

Highlights of the July 21, 2017  
Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders Advisory Group  
Meeting

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# Chesapeake Bay Program Funding

- In June, Bay states signed a resolution calling on the President and Congress to maintain federal funding for the Bay program
- Bay states have also presented at congressional hearings
- As of July SAG meeting federal funding was still uncertain

# Midpoint Assessment Schedule

- Partnership Approval of Phase 6 Model: Sept 2017
- Bay states submit 2017 progress data to EPA: Dec 1, 2017
- Bay states submit 2018-19 milestones and final milestone closeout report to EPA: Jan 15, 2018
- EPA assessment of 60% by 2017 goal: March/April 2018
- 2017 Progress Run in Phase 6 Model: April 2018

# Phase III WIP Schedule

- Final policy decisions on Conowingo Dam, climate change and accounting for growth: late-Oct 2017
- Approval of draft WIP Planning Targets (state-basin scale): Late-Oct 2017
- Partnership's review of draft Planning Targets: Oct 31, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018
- EPA releases final Phase III WIP expectations: Nov 2017
- Any proposed changes to draft Planning Targets due to EPA: Feb 28, 2018
- Release of final Planning Targets: March 2018
- Draft Phase III WIPs posted for stakeholder review: Dec 14, 2018
- Comments on draft WIPs due to Bay states: Feb 15, 2019
- Final Phase III WIPs released: April 15, 2019

# Local Planning Goals

- EPA expectations include a requirement that local planning goals must be established at a scale finer than state-basin scale (Potomac, York, Rappahannock, etc.)
- Local Area Targets Task Force recommendations:
  - Goals not targets for local level
  - Flexibility for Bay states to determine scale of targets below river basin scale
  - Scale options: locality, SWCD, regional, subwatershed, federal facility, etc.
  - Goals could be expressed numerically, %, BMP implementation, programmatically, etc.
- SAG members present expressed interest in allowing localities choose the scale for local planning goals

# Accounting for Growth

- Using 2025 forecast to account for projected growth
- OR
- Using 2010, 2012, or 2017 conditions, and making each Bay state responsible for accounting for growth and tracking responsibilities
  - States can only count land conservation in the model in the model if using 2025 forecast
  - SAG members recommended using 2025 forecast

# Addressing Climate Change

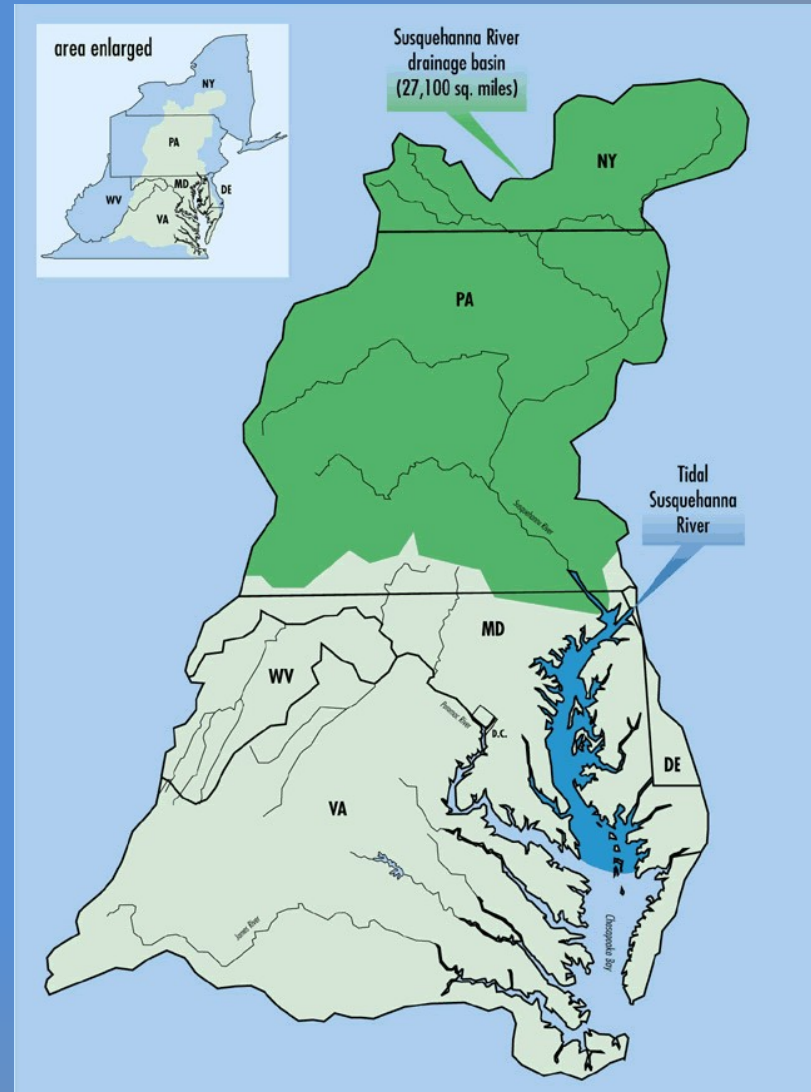
- Quantitatively: accounting for forecasted additional loads in the Bay model (projected through 2025 or 2050)

OR

- Qualitatively: adaptively manage through implementation of BMPs and evaluate new information as it becomes available, then adjust
- SAG members present recommended qualitative

# Conowingo Dam Load Allocation

- Located near mouth of Susquehanna River, 10 miles from the Bay
- Dam approaching no net trapping of Phosphorous (down from 50% in 1990s)





# Potential Range of % Increase in Phosphorus Load Above Each Jurisdiction's Phase II WIP Load

## Susquehanna Watershed Only



NY:	10 - 21
PA:	12 - 25
MD:	1 - 1
VA:	0 - 0
DE:	0 - 0
DC:	0 - 0
WV:	0 - 0

## Susquehanna + MD and VA



NY:	6 - 11
PA:	7 - 14
MD:	7 - 16
VA:	4 - 9
DE:	0 - 0
DC:	0 - 0
WV:	0 - 0

## Entire Watershed



NY:	5 - 10
PA:	7 - 14
MD:	6 - 14
VA:	4 - 8
DE:	9 - 20
DC:	1 - 3
WV:	5 - 11

May not require much, if any, extra effort because Virginia is ahead in meeting its P target