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# District of Columbia TMDL Implementation Planning

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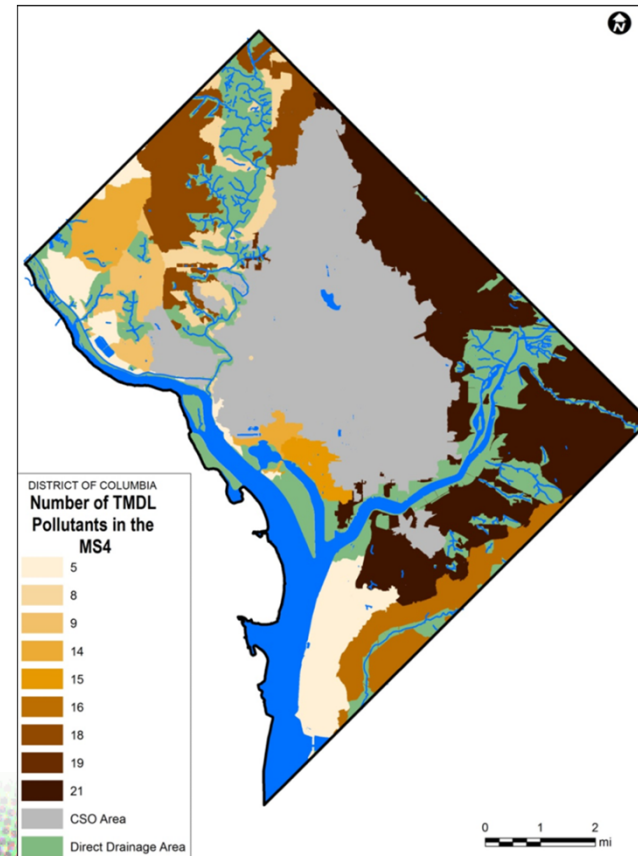
# MS4 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS- TMDLs

- Consolidated TMDL IP for all MS4 WLAs
  - Schedule for attainment and, where applicable, interim milestones and numeric benchmarks
  - Demonstration of how WLAs will be attained
  - Narrative for the schedules and controls
- Public for review and comment and submitted to EPA by **May 2015**



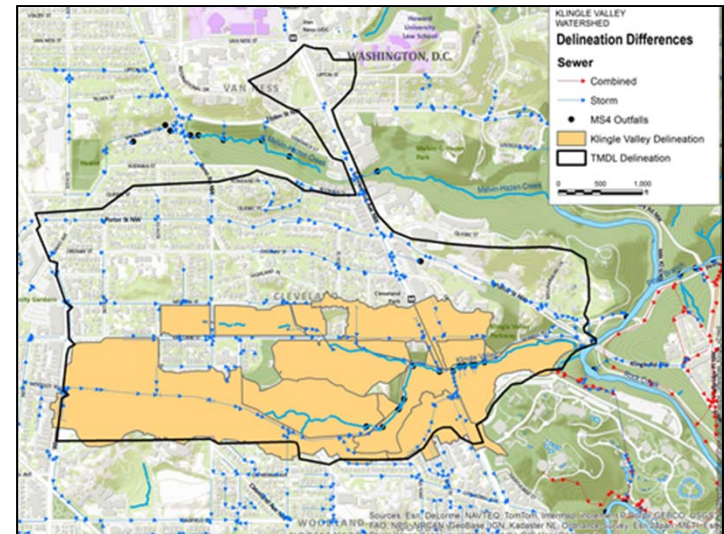
# DISTRICT TMDLS

- 26 TMDL studies
- 3 major waterbodies
  - Anacostia, Potomac, Rock Creek
- 45 water segments
- 24 different pollutants
- >380 total WLAs
- Multiple possible WLA expressions
  - Annual, seasonal, monthly, daily

