

Other West Chesapeake Watershed Sediment TMDL Implementation Plan

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) OF SEDIMENT IN THE
OTHER WEST CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) was issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, (Permit No. 11-DP-3313), by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on October 9, 2015. This permit covers stormwater discharges from the storm drain system owned or operated by MDOT SHA within Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties. The permit requires MDOT SHA to submit an implementation plan to MDE that addresses Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved stormwater waste load allocations (WLAs) within one year of EPA approval.

EPA approved the *Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Other West Chesapeake Watershed*, *Anne Arundel County and Calvert County*, *Maryland* on February 9, 2018. The MDOT SHA Office of Environmental Design (OED) is soliciting comments on its draft Implementation Plan to meet this WLA as required under the MS4 Permit. A 30-day public comment period will take place from January 4, 2019 to Febuary 4, 2019. The draft Implementation Plan is available on MDOT SHA's website at http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=362.

Comments should be submitted to MDOT SHA **on or before Febaury 4, 2019** by emailing to wpd@sha.state.md.us, faxing to (410) 209-5003, or mailing to:

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Office of Environmental Design, C-303 707 N. Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Please note that comments should include the name and address of the person submitting the comments. Responses to comments will not be provided directly, but material comments received during the comment period will be considered and the draft Implementation Plan will be revised as appropriate prior to submittal to MDE. A summary of comments received will be included in the MDOT SHA MS4 annual report submitted to MDE annually on October 9 and posted to this website: http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?pageid=336.

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OTHER WEST CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED SEDIMENT TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND DESIGNATED USES

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) focus on offsetting the impacts of pollutants to waterway designated uses. The Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) established requirements for each state to develop programs to address water pollution including:

- Establishment of water quality standards (WQSs);
- Implementation of water quality monitoring programs;
- Identification and reporting of impaired waters; and
- Development of maximum allowable pollutant loads that when met and not exceeded will restore WQSs to impaired waters, called TMDL documents.

WQSs are based on the concept of designating and maintaining specifically defined uses for each waterbody. **Table 1** lists the designated uses for waterways in the State of Maryland. TMDLs are based on these uses.

One means for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enforce these standards is through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, which regulates discharges from point sources. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is the delegated authority to issue NPDES discharge permits within Maryland and to develop WQSs for Maryland including the water quality criteria that define the parameters to ensure designated uses are met.

Table 1: Designated Uses in Maryland								
	Use Classes							
Designated Uses	- 1	I-P	II	II-P	III	III-P	IV	IV-P
Growth and Propagation of Fish (not trout), other aquatic life and wildlife	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Contact Sports	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Leisure activities involving direct contact with surface water	√	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fishing	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓
Agricultural Water Supply	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Industrial Water Supply	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓
Propagation and Harvesting of Shellfish			✓	✓				
Seasonal Migratory Fish Spawning and Nursery Use			✓	√				
Seasonal Shallow-water Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Use			✓	✓				
Open-Water Fish and Shellfish Use			✓	✓				
Seasonal Deep-Water Fish and Shellfish Use			✓	✓				
Seasonal Deep-Channel Refuge Use			✓	✓				
Growth and Propagation of Trout					✓	✓		
Capable of Supporting Adult Trout for a Put and Take Fishery							✓	✓
Public Water Supply		√		√		√		√

Source:

http://www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/TMDL/WaterQualitySt andards/Pages/wgs_designated_uses.aspx

MS4 Permit Requirements

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requires coordination with county MS4 jurisdictions concerning watershed assessments and development of a coordinated TMDL implementation plan for each watershed that MDOT SHA has a wasteload allocation (WLA). Requirements from the MDOT SHA MS4 Permit specific to watershed assessments and coordinated TMDL implementation plans include *Part IV.E.1.* and *Part IV.E.2.b.*, copied below.

Watershed Assessments (Permit Part IV.E.1.)

SHA shall coordinate watershed assessments with surrounding jurisdictions, which shall include, but not be limited to the evaluation of available State and county watershed assessments, SHA data, visual watershed inspections targeting SHA rights-of-way and facilities, and approved stormwater WLAs to:

- Determine current water quality conditions;
- Include the results of visual inspections targeting SHA rights-of-way and facilities conducted in areas identified as priority for restoration;
- Identify and rank water quality problems for restoration associated with SHA rights-of-way and facilities;
- Using the watershed assessments established under section a. above to achieve water quality goals by identifying all structural and nonstructural water quality improvement projects to be implemented; and
- Specify pollutant load reduction benchmarks and deadlines that demonstrate progress toward meeting all applicable stormwater WLAs.

Coordinated TMDL Implementation Plans (Permit Part IV.E.2.b.)

