Use of CBP TMDL Modeling Tools for non-TMDL Outcomes

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Types of Models

- Prediction
 - Temporal
 - Spatial
- Research
- Scenarios

If we change what we do on the landscape...

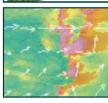
...how will that change nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment?

Data and Model Inputs =

Pollution Control Data Land Use Data Point Sources Data Septic Data U.S. Census Data Agricultural Data



Land Use Change Model

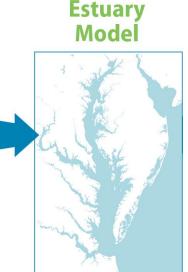


Airshed Model

Precipitation Data Meteorological Data Elevation Data Soil Data

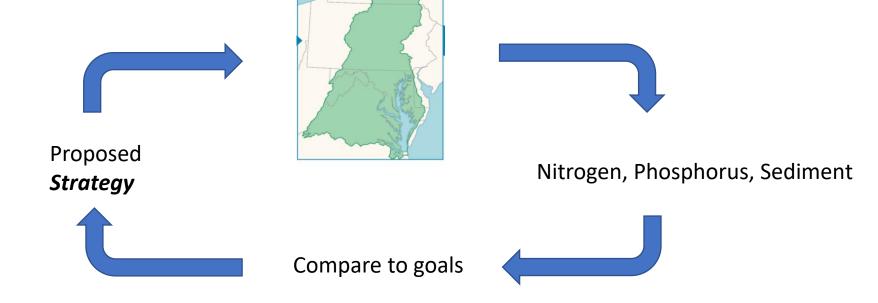


...and what will be the oxygen in the Bay?



General Use Case of CAST

Organization that can make change



Phase 6 Watershed

Model/CAST

Change on the ground

State agencies **Environment** Agriculture Phase 6 Watershed Model/CAST **Proposed WIP** Compare to State goal



Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Sediment

Organization that can make *Water Quality* change



Phase 6 Watershed Model/CAST



Compare to goals

Strategy 1

Consideration of your outcome in water quality organizations' decisions

Healthy Watersheds

Make water quality implementors aware of their plans on your outcome

Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Sediment

Loss of Healthy Watersheds
Land Conservation in Healthy Watersheds

Organization that can make change for **your outcome**





Proposed
Strategy for your outcome
Impervious, tree canopy, sulfate deposition

Compare to goals

Strategy 2

Direct use of CAST by implementors of your goal

Habitat GIT

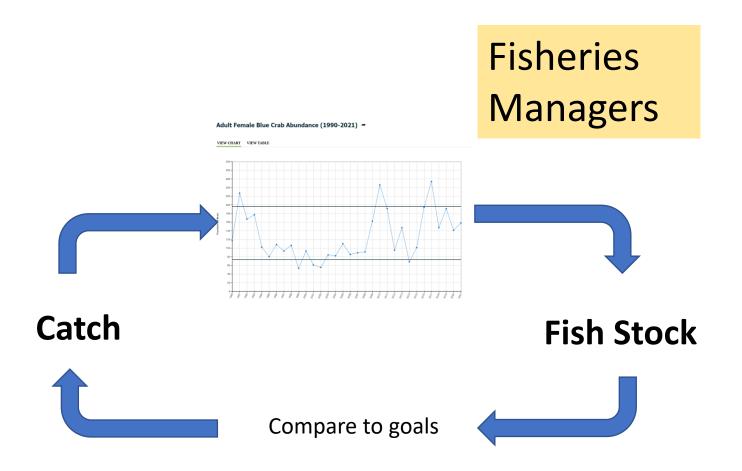
A local government could look at the effects of imperviousness or tree canopy EPA could look at sulfate deposition



BIBI - stream health

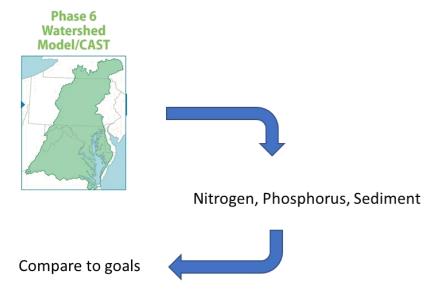
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Organization that can make change



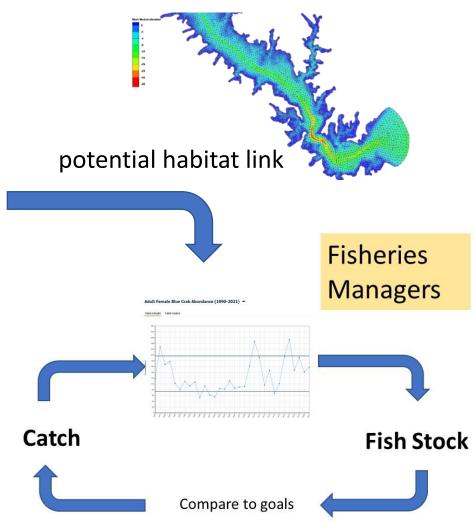


Strategy 3

Completely separate model

Fisheries GIT

Long history of model use CAST not suited for fisheries questions ...but could land management strategies decrease natural mortality in fish models?