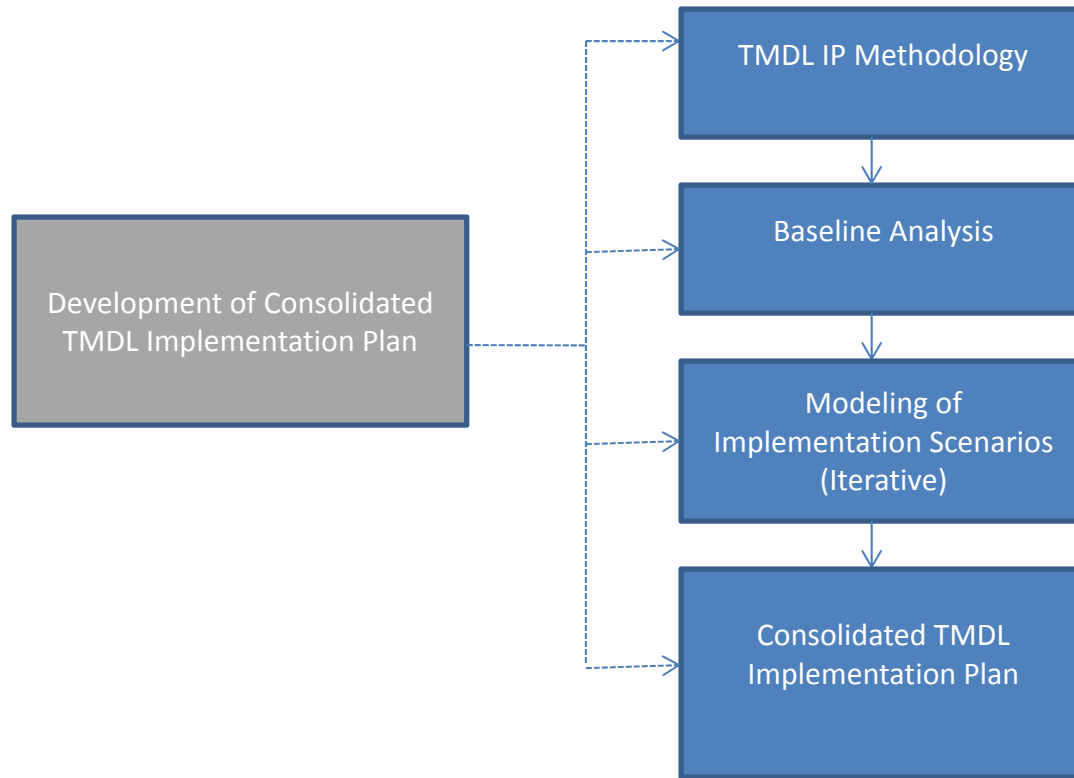


# REVIEW OF TMDLS

- TMDLs supported by varying levels of data
  - Questionable impairment data
    - TMDLs/MS4 WLAs for toxics being re-evaluated
  - Inconsistent data and modeling approaches
- Other issues
  - TMDLs superseded/replaced
  - Overlapping TMDLs



# PROJECT CONCEPT AND APPROACH



# CONSOLIDATED TMDL IP

- Summary and history of TMDLs in DC
- Evaluation of applicable TMDLs/MS4 WLAs
- Summary of implementation to date
  - Structural and non-structural BMPs
- Modeling of current and future (growth/development) scenarios
- Plan to close gaps in implementation
- Schedule for compliance with each TMDL with benchmarks
- Discussion of stakeholder and public involvement
- Integration with other plans/programs
- Potential sources for funding





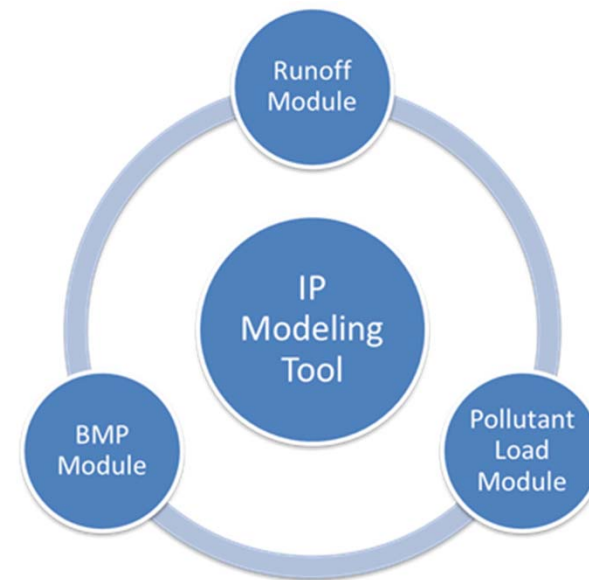
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# CHALLENGES

- History of TMDL development in DC
- “Consolidated” TMDL implementation planning
- Monitoring and compliance tracking
- Need for practical decision-making and adaptive management
- Long term projections
- Enforceable requirements

# IMPLEMENTATION PLAN MODELING

- Modules to model runoff, pollutant loads, and load reductions via BMPs
- Runoff and pollutant loads calculated via Simple Method
- Updated model inputs for watershed delineations, event mean concentrations (EMCs), etc.