Within one year of permit issuance, a coordinated TMDL implementation plan shall be submitted to MDE for approval that addresses all EPA approved stormwater WLAs (prior to the effective date of the permit) and requirements of Part VI.A., Chesapeake Bay Restoration by 2025 for SHA's storm sewer system. Both specific WLAs and aggregate WLAs which SHA is a part of shall be addressed in the TMDL implementation plans. Any subsequent stormwater WLAs for SHA's storm sewer system shall be addressed by the coordinated TMDL implementation plan within one year of EPA approval. Upon approval by MDE, this implementation plan will be enforceable under this permit. As part of the coordinated TMDL implementation plan, SHA shall:

- Include the final date for meeting applicable WLAs and a detailed schedule for implementing all structural and nonstructural water quality improvement projects, enhanced stormwater management programs, and alternative stormwater control initiatives necessary for meeting applicable WLAs;
- Provide detailed cost estimates for individual projects, programs, controls, and plan implementation;
- Evaluate and track the implementation of the coordinated implementation plan through monitoring or modeling to document the progress toward meeting established benchmarks, deadlines, and stormwater WLAs; and
- Develop an ongoing, iterative process that continuously implements structural and nonstructural restoration projects, program enhancements, new and additional programs, and alternative BMPs where EPA approved TMDL stormwater WLAs are not being met according to the benchmarks and

deadlines established as part of the SHA's watershed assessments.

B. WATERSHED ASSESSMENT COORDINATION

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) (2016):

A watershed is an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet such as the outflow of a reservoir, mouth of a bay, or any point along a stream channel. The word watershed is sometimes used interchangeably with drainage basin or catchment. The watershed consists of surface water-lakes, streams, reservoirs, and wetlands--and all the underlying ground water. Larger watersheds contain many smaller watersheds. Watersheds are important because the streamflow and the water quality of a river are affected by things, human-induced or not, happening in the land area "above" the river-outflow point.

The 8-digit scale is the most common management scale for watersheds across the State, and therefore is the scale at which most of Maryland's local TMDLs are developed. See **Figure 1** for an illustration of the 8-digit watersheds in Maryland.

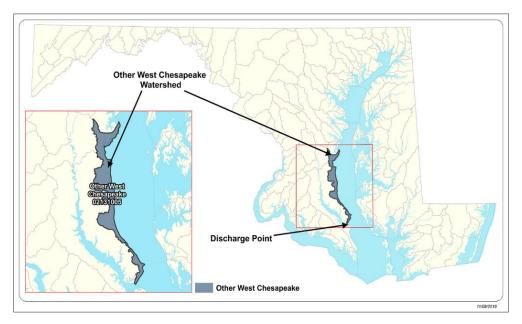


Figure 1: Maryland 8-digit Watershed Example

County Watershed Assessments

Each MS4 county performs detailed assessments of local watersheds as a part of its MS4 permit requirements. These assessments determine current water quality conditions and include visual inspections; the identification and ranking of water quality problems for restoration; the prioritization and ranking of structural and non-structural improvement projects; and the setting of pollutant reduction benchmarks and deadlines that demonstrate progress toward meeting applicable WQSs. MDOT SHA relies on assessments performed by other jurisdictions in fulfilling its MS4 assessment requirement.

Watershed assessment evaluations conducted by MDOT SHA focus on issues that MDOT SHA can improve through practices targeting MDOT SHA right-of-way (ROW) or infrastructure. This information is used to determine priority areas for BMP implementation and to

identify potential project sites or partnership project opportunities. Summaries of these evaluations are included under **Section F**. MDOT SHA watershed assessment evaluations focus on the following:

- Impacts to MDOT SHA infrastructure such as failing outfalls and downstream channels;
- Older developed areas with little stormwater management (SWM) and available opportunities to install retrofits;
- Degraded streams;
- Priority watershed issues such as improvements within a drinking water reservoir, special protection areas, or Tier II catchments;
- Identification of areas most in need of restoration:
- Description of preferred structural and non-structural best management practices (BMPs) to use within the watershed;
- Potential project sites for BMPs; and
- In watersheds with Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) TMDLs, identifying locations of any known PCB sources.

In addition to using information from the county watershed assessments, MDOT SHA also undertakes other activities to identify potential project sites and prioritize BMP implementation including:

- Coordination meetings with each of the MS4 counties to discuss potential partnerships with the mutual goal of improving water quality;
- Visual watershed inspections as described below; and
- Maximizing existing impervious treatment within new roadway projects (practical design initiative).

