

11TH ANNUAL BAY & WATER QUALITY FORUM

A History of Shared Progress

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“Potomac Can't Escape Sewer Waste”, Auld Says

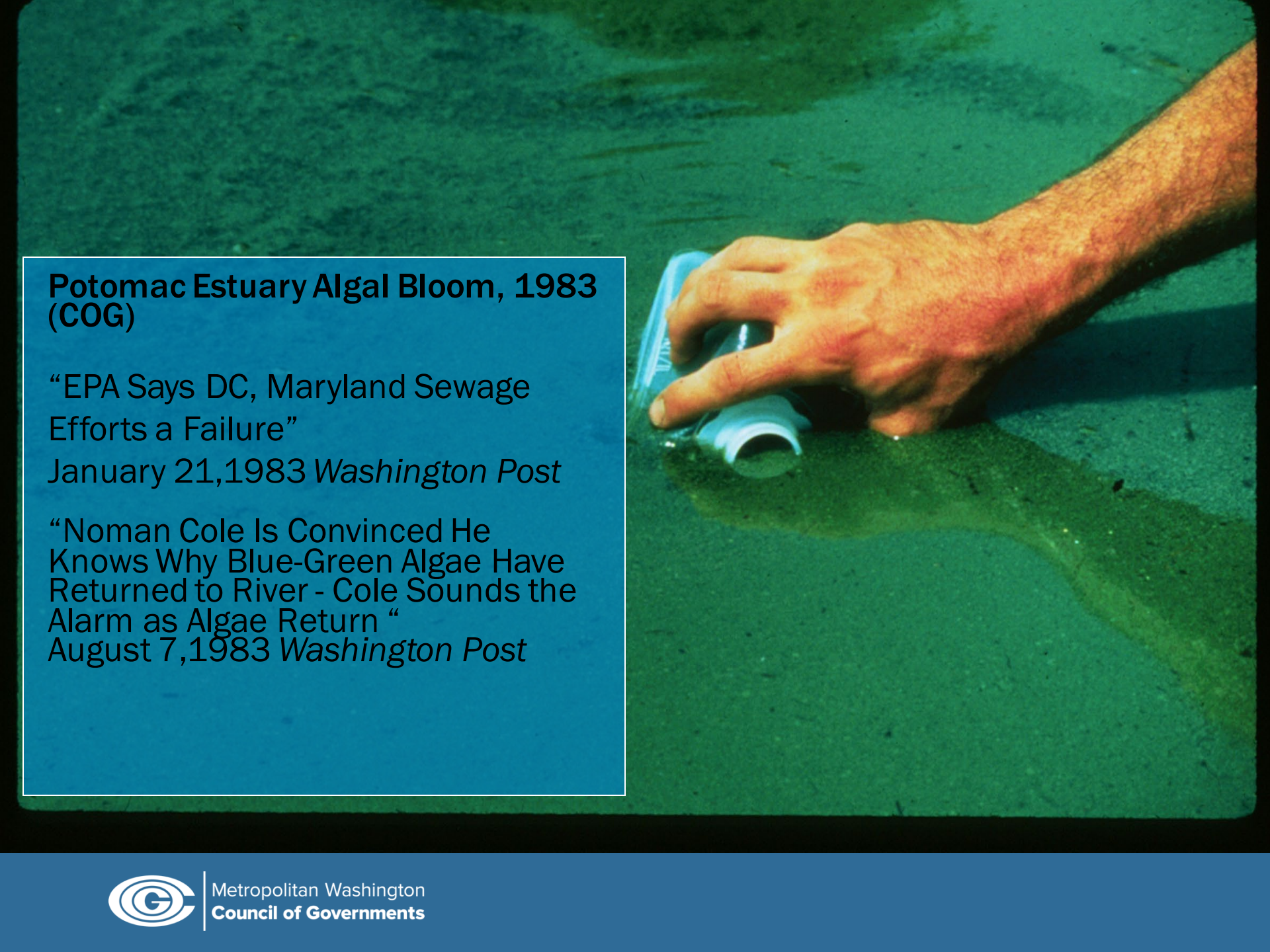
January 24, 1964 *Washington Post*

“Potomac Cleanup 'Possible' At High Cost to Taxpayers”

April 3, 1969 *Washington Post*

Dock at Mount Vernon 1972 (Jim Cummins)



A photograph showing a person's hand holding a blue plastic bottle, likely a water sample container, over a dense, green algal bloom in a body of water. The water is a deep green color, and the algal bloom is a lighter, more vibrant green. The hand is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame, and the bottle is tilted towards the center. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly the water's surface or a nearby structure.

Potomac Estuary Algal Bloom, 1983 (COG)

“EPA Says DC, Maryland Sewage
Efforts a Failure”

January 21, 1983 *Washington Post*

“Noman Cole Is Convinced He
Knows Why Blue-Green Algae Have
Returned to River - Cole Sounds the
Alarm as Algae Return “

August 7, 1983 *Washington Post*



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Lorde told a D.C. audience she went swimming in the Potomac River.

(Joel C. Ryan/Invision/AP Photo)



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Topics for Forum Discussion

- Local governments and water utilities benefit from *long planning horizons* for regulations and management plans.
- Local authority and flexibility are key for local governments that are addressing stormwater nutrient reductions within the context of other issues including climate resiliency, flooding, and local source water protection.
- Management approaches and regulatory frameworks are most beneficial when *holistic* (e.g., PFAS).
- Maximizing access to infrastructure funding through the SRFs—how can our local governments best access funding, especially for pockets of disadvantaged communities within relatively wealthy jurisdictions?
- Apply sound science and adaptive management for Bay Program data and modeling.

Gunston Cove, Fairfax County