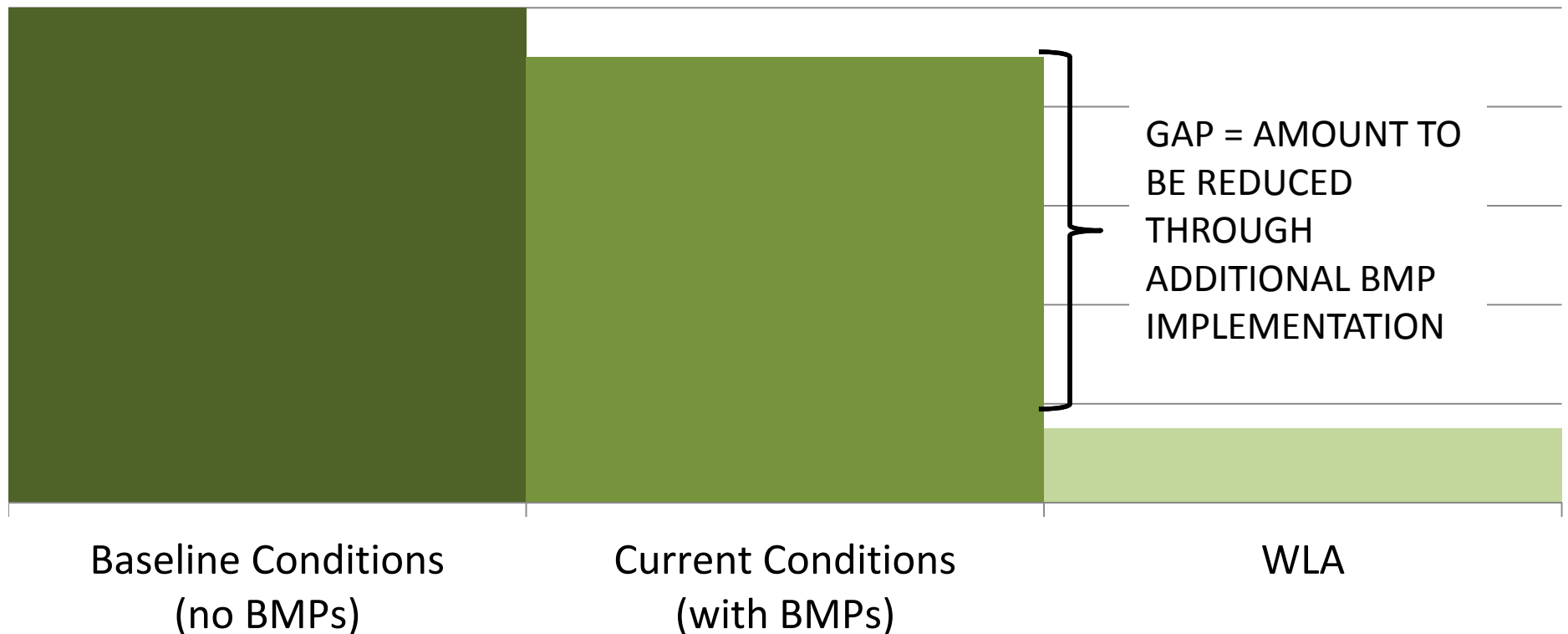


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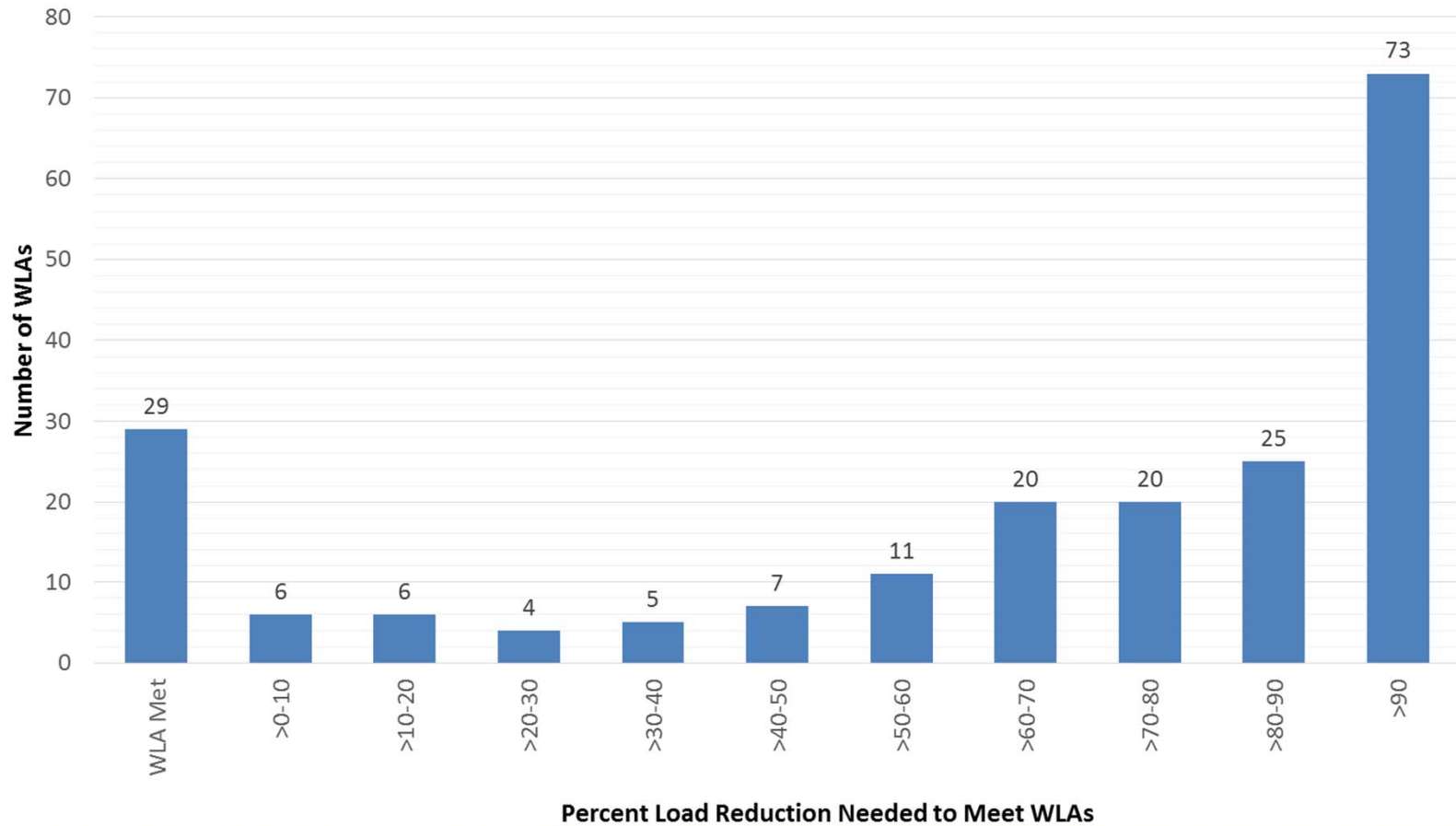
Gap = Modeled Current Load – Original TMDL WLA

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# GAP ANALYSIS RESULTS

Summary of Percent Load Reduction Needed to Meet Annual WLAs



# SCENARIO MODELING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

- Implementation projections
  - Ongoing BMP implementation
  - Development/re-development build-out
  - Existing watershed planning
- Schedule development