C. VISUAL INSPECTIONS TARGETING MDOT SHA ROW

MDOT SHA methodically reviews each watershed for potential restoration projects within MDOT SHA ROW to meet the load reductions for current pollutant WLAs. Each watershed is assessed using a grid system in conjunction with detailed corridor assessments. The watershed review process includes two phases to visually inspect each watershed and identify all structural and non-structural water quality improvement projects to be implemented.

Desktop Evaluation

Phase one is a desktop evaluation of the watershed using available county watershed assessments and MDOT SHA data. MDOT SHA has created a grid system of 1.5-mile square cells to track the progress of the visual ROW inspections, allowing prioritized areas to be targeted first. With this grid system, many spatial data sets are reviewed to determine the most effective use of each potential restoration site. The sites are documented geographically and stored in Geographic Information System (GIS). Viable sites are prioritized based on cost-effectiveness and those located within watersheds with the most pollutant reduction needs move forward to the second phase, which is to perform field investigations. Data reviewed includes:

- Aerial imagery;
- Street view mapping;
- Environmental features delineations such as critical area boundary, wetlands buffers, floodplain limits;
- County data such as utilities, storm drain systems, contour and topographic mapping;
- MDOT SHA ROW boundaries;

- Current MDOT SHA stormwater control and restoration practice locations; and
- Drainage area boundaries.

Figure 6, located in **Section F**, illustrates the 1.5-mile grid system for the Other West Chesapeake watershed.

Field Investigations

Phase two is a field investigation of each viable site resulting from the watershed desktop evaluation. MDOT SHA inspects and assesses each site in the field to identify and document existing site conditions, water quality opportunities, and constraints. This information is used to determine potential restoration BMP types as well as estimated restoration credit quantities.

MDOT SHA will continue to prioritize visual inspections in the highest need watersheds. **Figure 2** is an example field investigation summary map that documents observations. A standardized field inspection form is used.

D. BENCHMARKS AND DETAILED COSTS

Benchmarks and deadlines demonstrating progress toward meeting all applicable stormwater WLAs are provided in **Section F**. It contains generalized cost information that includes an overall estimated cost to implement the proposed practices. Detailed costs for specific construction projects are available on MDOT SHA's website (www.roads.maryland.gov) under the Contractors Information Center.

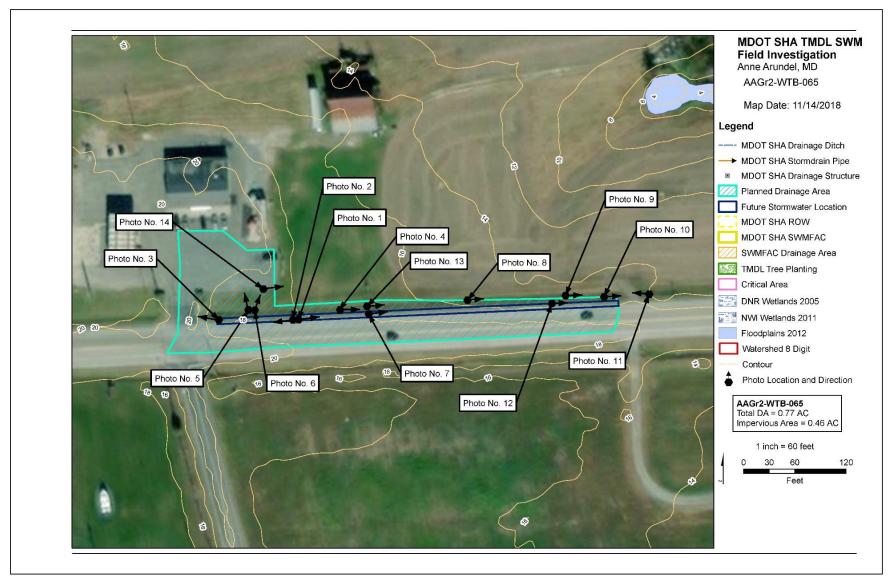


Figure 2: Example Field Investigation Summary Map

E. POLLUTION REDUCTION STRATEGIES

E.1. MDOT SHA TMDL Responsibilities

TMDLs define the maximum pollutant loading that can be discharged to a waterbody and still meet water quality criteria for maintaining designated uses. **Figure 3** illustrates the concept of maximum loading. The green area on the bar depicts the maximum load that maintains a healthy water environment for the pollutant under consideration. When this load is exceeded, the waterway is considered impaired as illustrated by the red portion of the bar. The example waterway needs restoration through implementation of practices to reduce the pollutant loading to or below the TMDL.

Generally, the formula for a TMDL is:

 $TMDL = \sum WLA + \sum LA + MOS$

Where:

TMDL = total maximum daily load

WLA = wasteload allocation for point sources;LA = load allocation for non-point sources; and

MOS = margin of safety.

