

MAKING CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY

The 2016 General Assembly Sessions

Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee
COG
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Chesapeake Bay Commission

- Tri-State Legislative Commission
 - Pennsylvania, Maryland, & Virginia
- Established by state law
- 7 Members Each (21 total)
 - 2 Senate
 - 3 House
 - 1 Administration (Cabinet-level)
 - 1 Citizen



OUR RELATIONSHIP

A two-way introduction



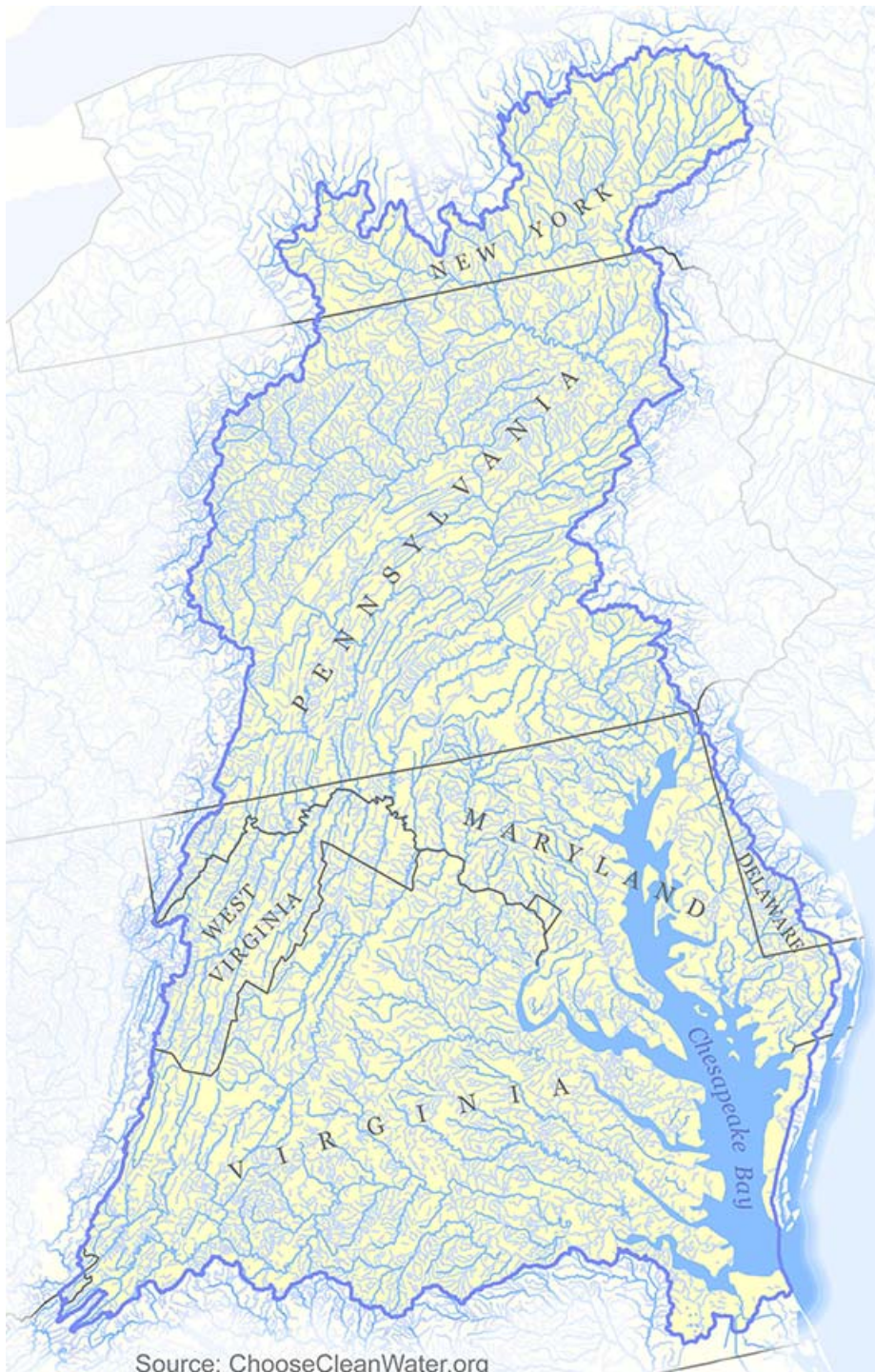
Chesapeake Bay Commission Mission

“Identify critical environmental needs, evaluate public concerns and ensure state and federal actions to sustain the living resources of the Bay.”