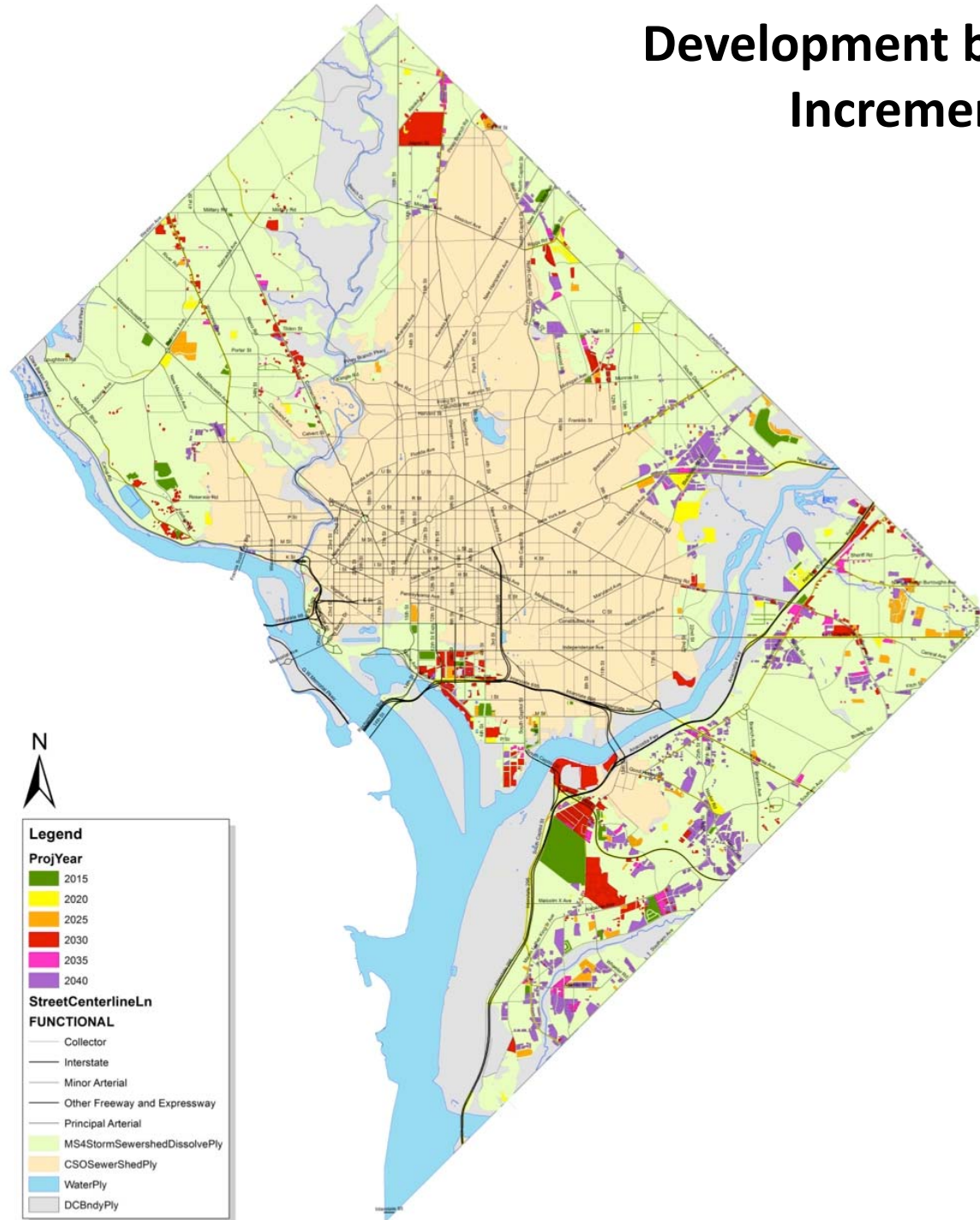
Washington, DC, Streetscape – 2008



Washington, DC, Streetscape – 2028



# Development by 5 year Increment



# Programmatic and source control efforts

| Quantifiable (modeled)       | Non-Quantifiable (not modeled) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Street sweeping              | Catch basin cleaning           |