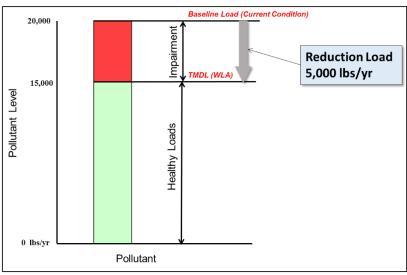


Figure 3: Example Wasteload Allocation and Reduction Requirement

Modeling Parameters

MDE requires that pollutant modeling follow the guidance in MDE's *Accounting for Stormwater Wasteload Allocations and Impervious Acres Treated* (MDE, 2014b); if other methods are employed, they must be approved by MDE. MDOT SHA developed a restoration modeling protocol that describes the methods used for modeling pollutant load reductions for local TMDLs with MDOT SHA responsibility. This protocol was originally submitted to MDE as Appendix E in the 2016 MDOT SHA MS4 annual report. Updates to this protocol will be periodically implemented and resubmitted for MDE consideration. The protocol, *MDOT SHA Restoration Modeling Protocol*, can be found under the "Related Documents" section on the MDOT SHA website, https://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?pageid=336.

Different modeling methods are used depending upon the pollutants and current reduction practices in use. Brief descriptions of modeling methods are included in the following section, but the MDOT SHA

Restoration Modeling Protocol (MDOT SHA, 2018) should be consulted for a more detailed explanation.

Aggregated Loads

WLAs may be assigned to each MS4 jurisdiction separately or as an aggregated WLA for all urban stormwater MS4 permittees that combines them into one required allocation and reduction target. The modeling approach developed by MDOT SHA uses MDOT SHA data (both impervious and pervious land as well as BMPs built before the TMDL baseline year, also known as baseline BMPs) to calculate baseline loads and calibrated reduction targets. Following this approach, disaggregation is done for each TMDL.

Available Reduction Practices

MDOT SHA reserves the right to implement new BMPs, activities, and other practices that are not currently available to achieve local TMDL load reduction requirements. MDOT SHA will modify reduction strategies as necessary based on new, approved treatment guidance and will include revised strategies in updates to this implementation plan.

E.2. Sediment Pollution Reduction Strategy

E.2.a. Sediment TMDLs Affecting MDOT SHA

There are many EPA-approved sediment TMDLs within Maryland and **Figure 4** is a map showing MDOT SHA sediment TMDL

responsibilities by watershed. The following is a list of TMDL documents for sediment with MDOT SHA responsibility that are addressed in this plan:

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In **Table 2**, the MDOT SHA reduction target for the Other West Chesapeake sediment TMDL is 33 percent, or 18,232 lbs./yr. The watershed can safely receive 37,016 pounds of sediment by MDOT SHA on a yearly basis without being considered impaired. MDOT SHA's reduction target is found by multiplying the MDOT SHA baseline load by the MDOT SHA reduction target percent. The MDOT SHA WLA is found by subtracting the MDOT SHA baseline load by the MDOT SHA target load. The projected reduction achieved is found by modeling the sediment load reduction that will be experienced by the construction of current and future BMPs in the Other West Chesapeake watershed. These BMPs are either currently under construction or are planned to be constructed in the future. It is estimated that these BMPs will reduce sediment loading by 34,155 pounds to the watershed.

Three dates are shown in **Table 2**: the EPA approval date, the baseline year set by MDE, and the Target Year. The baseline year published on the MDE Data Center will be used for MDOT SHA's implementation planning. This usually correlates to the time period when monitoring data was collected for MDE's TMDL analysis. The Target Year is the year MDOT SHA proposes to meet the WLA.

