CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION URBAN STORMWATER: REDUCING LOADS FROM A GROWING SOURCE

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- CHEMISTRY MATTERS
- IS IT REALLY A DEVELOPED LOAD
- CAPACITY





CHESAPEAKE BAY <u>DEVELOPED</u> NITROGEN LOADING TRENDS



--- Non-Regulated Developed (LA) Acres --- Regulated Developed (WLA) Acres

CHESAPEAKE BAY <u>DEVELOPED</u> PHOSPHORUS LOADING TRENDS



TN Non-Regulated Developed (LA) TN Regulated Developed (WLA) --- Non-Regulated Developed (LA) Acres --- Regulated Developed (WLA) Acres

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CHEMISTRY MATTERS

- STORMWATER TREATMENT STILL LOOKING FOR ITS MAGIC BULLET
 - LIMITATIONS ON VOLUME RETAINED
 - LIMITATIONS ON RETENTENTION TIME
 - NOT ALL NITROGEN CHEMISTRY AVAILABLE





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TN: Diffuse wastewater inputs can be important sources of nitrogen delivered to streams from urban watersheds

Fairfax county monitoring locations had a similar septic-nitrate relation and suggest that diffuse wastewater from septic systems may be a regionally important source of nitrogen to streams¹.



There are approximately 131,000 septic tanks within the COG region².





¹Hyer and ²Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model others, 2016 version 6 calibration inputs

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY

Even if you gave me a billion dollars tomorrow.....

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