





# CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM BAY TMDL MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT

## **Key Decision Points & Opportunities for COG Input - UPDATES**

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### 2017 Midpoint Assessment - Recap

- Critical Bay Partnership decisions re: meeting Bay TMDL
  - i.e., Given new info. & progress to-date What still needs to be done in order to meet 100% <u>implementation</u> goal by 2025?
- 'To-Date' most CBP decisions reasonably consistent w/ COG Principles (March 2<sup>nd</sup> PSC meeting)
  - Use of updated modeling tools
  - General order-of-magnitude for the Phase 3 WIP Planning Targets
- However, several interim/ongoing decisions & actions still need continued scrutiny and analysis
  - Conowingo Dam/Susquehanna Watershed WIP (e.g., identifying solutions/assigning loads - 6-7 million pounds)
    - Implications for <u>Potomac and Patuxent?</u>
  - Climate Change Impacts (9 million pounds)
    - Science to better model/quantify impacts
    - Science to guide implementation of BMPs (e.g., Sept. STAC workshop)
  - Development of the Phase 3 WIPs



### Schedule & Budget

- MPA Schedule
  - <u>Final</u> Phase III WIP Planning Targets (with special cases) issued late May 2018
  - Draft Phase III WIPs issued March 2019
  - Final Phase III WIPs issued late June 2019
- CBP Funding
  - Continuing Resolution ends March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - President's budget still proposes a 90% cut
  - COG Board/resolution (June 2017)
    - CBPC Executive Committee to advise re: potential action/COG response



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