| Coal tar ban/sealant removal | Pet waste removal              |
| Phosphorus fertilizer ban    | Public outreach                |
| Trash removal                | IDDE                           |
|                              | Others                         |



# SCENARIO MODELING RESULTS

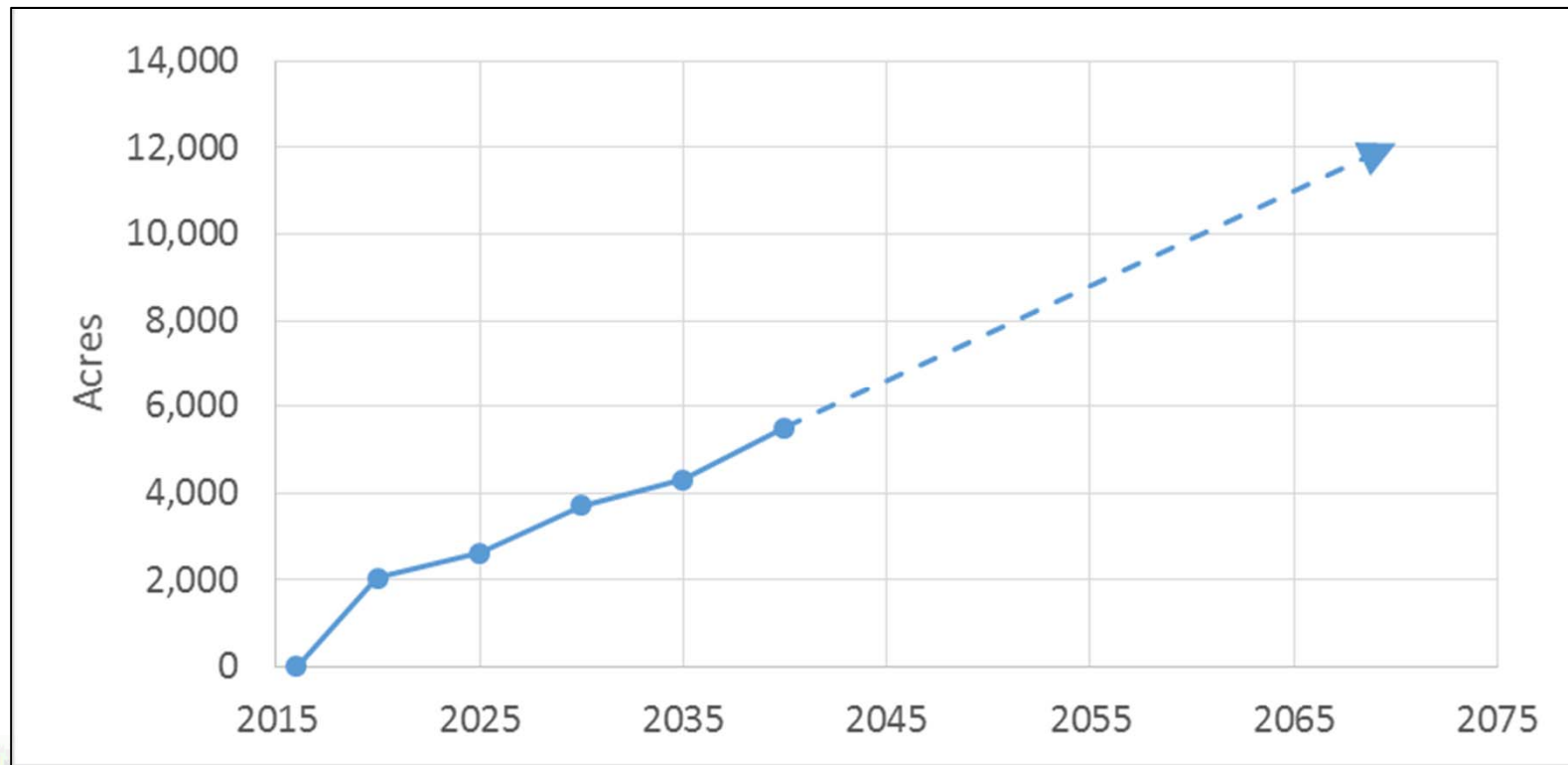
- All loads are reduced but only 11 WLAs additional to be attained by 2040 (54 total)