**Metropolitan
Washington
Council of
Governments**

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
“COG convenes leaders from the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia to create a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable National Capital Region.”**

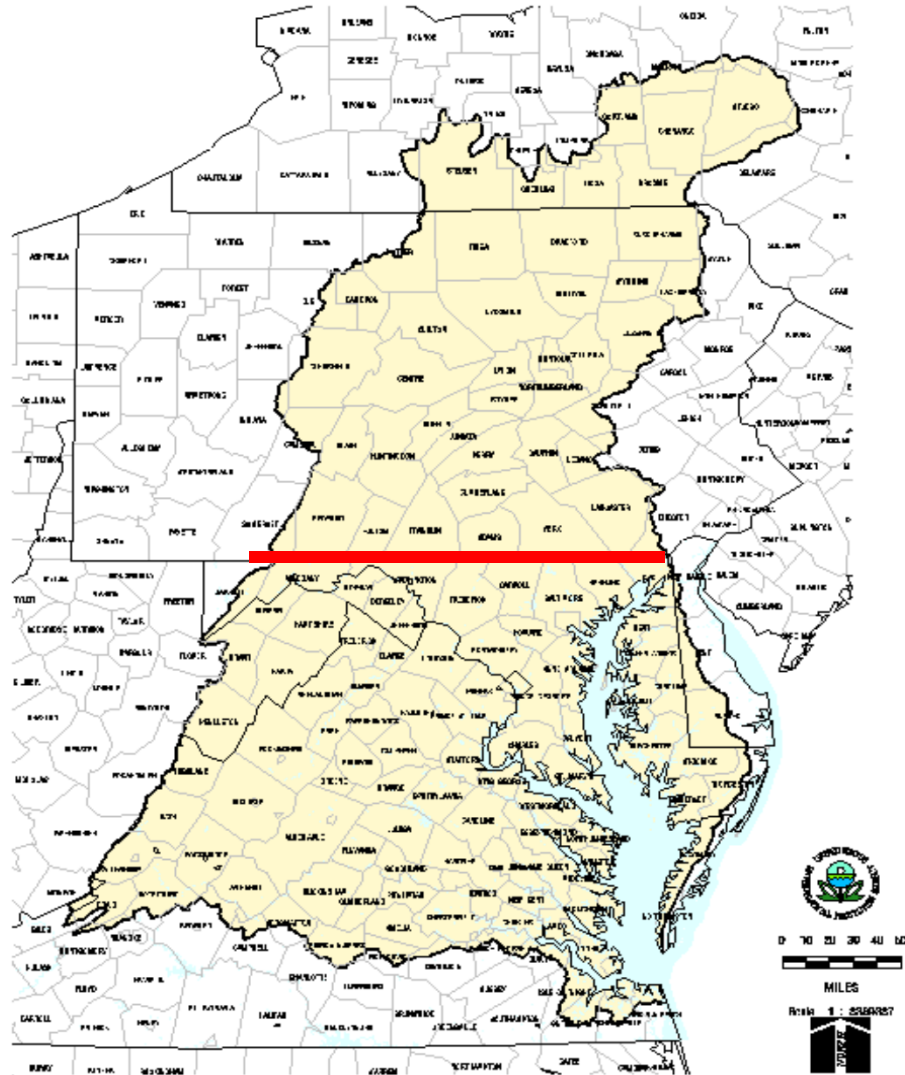


Source: ChooseCleanWater.org

STATS

- 6 States & DC
(MD, VA, PA, NY, DE, WV)
- 64,000 square miles
- Mean depth = 21 ft.
(excluding channel = 6 ft.)
- 180,000 miles of rivers,
creeks and streams
- 17.8 million people
- 3,600 Plants and Animals

Counties Within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



CHALLENGE

The Bay watershed government structure is complex!

So we are half way there...now what?



