

Addendum to 2019 Potomac River Water Quality in Metropolitan Washington Report

Updated graphs and images using the latest data from COG, the Chesapeake Bay Program and USGS

The figure numbers correspond to the figure numbers and the subject matter in the original report, although in some cases the information presented is somewhat different than in the original graphs. In particular, most of the tidal trend graphs now show results for both flow adjusted, and non-flow adjusted (normal) trends.

A fuller set of tidal trend results for the Potomac can be found at: <u>Potomac Tidal Tributary Report</u> <u>Final 2020-12-18 (6).pdf</u>

A fuller set of non-tidal trend results for the Potomac can be found at: <u>NTN Load and Trend Summary</u> 2018.pdf (usgs.gov)



Figure 2: Annual Total Nitrogen Loads from Regional WWTPs

Source: COG Note that original graph compared load to population rather than wastewater flow



Figure 3: Annual Total Phosphorus Loads from Regional WWTPs





Figure 4: Potomac River at Chain Bridge - Total Nitrogen Load Trend



Figure 5: Potomac River at Chain Bridge – Total Phosphorus Load Trend

Source: USGS

Figure 9: Potomac River Segments and Stations



Source: Map of tidal Potomac River segments and long-term monitoring stations. Base map credit Esri, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community, World Geodetic System 1984



Figure 12: Potomac River Annual Trends (normal and flow-adjusted) for Surface Total Nitrogen

Source: Surface TN Trends. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983



Figure 13: Potomac River Annual Trends (normal and flow-adjusted) for Surface Total Phosphorus

Source: Surface TP Trends. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983



Figure 14: Summer Trends (normal and flow-adjusted) for Bottom Dissolved Oxygen

Source: Summer (June-September) bottom DO trends. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983





Source: Pass-fail DO criterion status for 30-day OW summer DO and DC instantaneous DO designated uses in Potomac segments along with long-term trends in DO concentrations. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983



Figure 15: Summer Bottom DO Data and Average Predictions

Replaces figure 15 in original report

Source: Summer (June-September) bottom DO data (dots) and July 1 long-term pattern generated from non-flow adjusted GAMs. Colored dots represent data corresponding to the monitoring station shown indicated in the legend; colored lines represent mean summer GAM estimates for the noted monitoring stations



Figure 16: Annual Trends (normal and flow-adjusted) for Secchi Disk Depth

Source: Annual Secchi depth trends. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983



Figure 17: Long and Short-Term Summer Trends (normal and flow-adjusted) for Surface Chlorophyll-a

Source: Surface summer (July-September) chlorophyll a trends. Base map credit Chesapeake Bay Program, www.chesapeakebay.net, North American Datum 1983



Figure 18: Potomac Estuary Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Source: VIMS