

Chesapeake Bay Commission

Tri-State Legislative Commission

- Established by state law in 1980s
 - MD, VA, PA
 - 7 Members from each State
 - 2 Senators, 3 Delegates
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- Translate Science Into Federal & State Policy
 - Serve as a Legislative Voice within Bay Program
 - Coordinate Policy Interests with Congress



Chesapeake Bay Program



A brief history of the Bay Program

1970s – Five year study to analyze **rapid loss of aquatic life in the Bay**

1983 – First Bay Agreement (6 Signatories)
...implementation of **coordinated plans**

1987 – Second Bay Agreement
....**numeric goals for pollution reduction**

2000 - Chesapeake 2000
....Strategy for restoration through 2010

2010 – Chesapeake Bay TMDL established
...acknowledged need of **regulatory approach**

2014 – Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement
... **accountability, adaptive management**



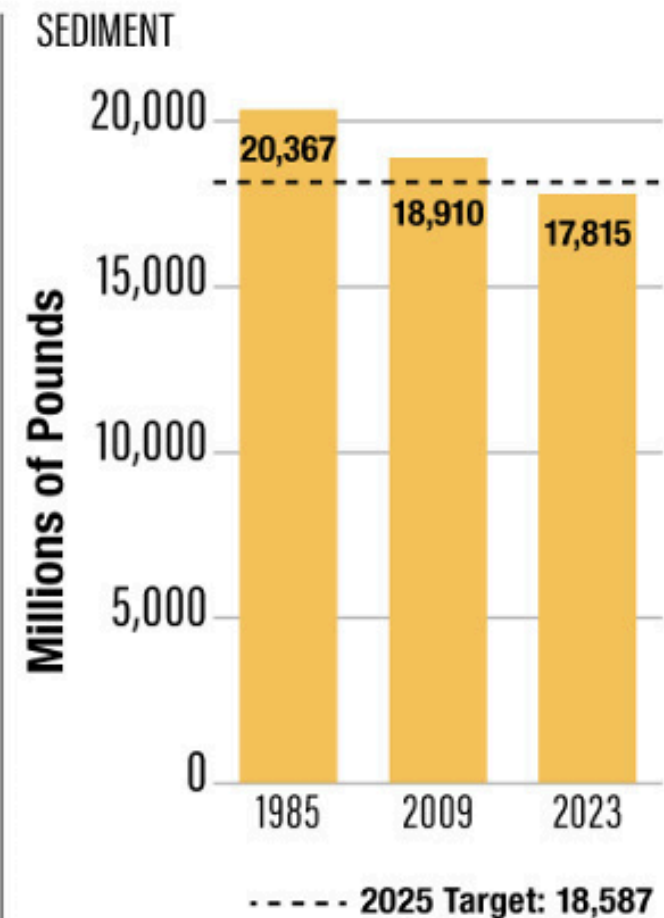
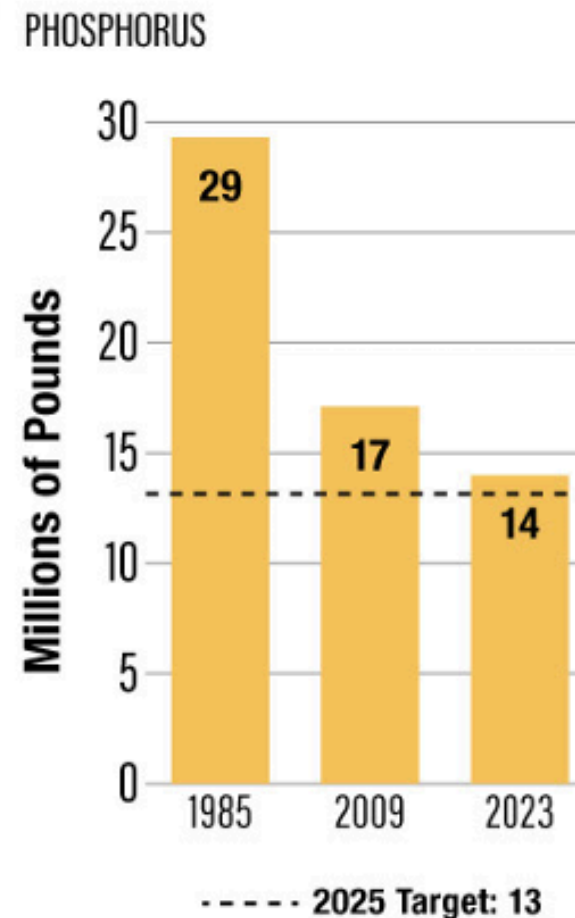
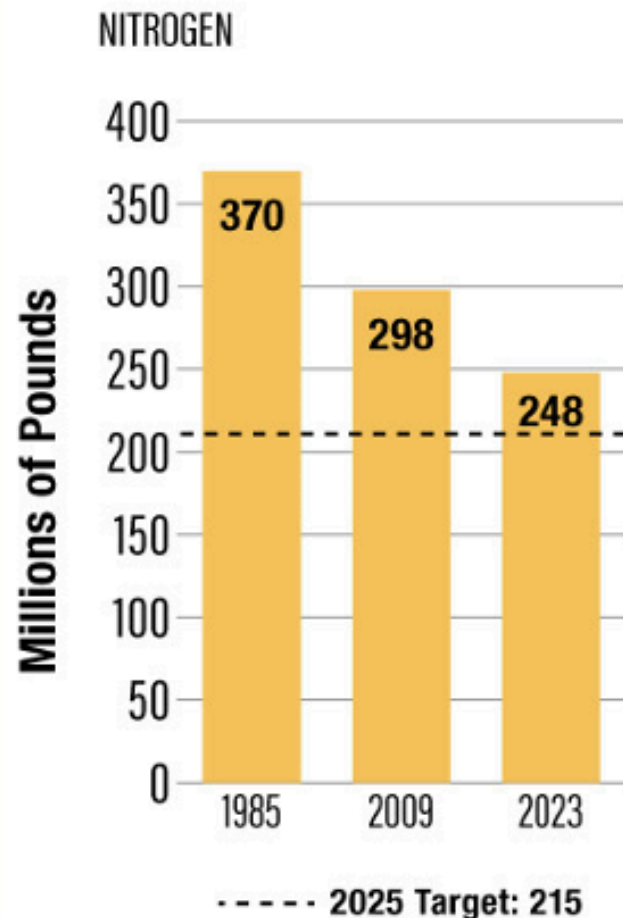