*2016 General Assembly
Actions*

:MARYLAND

Climate Change

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act

- 40% by 2030

Renewable Portfolio Standard

- 25% by 2020
- \$40 mill for jobs



Maryland Agriculture Bills

POULTRY LITTER ACT



ANTIBIOTICS



POLLINATOR PROTECTION

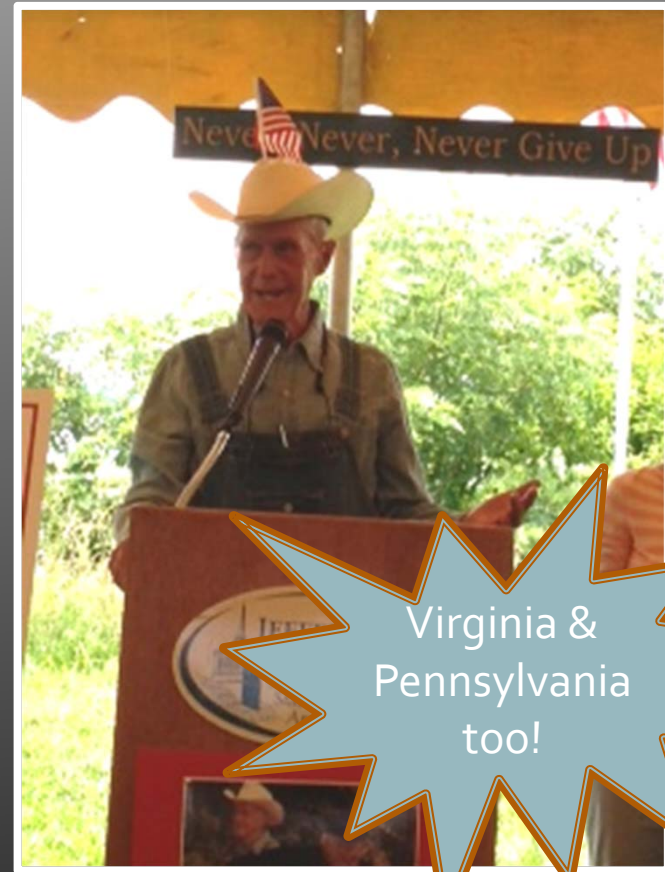


Maryland – CBC Legislation

Program Open Space Trust Fund



Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week



Tax Subtraction Modification



Virginia &
Pennsylvania
too!

Maryland Regulation

- Nutrient Trading
 - Cross Sector
 - Interstate
 - Meet TMDL Baseline

URBAN

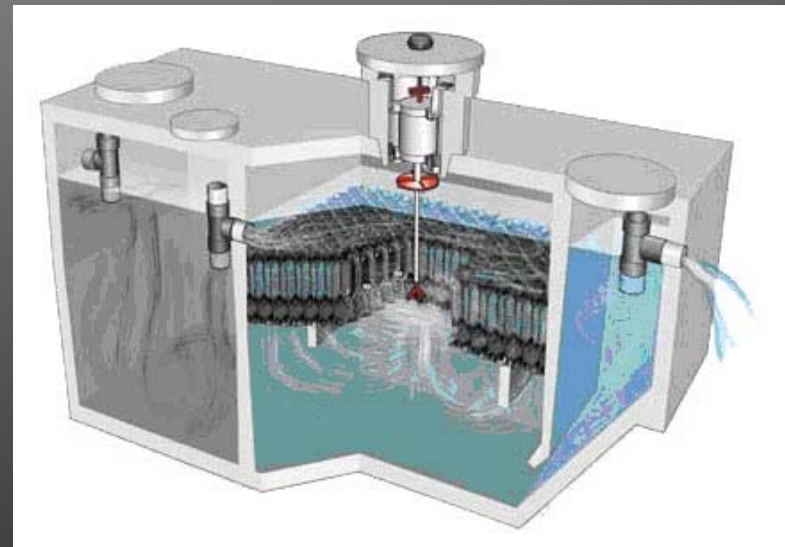
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- Septic Systems
 - Repeal BAT if Not Critical Area



