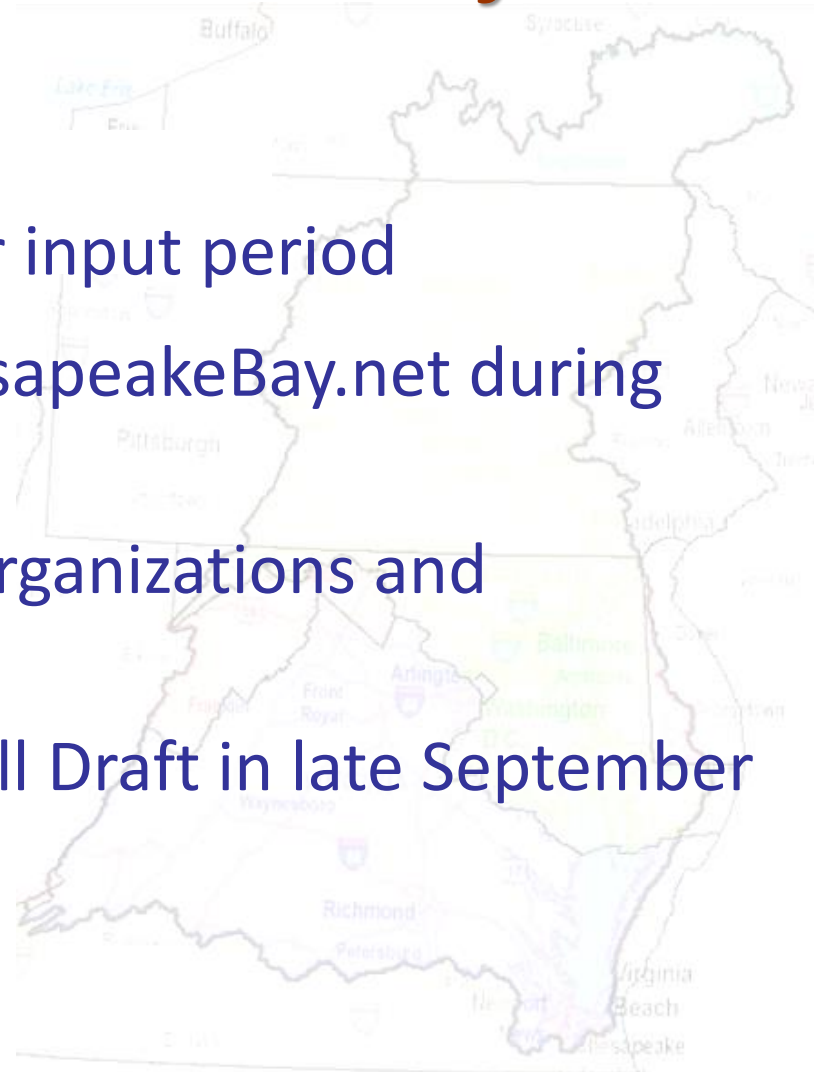
Development Bodies

- Goal Teams (GITS) – Goals and Outcomes
- Editorial Board (EB) – Participatory language
- Issues Resolution Committee (IRC) – unresolved issues
- Management Board (MB) and Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) – Set direction, recommend and approve language for including in new Agreement
- Executive Council (EC) - Sign Final Agreement



Public Comments on Initial Draft

- July 11 - August 15 stakeholder input period
- 25 comments received on ChesapeakeBay.net during the public comment period
- Also received 23 letters from organizations and individuals (posted online)
- Second comment period on Full Draft in late September



