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SESSION 6. PROTECTION GOALS, MILESTONES AND METRICS

MAINTAINING CHESAPEAKE HEALTHY WATERS AND WATERSHEDS

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The Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983	The 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement	Chesapeake 2000
Chesapeake Bay Executive Order and Two-year Milestones (2009)	Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Watershed Implementation Plans (2010)	The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (2014)

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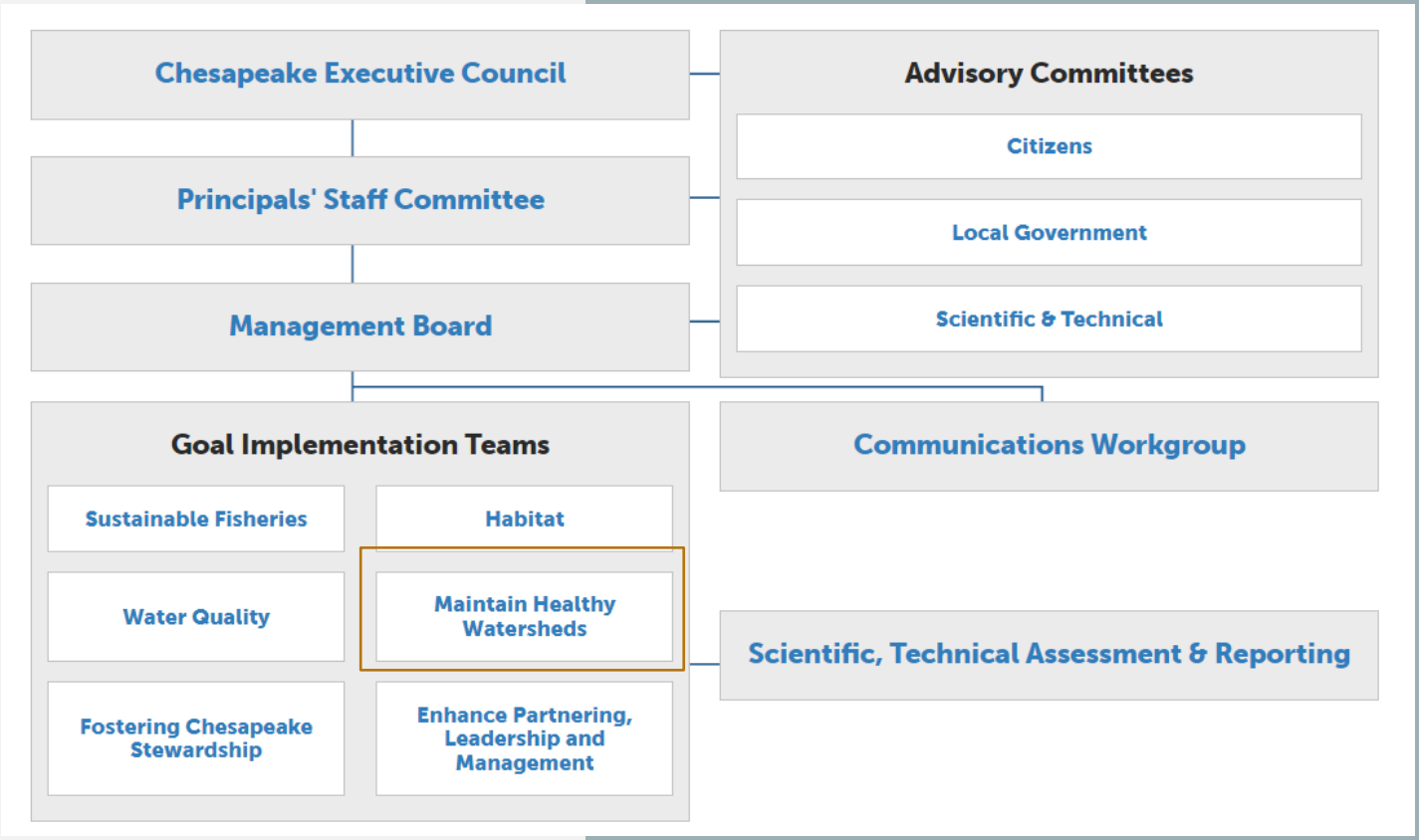
CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM 101



HEALTHY WATERSHEDS GOAL

Goal: Sustain state-identified healthy waters and watersheds recognized for their high quality and/or high ecological value

Outcome: 100 percent of state-identified healthy waters and watersheds remain healthy.