Plastics: Maryland, Virginia and Federal

The very tiny troublemakers

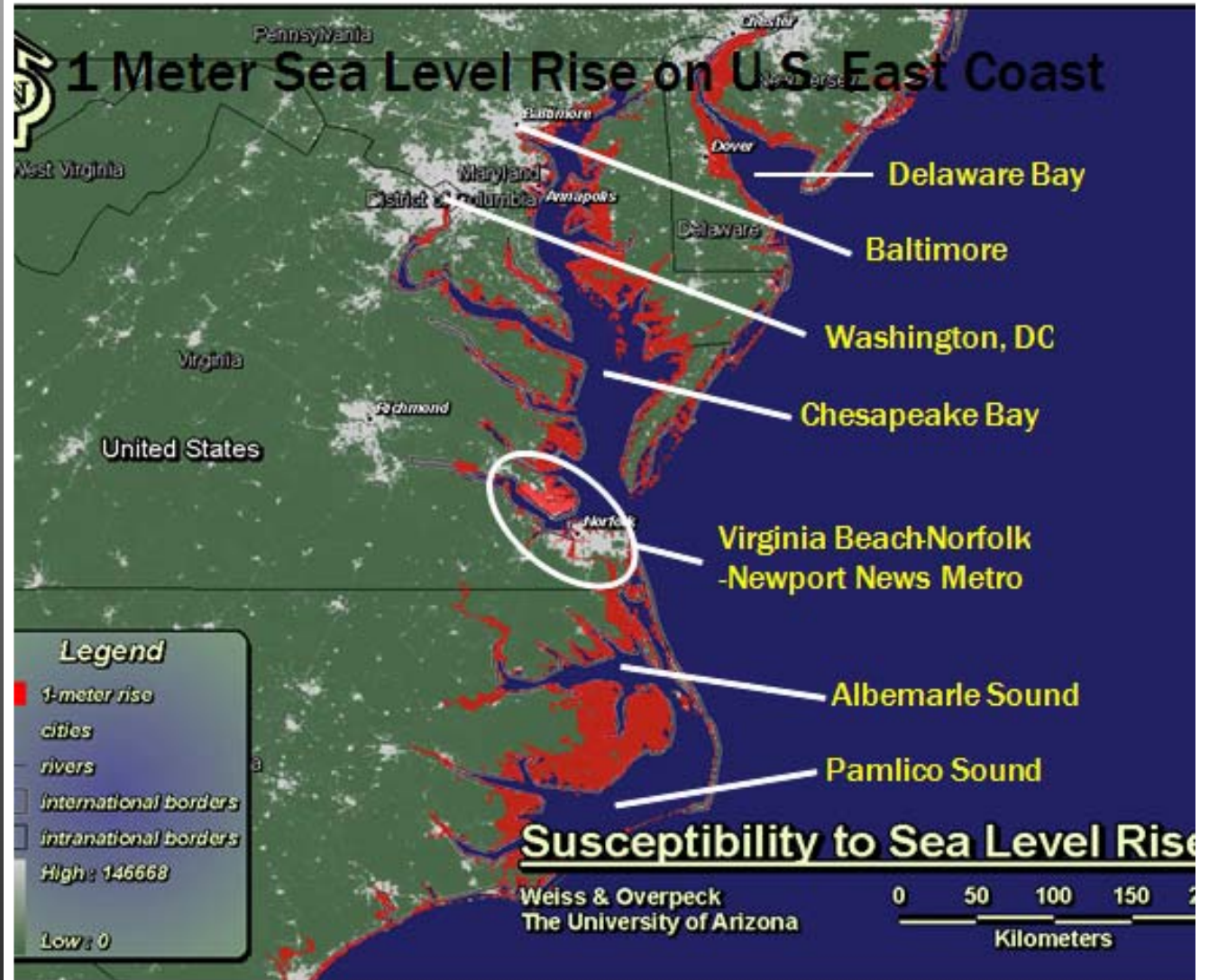


VIRGINIA

Climate Change

CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Governor calling for creation of the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency.