| Segment                 | Pollutant          | Year |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Washington Ship Channel | Heptachlor Epoxide | 2015 |
| Lower Beaverdam Creek   | BOD                | 2020 |
| Watts Branch - Upper    | Dieldrin           | 2020 |
| Texas Avenue Tributary  | Arsenic            | 2025 |
| Anacostia Lower         | Copper             | 2030 |
| Anacostia Upper         | Dieldrin           | 2030 |
| Nash Run                | Lead               | 2030 |
| POTTF_MD                | TN                 | 2030 |
| ANATF_DC                | TSS                | 2040 |
| Hickey Run              | Dieldrin           | 2040 |
| Oxon Run                | Zinc               | 2040 |





# TOTAL PROJECTED AREA OF DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN MS4 OVER TIME



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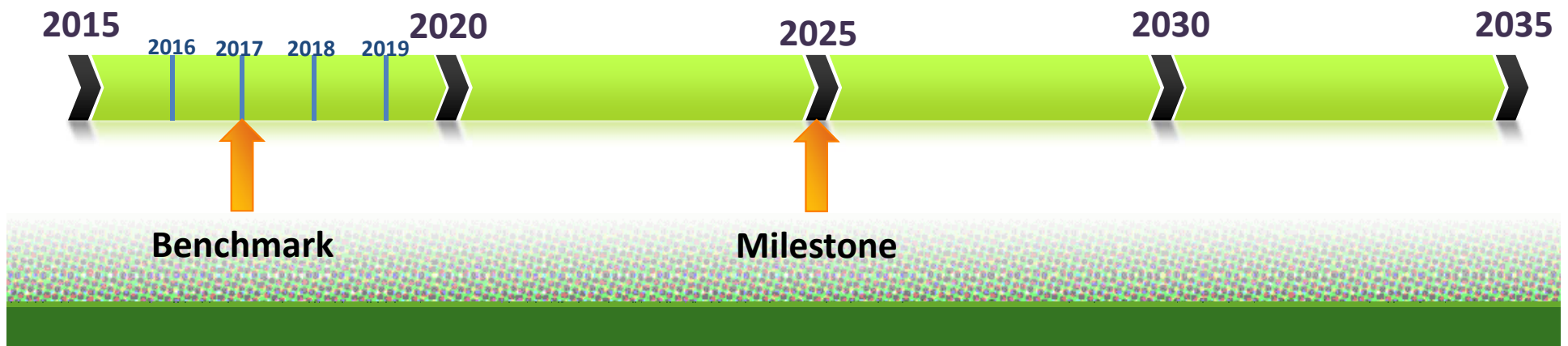
# Milestone and Benchmark Definitions