Stakeholder Letters Received

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Albert H. Todd

West Virginia Rivers Coalition Angela Rosser

City of Lancaster J. Richard Gray

Choose Clean Water Coalition

Private Citizen Alyce Ortuzar

Trout Unlimited Kevin Anderson

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Penelope A. Gross

State Water Quality Advisory Committee Terry R. Matthews

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Kim Coble



Stakeholder Letters Received Con't

Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District Scott Fickbohm

Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies Robert C. Steidel

Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association Randy Bartlett

Maryland Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies Julie Pippel

Storm Water Association of Maryland Tim Whittie

Chesapeake Bay Trust Jana Davis

Mattawoman Watershed Society Jim Long

Virginia Institute of Marine Science Mark Luckenbach

American Rivers Liz Deardorff



Issues Resolution Committee

Resolved Issues

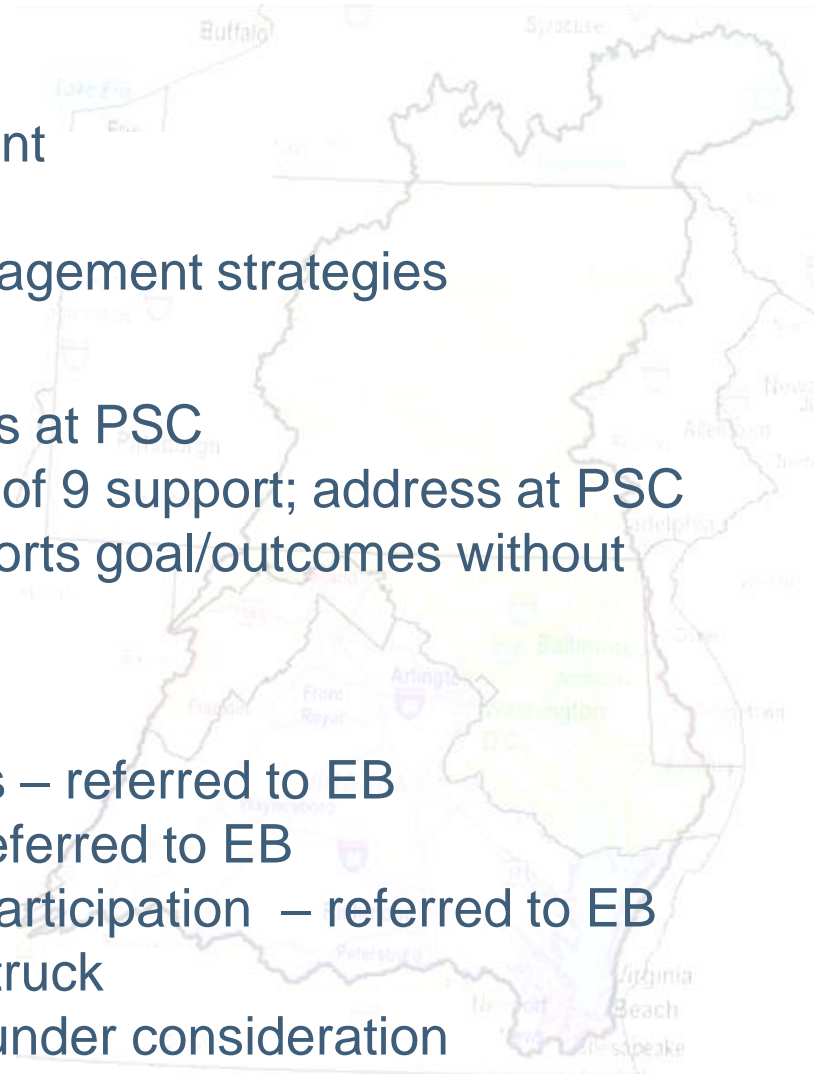
- Conowingo Dam – not in Agreement
- Fracking – not in Agreement
- Climate Change – address in management strategies

Potential Goals or Outcomes

- Land Use – 8 of 9 support; address at PSC
- Toxic Contaminants Outcomes - 8 of 9 support; address at PSC
- Local Leadership Goal – MB supports goal/outcomes without references to funding

Structural / Operational Issues

- Outcomes vs. Measuring Progress – referred to EB
- Data Management/Verification – referred to EB
- Management Strategies/Partner Participation – referred to EB
- Operational Commitments – MB struck
- Social/Economic Indicators – still under consideration
- Independent Evaluation – still under consideration



New Watershed Agreement in Summary

- Forward looking agreement to address emerging challenges
- Clearer goals and outcomes
- Incorporates latest science and ecosystem management techniques
- Better integration and coordination between CBP and EO goals for the Bay
- Greater flexibility and improved accountability

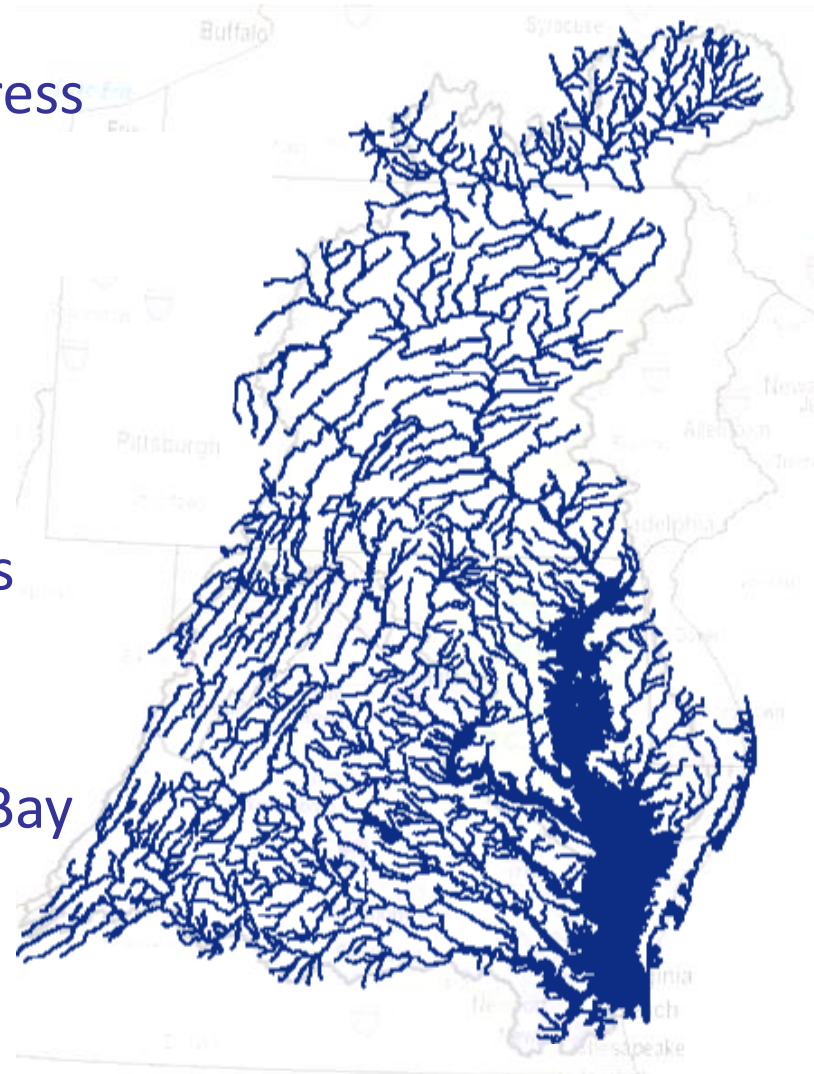


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