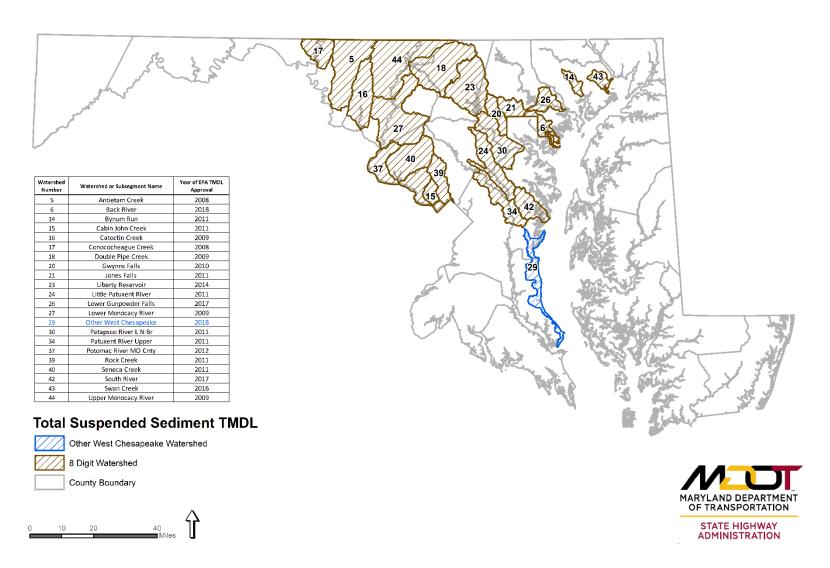


Figure 4: MDOT SHA Sediment TMDL Responsibilities in Local Watersheds

Table 2: MDOT SHA Other West Chesapeake Watershed Sediment Modeling Results													
Watershed Name	Watershed Number	County	Pollutant	EPA Approval Date	WLA Type	Baseline Year	Unit	MDOT SHA Baseline Load	MDOT SHA % Reduction Target	MDOT SHA Reduction Target	MDOT SHA WLA	Projected Reduction to be Achieved	Target Year
Other West Chesapeake	02131005	AA, CV	Sediment	02/09/2018	Individual	2009	Lbs./yr.	55,247	33.0	18,232	37,016	34,155	2025

E.2.b. Sediment Sources

Discussions in the TMDL concerning sediment sources focus on types of land use with information derived from the Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Model (CBPWM). Cropland and regulated urban lands tend to be the most significant sources, followed by other agricultural uses and wastewater sources. Specific sources of each pollutant that could be useful for targeting controls are not included in the TMDL, but MDOT SHA researched a number of other references and determined sources beyond land uses that are summarized in **Table 3**. Sources of sediment include surface erosion from construction sites and cropland as well as stream erosion from high flows during storm events.

MDOT SHA Loading Sources

MDOT SHA-owned land is a small portion of each of the TMDL watersheds and it consists of relatively uniform land uses including roadways and roadside vegetation. In urbanized areas, the MDOT SHA ROW may extend to include sidewalks and portions of driveways. There are also parking areas associated with MDOT SHA land such as park and ride facilities, office complexes, and maintenance facilities.

Of the land uses in **Table 3**, MDOT SHA is a contributor of sediments mostly through urban and natural sources. MDOT SHA has no responsibility for agriculture sources.

Table 3: Nutrient and Sediment Sources from Various References							
Land Use	Nutrient Sources	Sediment Sources					
Agriculture	Chemical Fertilizer Manure	Soil Erosion					
Urban	Pet Waste Lawn Fertilizer Parking Lot, Roof, and Street Runoff	Construction Erosion Parking Lot, Roof, and Street Runoff					
Wastewater	Municipal Industrial Failed Septic Systems CSO/ SSO Leaking Sewers						
Natural	Atmospheric Deposition	Stream Erosion Shoreline Erosion					

References used to develop this table are MDE, 2014b; EPA, 2010b; Hoos et al., 2000; and Schueler, 2011.

E.2.c. Sediment Reduction Strategies

To date, MDOT SHA has used a variety of structural, non-structural, and alternative BMPs in an effort to reduce sediment in the watersheds that have a corresponding TMDL. However, MDOT SHA understands that load reduction activities cannot be limited to just BMP implementation as opportunities to build new BMPs are limited. The use of nutrient credit trading will also be explored as a tool in reaching load reduction targets. When MDOT SHA partners on projects with other MS4 jurisdictions, load splitting can be used as a means to achieve WLA reductions.

BMP Implementation

As a requirement under the MS4 Permit, MDOT SHA must complete the implementation of restoration efforts for 20 percent of its impervious surface area. MDOT SHA has an extensive program to plan, design, and construct BMPs that offset untreated impervious surfaces in MDOT SHA ROW.

MDOT SHA intends to build these BMPs used for impervious restoration in watersheds that have a TMDL where possible. One of the major challenges with using a strategy of building BMPs to meet WLAs is that there can be a lack of feasible ROW for BMP placement opportunities. There are instances where MDOT SHA roadway encompasses a majority of the area in the ROW leaving very little land to construct BMPs. The visual watershed inspection process has indicated areas where BMP placement is possible and where it is not feasible due to utility relocation, land purchases, site access problems, and a host of other issues. Therefore, MDOT SHA is continually seeking new opportunities and partnerships to install BMPs.

Nutrient Credit Trading

In an effort to meet the MDOT SHA WLA in watersheds with limited BMP placement opportunities, MDOT SHA is exploring the possibility of nutrient credit trading. It is expected that MS4 jurisdictions will have the ability to purchase pounds of phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment in a quantity that will allow them to reach their intended WLA. Once the trading program, regulations, and guidance are finalized and approved by EPA, MDOT SHA intends to utilize this program as another practice to meet TMDL requirements.