- Milestone - interim step toward attainment of a WLA
  - Included when final attainment of applicable WLAs requires more than five years
  - Enforceable
- Benchmark - quantifiable goal or target used to assess progress towards milestones
  - Numeric annual pollutant load reductions
  - Aid in adaptive management
  - Not enforceable

# Purpose of Milestones and Benchmarks

Track progress towards meeting WLAs

- Milestones are set at 5 year increments until ultimate attainment of WLAs
- Benchmarks are set annually



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# Milestones

- Measures physical progress in controlling pollutants
- Targets to be assessed over multi-year span
- Set at major basin level
- Based on model projections

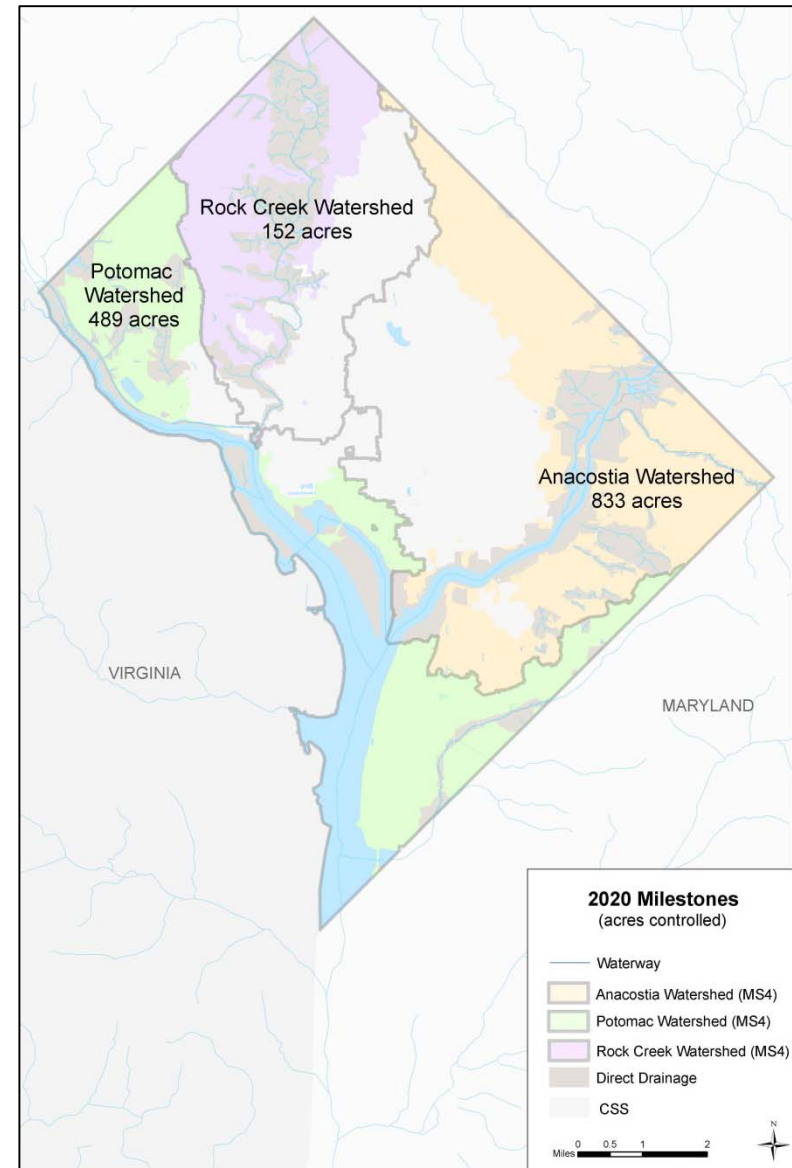
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# Developing Milestones

- 2016 to 2040
  - Use projections of area controlled by BMPs
- After 2040
  - Use projections of predicted load reductions

# Example Milestones

| 2020 Milestones |                                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Major Basin     | Milestone<br>(acres of area controlled) |
| Anacostia       | 833                                     |
| Potomac         | 489                                     |
| Rock Creek      | 152                                     |