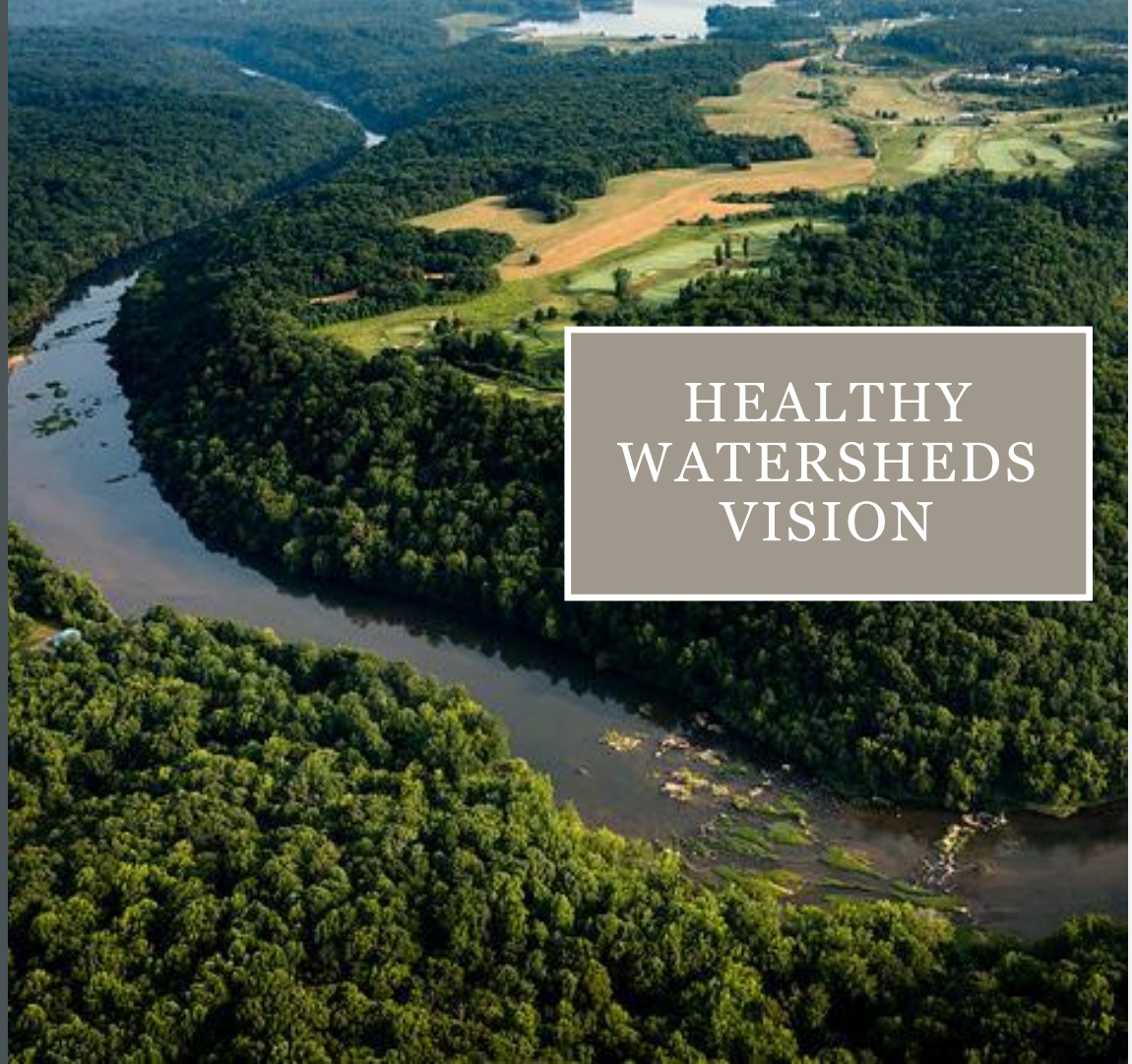
HEALTHY WATERSHEDS VISION

Sustain watershed health where it is ***high, exceptional and/or outstanding…***

to ***increase the number of healthy watersheds*** in the future…

Provide the forum for mutual shared learning…

Develop information resources…
and
Promote the science



CHESAPEAKE PROGRESS

Outcome Status Summary

The Outcome Status Summary provides a visual overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program's recent progress and current course outlook toward achieving the outcomes of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.

HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

	RECENT PROGRESS	OUTLOOK
Healthy Watersheds Outcome	NO CHANGE *Updated April 2018*	UNCERTAIN *Updated November 2021*

LAND CONSERVATION

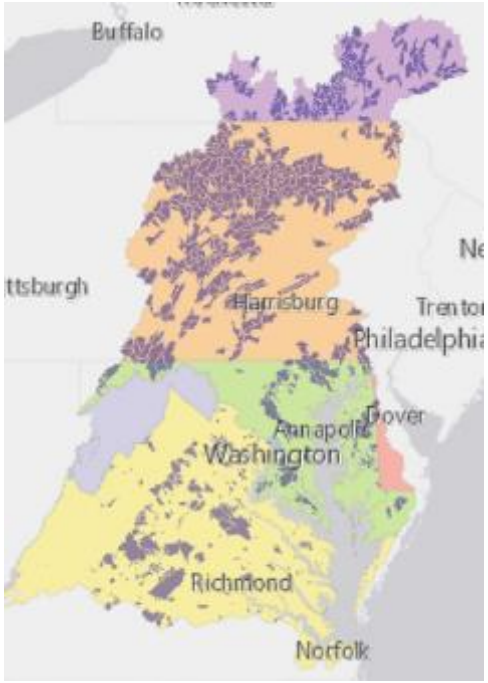
	RECENT PROGRESS	OUTLOOK
Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome	NO CHANGE *Updated September 2016*	ON COURSE *Updated November 2021*
Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome	INCREASE *Updated March 2018*	ON COURSE *Updated November 2021*

Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome

- *policy options, incentives and planning tools* for local governments reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands
- Development of *strategies* to support local government efforts in *reducing land conversion*

Land Use Methods and Metrics Outcome

- *improve the knowledge of land conversion and impacts throughout the watershed.*
- *methodology and local level metrics for rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, ….impervious surface*
- *public awareness campaign to citizens, local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.*



WHAT IS A STATE-IDENTIFIED HEALTHY WATERSHED?

How are they defined?

STATE IDENTIFIED HEALTHY WATERS AND WATERSHEDS

Pennsylvania

- Benthic macroinvertebrate community
- Located in designated state or national protected, owned, or managed areas
- Designated wilderness trout stream by the Fish and Boat commission
- Chemical data such as DO, toxics, pH

Virginia

- INSTAR-Interactive stream assessment resource, index of biotic integrity
- Data on fish and macroinvertebrate communities, instream and riparian habitat
- High numbers of native/broad diversity of species, few or no non-native aquatic species, few generalist species

STATE IDENTIFIED HEALTHY WATERS AND WATERSHEDS

Maryland

- Tier II streams are identified according to fish and benthic indices of biotic integrity
- Based on data collection and analysis from Maryland Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) Protocols
- Tier II streams are grouped into catchments and those with Assimilative Capacity, or the natural capacity of a water body to dilute and absorb pollutants

West Virginia

- No state-defined “healthy watersheds”
- Known as Tier 3: “outstanding national resource waters”
- Have exceptionally high benthic macroinvertebrate communities
- Located in Federal Wilderness areas, state and national parks, national forests, and protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
- Naturally reproducing trout streams

STATE IDENTIFIED HEALTHY WATERS AND WATERSHEDS

New York

- Waterbodies that have been categorized as "No Known Impact" because monitoring data and information indicate an absence of use restrictions are considered healthy.

Washington, D.C.; Delaware

- Because the District primarily urbanized, it has not currently identified healthy watersheds.
- Currently no healthy watersheds defined. All of the state's tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay are impaired by nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and/or bacteria, and will only be considered healthy when their Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are achieved and their surface water quality standards are met.