TMDL End Date

Currently, MDOT SHA models BMP implementation for restoration practices that can be placed in the watershed based on the visual watershed inspection process. To date, the load reductions from identified practices exceed the load reduction requirement for the Other West Chesapeake; however, MDOT SHA has set a reduction target date of 2025 to allow for the possibility of changes in programmed or planned sites. For example, MDOT SHA currently has planned stream restoration and outfall stabilization projects in the Other West Chesapeake watershed accounting for a total of 1,192 linear feet with the projected load reductions of 29,876 lbs./yr. Changes to either of these projects would affect whether MDOT SHA meets the TMDL reduction requirement.

F. MDOT SHA OTHER WEST CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED SEDIMENT TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

F.1. Watershed Description

The Other West Chesapeake Bay watershed (8-digit Basin Code – 02131005) is located on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay within the Lower Western Shore tributary basin. The watershed drains portions of both Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties. While the Lower Western Shore tributary basin includes several rivers such as the Magothy, Severn, South, West, and Rhode Rivers, the Other West Chesapeake watershed contains no major rivers. The watershed is entirely within the Coastal Plains physiographic region and contains no "high quality," or Tier II, stream segments.

The total drainage area of the Other West Chesapeake watershed is approximately 80 square miles (51,170 acres), not including water/wetlands. Approximately 0.8 square miles (505 acres) of the watershed is covered by water (MDE, 2018a).

The designated use of the non-tidal portion of the Other West Chesapeake is Use Class I – Water Contact Recreation, and Protection of Nontidal Warmwater Aquatic Life (MDE, 2018a).

Waters within the Other West Chesapeake watershed are subject to the following impairments as noted on MDE's 303(d) List:

- Fecal Coliform;
- Nitrogen (Total);
- Phosphorous (Total); and
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

There are 21 centerline miles of MDOT SHA roadway located within the Other West Chesapeake watershed. The associated ROW encompasses 222 acres, of which 81 acres are impervious. MDOT SHA facilities located within the watershed consist of one (1) highway garage and/or shop, one (1) park and ride, and one (1) salt storage facility.

See **Figure 5** for a map of MDOT SHA facilities within the Other West Chesapeake watershed.

F.2. MDOT SHA TMDLs within Other West Chesapeake Watershed

MDOT SHA is included in the sediment TMDL (MDE, 2018a), with a reduction requirement of 33 percent, as shown in **Table 2**. There are no other pollutants with TMDLs and MDOT SHA WLAs for the Other West Chesapeake watershed.

While the Other West Chesapeake watershed is located in both Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties, Calvert County is currently outside of the MDOT SHA current permit coverage area. Therefore, **Section F.3.**, **Section F.4.**, and **Section F.5.** below only pertain to the portion of the Other West Chesapeake watershed in Anne Arundel County.

F.3. MDOT SHA Visual Inventory of ROW

The MS4 Permit requires MDOT SHA to perform visual assessments. **Section C** describes the MDOT SHA visual assessment process. For each BMP type, implementation teams have performed preliminary evaluations for each grid and/or major State route corridor within the watershed as part of desktop and field evaluations. The grid-system used for the Other West Chesapeake watershed is shown in **Figure 6** which illustrates that 20 grid cells have been reviewed, encompassing portions of eight (8) State route corridors. Results of the visual inventory categorized by BMP type follow.

Structural Stormwater Controls

Preliminary evaluation identified 83 locations as potential new structural stormwater (SW) control locations. Further analysis of these locations resulted in:

- 41 additional sites deemed potentially viable for new structural SW controls and pending further analysis, may be candidates for future restoration opportunities.
- 42 sites deemed not viable for structural SW controls and have been removed from consideration.

Tree Planting

Preliminary evaluation identified 18 locations as potential tree planting locations. Further analysis of these locations resulted in:

- 10 sites constructed or under contract.
- Eight (8) sites deemed not viable for tree planting and have been removed from consideration.

Stream Restoration

Preliminary evaluation identified one (1) site as a potential stream restoration location. Further analysis of this location resulted in:

• One (1) site deemed not viable for stream restoration.

Grass Swale Rehabilitation

No grass swale rehabilitation sites were identified in this watershed for restoration.

Outfall Stabilization

Preliminary evaluation identified one (1) outfall potential for stabilization. Further analysis of this site resulted in:

• One (1) outfall site deemed not viable for outfall stabilization and has been removed from consideration.

Retrofit of Existing Structural SW Controls

No existing structural SW controls were identified in this watershed for potential retrofits.