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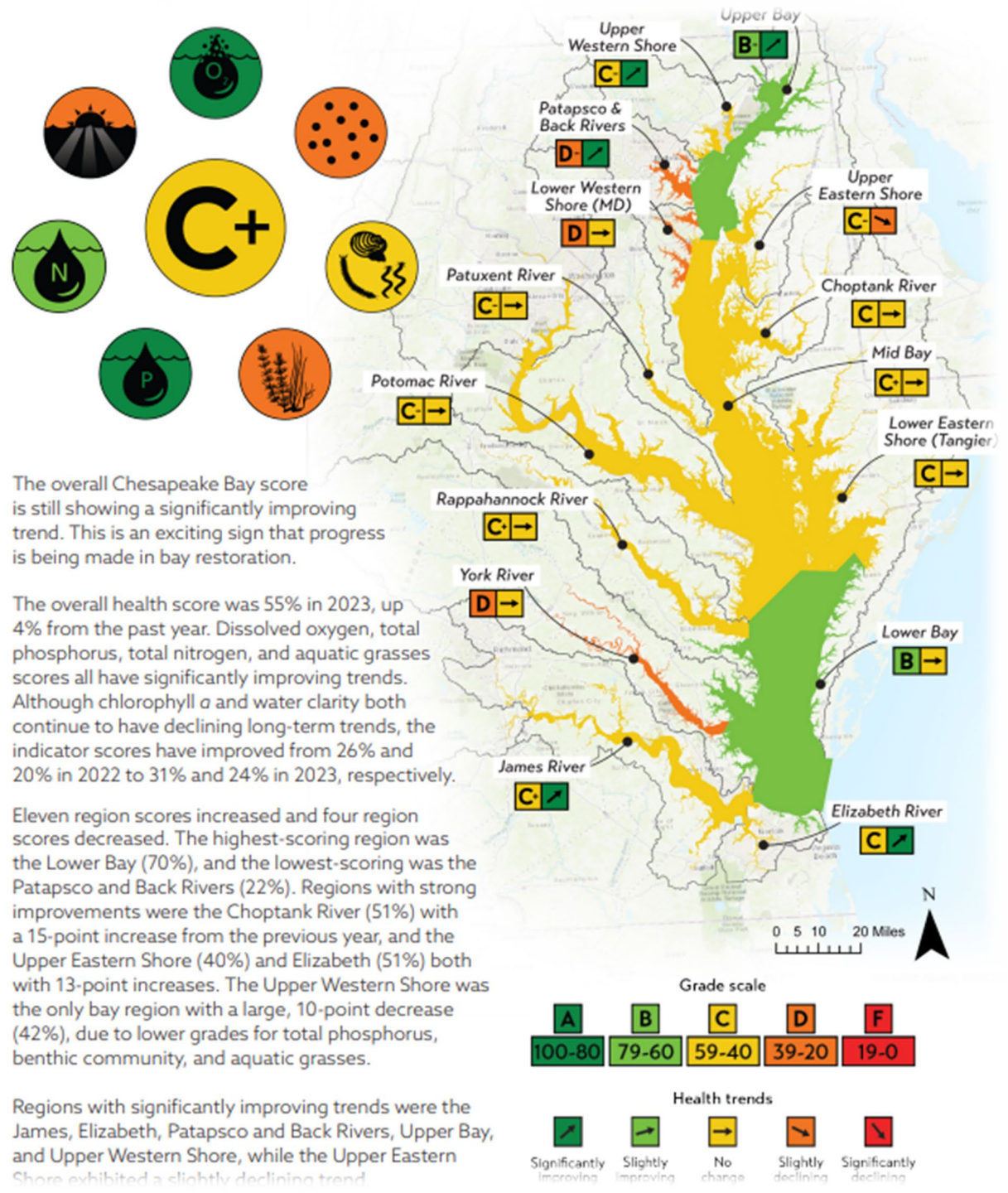
Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment Pollution Loads