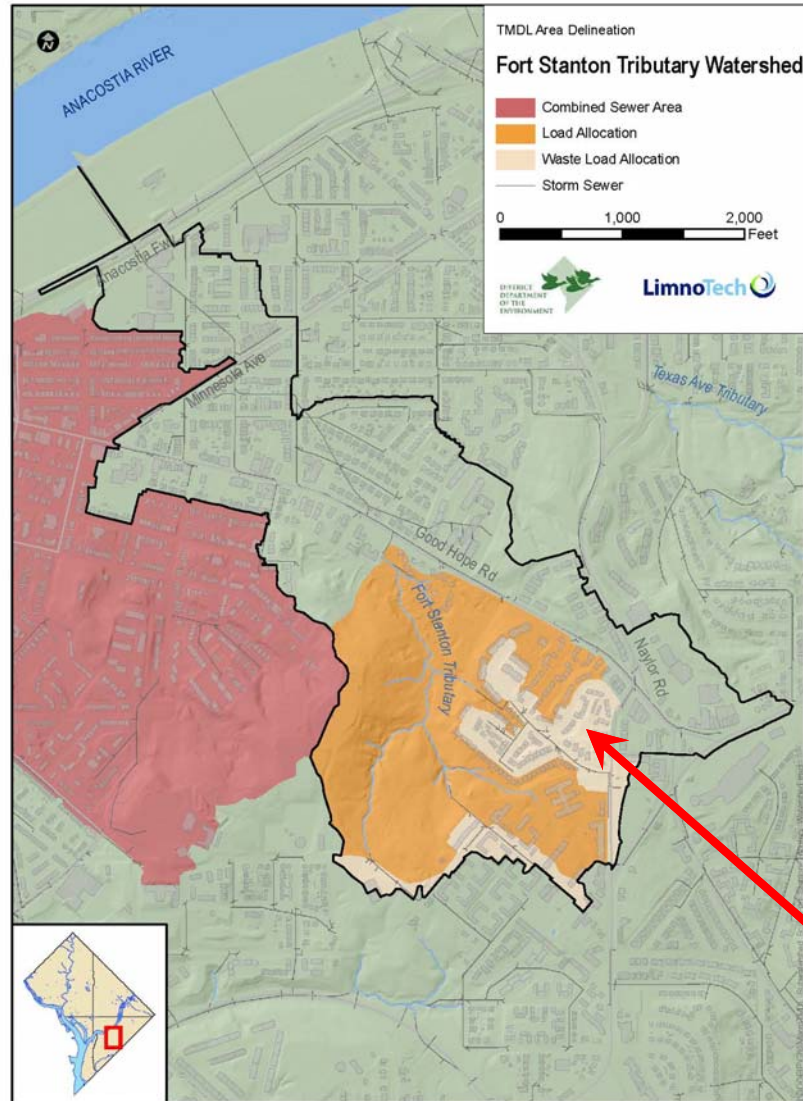
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# Benchmarks

- Developed for every individual MS4 WLA
  - Based on average annual amount of pollutant reduction needed
  - Allows evaluation of progress for individual MS4 WLA

# Example Benchmarks

| Fort Stanton Tributary |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Pollutant              | Benchmark (lbs/yr)  |
| TN                     | N/A*                |
| TP                     | N/A*                |
| TSS                    | N/A*                |
| E. coli                | 27.5 Billion MPN/yr |
| BOD                    | N/A*                |
| Trash                  | N/A*                |
| Arsenic                | 1.80E-03            |
| Copper                 | 7.10E-02            |
| Lead                   | 2.20E-02            |
| Mercury                | N/A*                |
| Zinc                   | N/A**               |
| Chlordane              | 1.10E-05            |
| DDD                    | 3.50E-06            |
| DDE                    | 1.50E-05            |
| DDT                    | 3.80E-05            |
| Dieldrin               | 4.10E-07            |
| Heptachlor Epoxide     | 1.10E-06            |
| PAH1                   | 9.00E-04            |
| PAH2                   | 4.60E-03            |
| PAH3                   | 3.00E-03            |
| * No WLA               |                     |
| **WLA met in 2014      |                     |



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# PROJECTED RESULTS

- Currently 29 WLAs achieved
- By 2040 – 30% of MS4 retrofit to 1.2” retention standard
  - Significant load reductions achieved for all WLAs
  - Only 44 WLA achieved

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# IMPLICATIONS

- Implementation timelines for some WLAs will be extremely long
- Level of control for some WLAs exceeds what is achievable by current treatment BMPs, or practical by runoff retention
- Plan will focus on making year-over-year progress in a consistent fashion, tracking improvements, and adaptively managing
- Underscores the importance of revisiting and refining the District's TMDLs

# PUBLIC OUTREACH / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Stakeholder engagement critical to success of project
- Involving stakeholders early and often
  - Regular meetings of a group of District and Federal agency, industry, and environmental stakeholders
- Intent is to provide understanding of project decisions and improve buy-in/acceptance of final Plan





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# QUESTIONS?

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