Factor Tracking

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

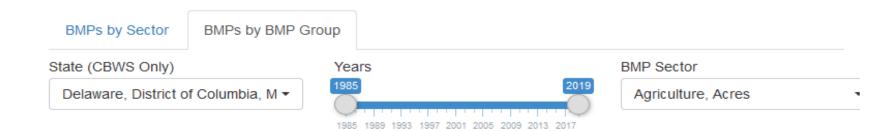
These graphs are intended to provide a broad representation of change over time using data provided by the seven jurisdictions that have watersheds that drain to the Bay. The jurisdictions include New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

BMPs by Sector

View the amount of best management practices (BMPs) implemented by sector (i.e., Agriculture, Resource, and Urban/Suburban Practices). Select states and a range of years from 1985 through the present. Specify the unit in which the BMPs are measured. You may also choose specific BMPs if desired. In this case, the bar will stack the BMPs rather than the sectors.

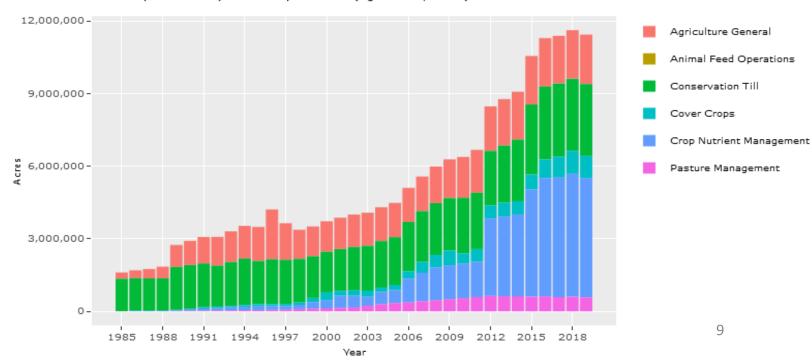
BMPs by BMP Groups

View the amount of best management practices (BMPs) implemented by BMP groups. Select states and a range of years from 1985 through the present. Specify the sector and unit in which the BMPs are measured.

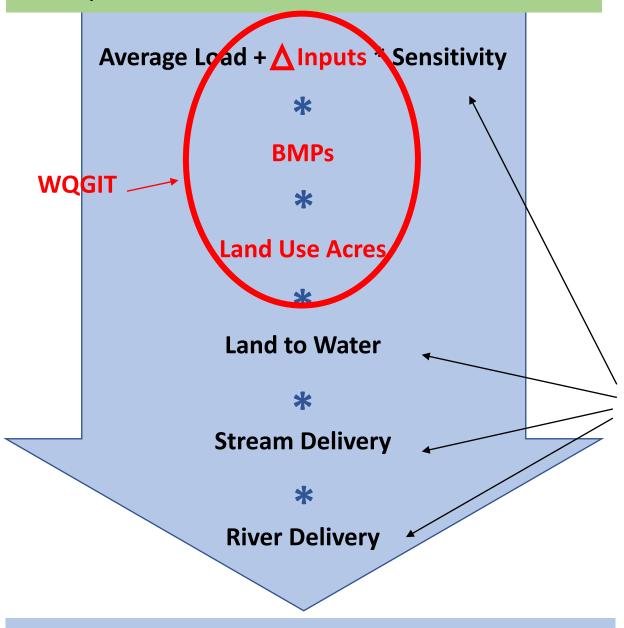


Generate the graph

BMPs Implemented by BMP Group and Year (Agriculture, Acres)



P6/7 CAST Model Structure



Development and maintenance of a decision tool requires extensive participation by the modelers and the stakeholders

CBPO Modelers

Discussion Questions

- Who are your implementors?
 - policy-makers (legislators)
 - program managers (agencies)
 - practice implementers/funders (local governments, planners, and NGOs)
 - Others?
- Would they use a version CAST that spoke to their outcomes?
- Do you want water quality implementors to consider your outcome?
- Do you know the factors affecting your outcome?
- Are the factors already in CAST?