: VIRGINIA

Agriculture

**MANAGING
PHOSPHORUS –
Calls to update
Virginia's
approach to
phosphorus
management
based on new
science.**



VIRGINIA

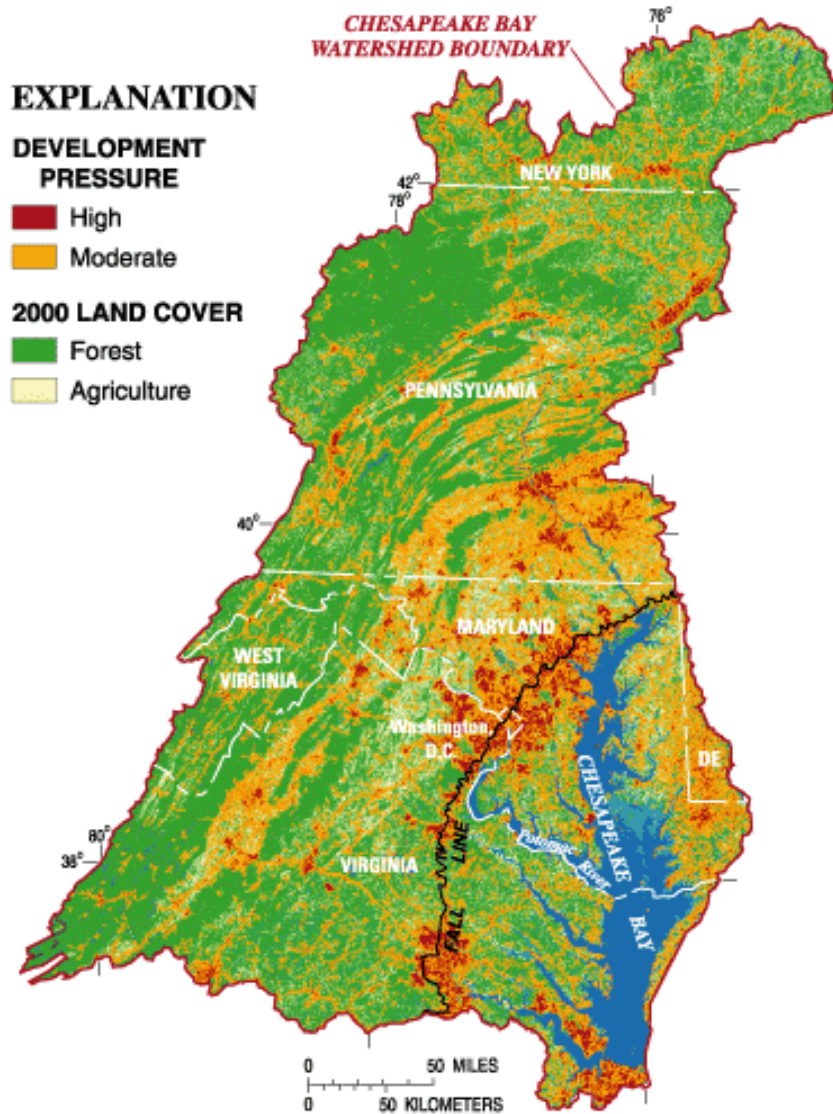
Water Quality Funding

Governor
McAuliffe
has proposed
\$59 M in bonds
for wastewater
treatment plants



VIRGINIA

Stormwater



REGULATORY REFORM –
Consolidating stormwater
programs; sediment trading;
allowing for growth.



Pennsylvania



STORMWATER

HB 1325 and 1394 Local ability to assess stormwater fee



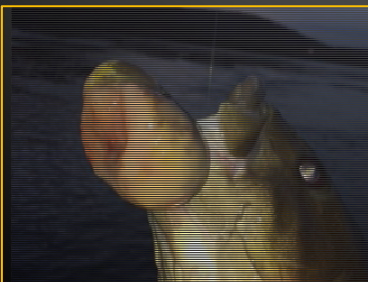
URBAN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Taking the Phosphorus out of maintenance fertilizers while reducing nitrogen amounts



FARM BILL RCPP

\$8M over 5 years (4 Federal, 4 state) targeting three watersheds in Lancaster and York Counties and involving four state agencies, two conservation districts, six non-profits, & 1 industry organization



ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS & HERBICIDES

HB 1737 would promote the collection and proper disposal of pharmaceuticals.

PA: Funding

- Estimated need in Bay Watershed (PA) \$378 M/y
- Current funding \$128 M/y statewide



QUESTIONS?



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