HWGIT MEMBERSHIP

FEDERAL

- USGS
- EPA
- USFS
- USFWS
- NOAA

STATE

- DE DNREC
- WV DEP
- NY DEC
- MD MDP
- MD DNR
- PA DEC
- DC DOEE
- VA DCR

NGO

- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Land Trust Alliance
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Chesapeake Research Consortium

HEALTHY WATERSHEDS GOAL TEAM MILESTONES

2013

- PUBLISH MAP OF STATE IDENTIFIED HEALTHY WATERSHEDS AND WATERS
- TRACKING HEALTHY WATERSHEDS FRAMEWORK

2014

2015

- UPDATE HEALTHY WATERSHED MAP

2016

- PHASE I FOREST RETENTION STUDY

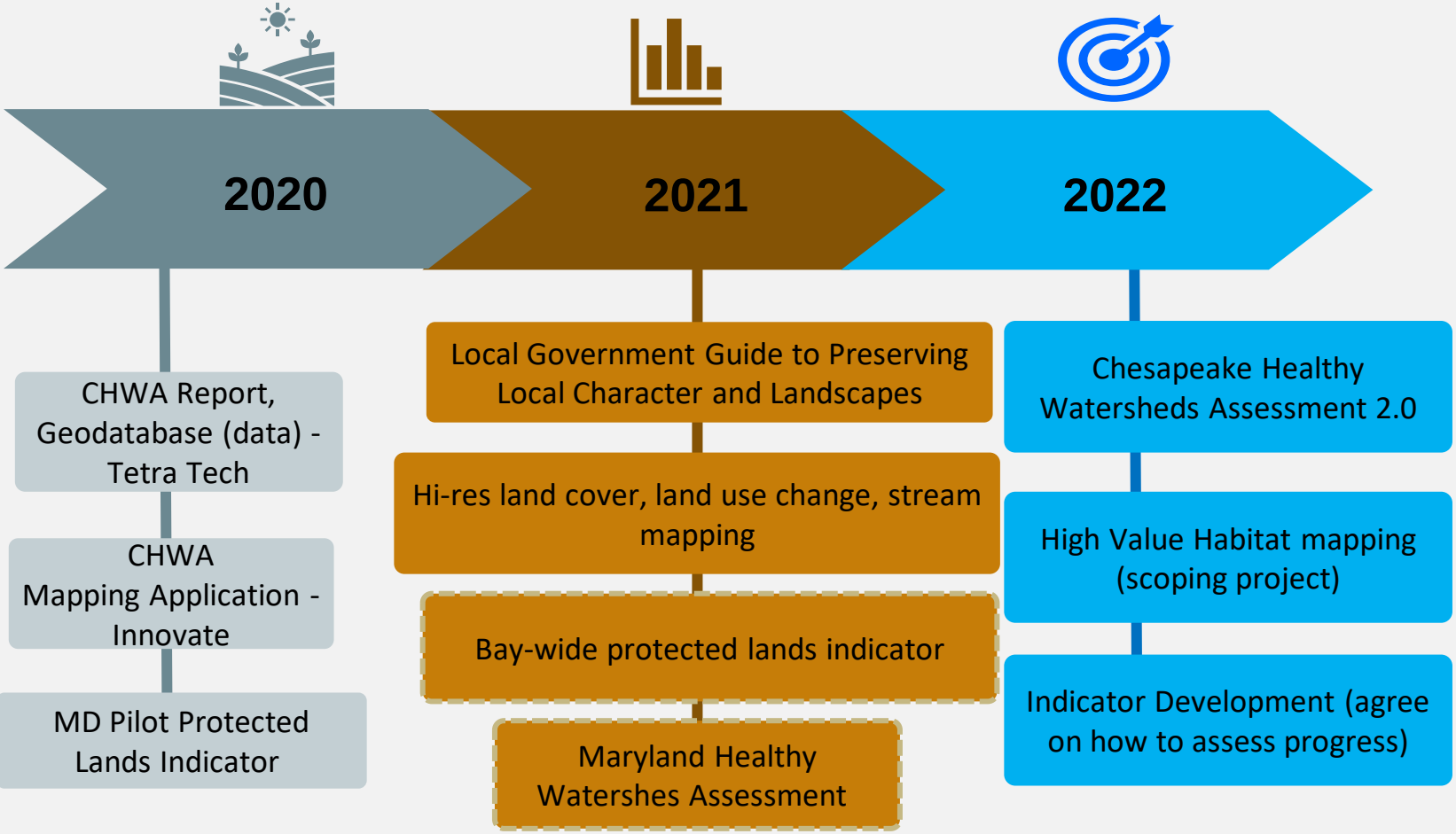
2017

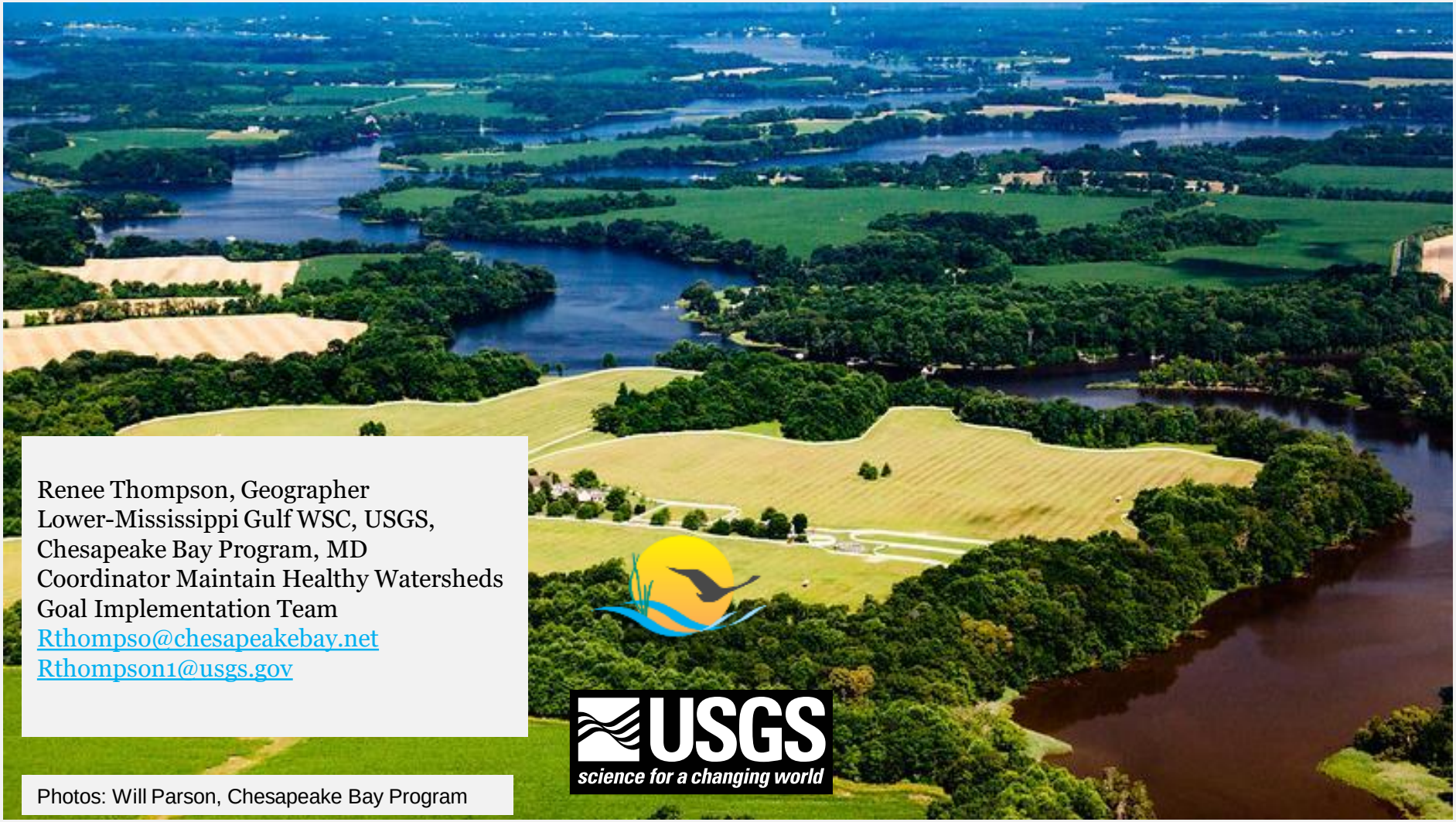
- CONSERVATION LAND-USE POLICY TOOLKIT
- PHASE II FOREST RETENTION STUDY
- UPDATE HEALTHY WATERSHEDS MAP
- HEALTHY WATERSHEDS CO-BENEFIT FACT SHEET

2018 & 2019 →

- CHESAPEAKE HEALTHY WATERSHEDS ASSESSMENT
- HIGH RESOLUTION STREAM MAPPING
- PHASE III FOREST RETENTION STUDY

HEALTHY WATERSHEDS GOAL TEAM MILESTONES





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