Chesapeake Bay Barometer 2023/2024

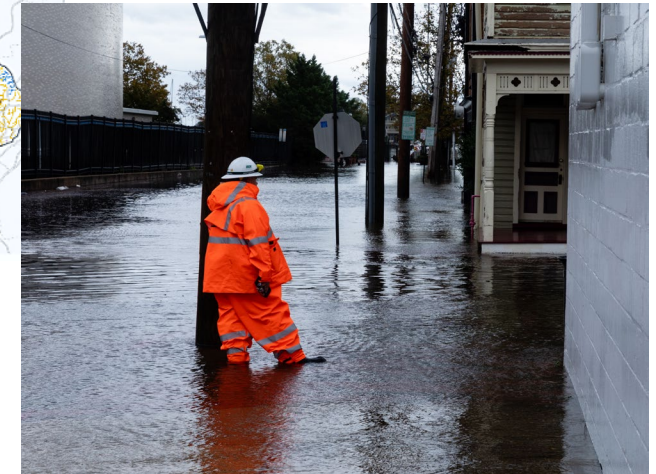
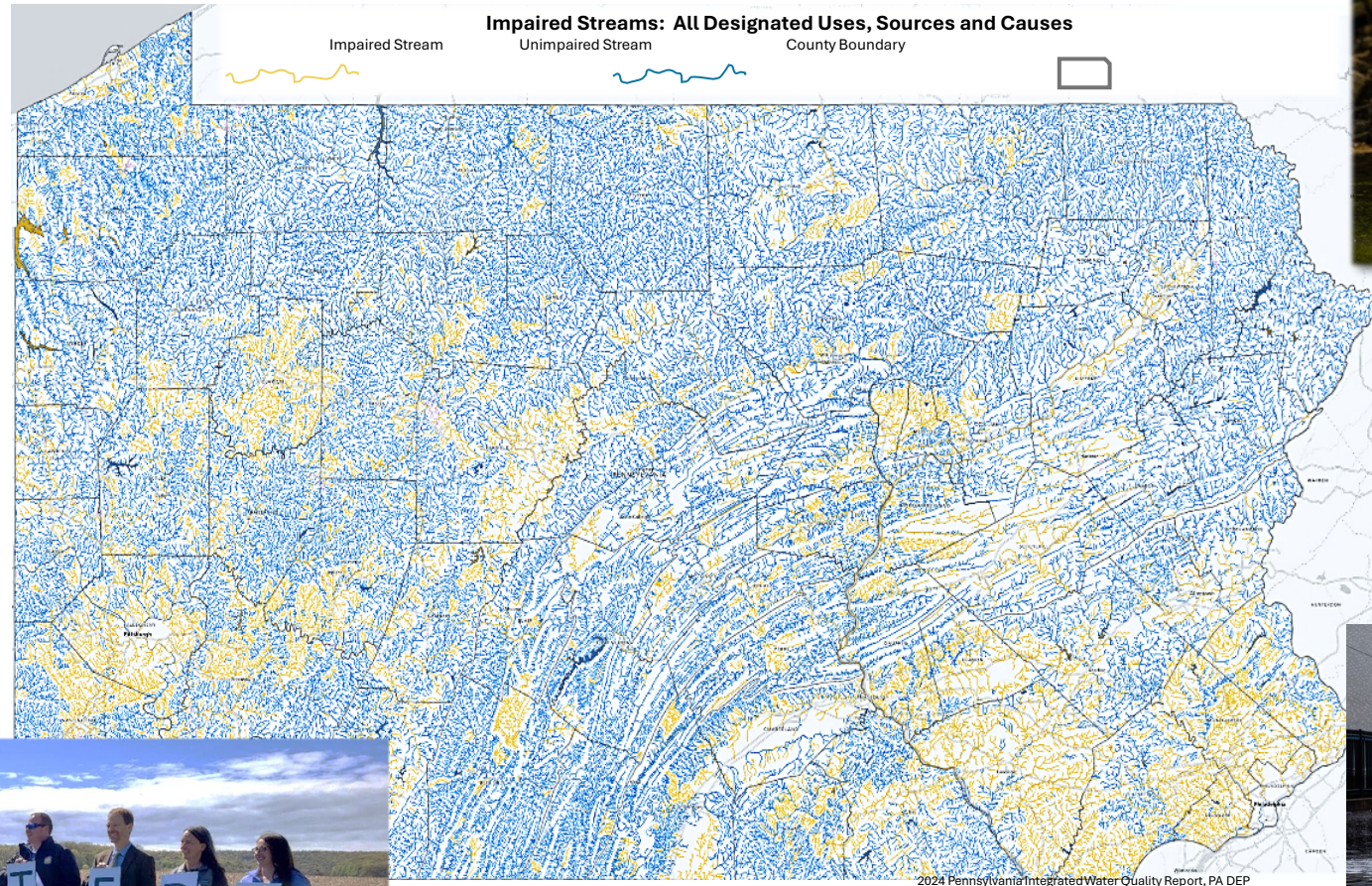
Simulated Pollution Loads to the Chesapeake Bay (1985-2023)



In 2023, the Chesapeake Bay had the highest score in 20 years



Local Waters Matter



Chesapeake Bay Stressors ≠ Stream Stressors

Bay Stressors

- Nitrogen
- Phosphorus
- Sediment

Stream Stressors

- Phosphorus
- Sediment
- Hydrology
- Geomorphology
- Temperature
- Emerging contaminants
 - Road Salt, Microplastics, PFAS, etc.

CBC State & Federal Highlights - 2024

Across the Board

- Pay for Performance / Pay for Outcome Programs in all 3 Jurisdictions
- State-Funded Agriculture Cost-Share Programs in all 3 Jurisdictions

In Pennsylvania

- **\$50 M / year** in dedicated funding for **Clean Streams Fund**
- **Four streams delisted** through targeted restoration

In Virginia

- Record **Ag Cost Share** funding
- New **Pay for Outcomes** pilot program
- Statewide **invasive species management** program

In Maryland

- **Whole Watershed Act**
- **Clean Water Commerce Act** updates
- **PFAS** mitigation and prevention

In Washington, DC

- **5-year reauthorizations**
- **NDAA Stormwater** authorities
- Continued **FY25** and **Farm Bill** advocacy