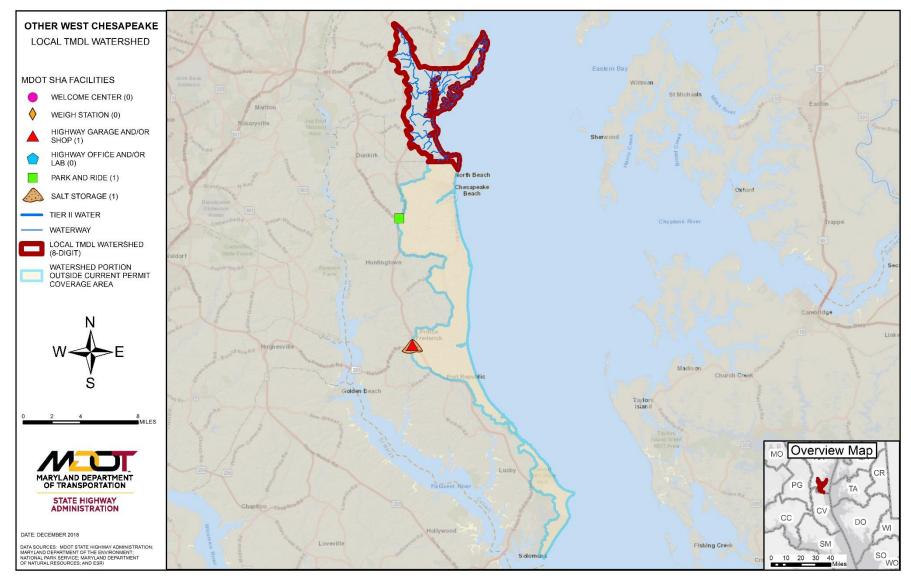


Figure 5: Other West Chesapeake Watershed

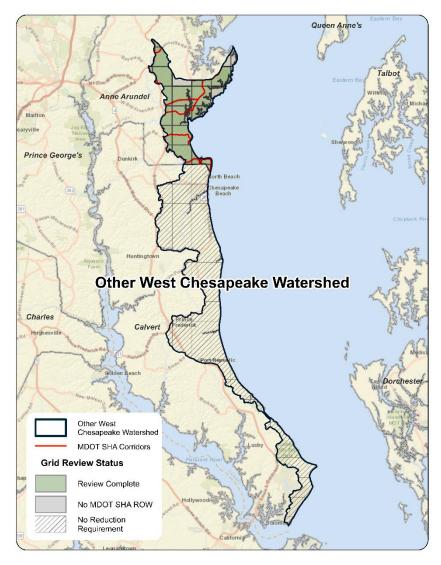


Figure 6: Other West Chesapeake Site Search Grids

F.4. Summary of County Assessment Review

The Herring Bay, Middle Patuxent, and Lower Patuxent Watershed Assessment Comprehensive Summary Report was published in June 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the "2018 Report"). The 2018 Report was the result of a collaborative effort between the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program within the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (AA-DPW), KCI Technologies, Inc., and Coastal Resources, Inc. (AA-DPW et al., 2018). The 2018 Report serves as Anne Arundel County's assessment of the 8-digit Other West Chesapeake Bay watershed within Anne Arundel County.

The Anne Arundel County portion of the Other West Chesapeake Bay watershed-referred to in the 2018 Report and hereinafter as the "Herring Bay watershed"—is located in the eastern and southeastern region of the County. The watershed's total eastern portion is located on the mainstem of the Chesapeake Bay and the southern portion shares a boundary with Calvert County. The watershed encompasses 23 square miles (14,682 acres) in drainage and contains approximately 109 miles of streams. The Herring Bay watershed is located entirely in the Atlantic Coastal Plain and is a relatively featureless lowland with very few slopes greater than 15 percent. Land use within the Herring Bay watershed is as follows: mixed woods (41 percent); residential (23 percent); forested wetlands (9 percent), and industrial (less than 1 percent). Open space, open wetland, pasture/hay, commercial, row crops, and transportation each account for approximately 2 to 7 percent of the watershed. Development of the land is expected to continue (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

The Herring Bay watershed is divided into 21 subwatersheds of greatly varying areas and channel lengths and includes many large well-known named streams including Deep Cove Creek, Rockhold Creek, Trotts Branch, and Tracys Creek. (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

Many sensitive environmental features can be found throughout the watershed, including wetlands primarily in the eastern portion of the

watershed, greenways, forested areas, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplains. These high quality habitats are sensitive to anthropogenic stress and have been identified as priorities for protection.

Soils within the Herring Bay watershed hold diverse hydrologic characteristics; however, the majority are categorized as having a medium-high (33 percent) to high (24 percent) susceptibility to soil erosion. While the majority are classified as Group B soils (45.6 percent), the more erodible Group C and Group D soils together account for 54 percent of the watershed (42.6 and 11.4 percent, respectively), which could pose a challenge to implementing BMPs. The watershed has approximately 953.4 acres of impervious cover or 6.5 percent. MDOT SHA property accounts for 34 percent of the watershed's impervious cover (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

Based on the calculated Maryland Physical Habitat Index (MPHI) score, each stream reach was assigned a condition category of Severely Degraded, Degraded, Partially Degraded, or Minimally Degraded. Standard MPHI category breakpoints used by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are as follows:

- 0 to 50.9 Severely Degraded
- 51.0 to 65.9 Degraded
- 66.0 to 80.9 Partially Degraded
- 81.0 to 100 Minimally Degraded

The 2018 Report states that the average length-weighted MPHI score for the Herring Bay watershed is 76.1, which corresponds to the Partially Degraded condition. Erosion impacts primarily due to encroachment from agricultural fields and residential lawns, as well as stream crossing impacts and riparian buffer impacts had the highest total cumulative impact scores of all the inventoried features (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

Further data collection, hydrologic modeling using the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Technical Release 20 (TR-20) model, and pollutant load

modeling based off of the EPA's Simple Method and Pollutant Loading Estimator (PLOAD) models provided the quantification of watershed processes and the assessment of existing conditions, future development, and pollutant control scenarios. These models provided a means to prioritize restoration and mitigation projects and to understand the extent of potential water quality improvements necessary for satisfying MS4 permit and TMDL requirements. Of the 21 subwatersheds within Herring Bay, 33 percent have been rated as high priority for restoration and 14 percent have been rated as high priority for preservation (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

Urban stormwater BMPs are currently utilized throughout the County and the installation of either structural or nonstructural BMPs is required in all new development areas as well as redevelopment sites. The level of the stormwater management required is dependent on many factors including the size of the development, proximity to Critical Area, and the downstream conditions. In addition to efforts from development or redevelopment requirements, the County also frequently retrofits publicly-owned property with BMPs. MDOT SHA owns one percent of the BMPs within the Herring Bay watershed, which manages three percent of the total 100.6-acre drainage area (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

Part of the County's NPDES MS4 permit requires efforts to address problems with litter and floatables. Currently, the County undertakes 18 programs to reduce and remove litter and trash focusing on three major approaches:

- 1. Source reduction and reuse:
- 2. Recycling/composting; and
- 3. Treatment and disposal.

Future programs will adhere to these three approaches and include plastic bag bans, polystyrene foam bans, a smoking ban, trash receptacles, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, storm drain vacuuming, trash nets, and booms and skimmers. Determination of success for these programs will depend on monitoring; therefore, a monitoring program will need to be established to determine baseline

levels of litter, what type of litter is most prevalent, where the hotspots for the litter are, and how effective litter reduction programs are (AA-DPW et al., 2018).

F.5. MDOT SHA Pollutant Reduction Strategies

Proposed practices to meet sediment reduction in the Other West Chesapeake watershed are shown in **Table 4**. Projected sediment reductions using these practices are 34,155 lbs./yr. which is 187 percent of the required reduction. Four timeframes are included in the table below:

• BMPs built before the TMDL baseline. In this case, the baseline is 2009:

- BMPs implemented after the baseline through fiscal year 2020;
- BMPs implemented after fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2025; and
- Future BMPs to be implemented after fiscal year 2025.

MDOT SHA will accomplish the projected reduction to be achieved as a percent of the baseline load presented in **Table 2**.

Estimated costs to design, construct, and implement BMPs within the Other West Chesapeake watershed total \$2,983,000. These projected costs are based on an average cost per impervious acre treated derived from cost history for each BMP type. See **Table 5** for a summary of estimated BMP costs.

Table 4: Other West Chesapeake Restoration Sediment BMP Implementation								
DMD	Unit	Baseline	Restoration BMPs					
ВМР		(Before 2009)	2020	2025	Future	Total		
New Stormwater	drainage area acres	6.8	2.7	14.8	N/A	17.6		
Impervious Surface Elimination	acres removed		0.1		N/A	0.1		
Impervious Disconnects	credit acres	4.6			N/A			
Tree Planting	acres of tree planting	1.7	4.0	4.3	N/A	8.3		
Stream Restoration	linear feet			791.7	N/A	791.7		
Outfall Stabilization	linear feet			400.0	N/A	400.0		
Inlet Cleaning ¹	dry tons		0.1		N/A	0.1		
Load Reductions	TSS EOS lbs./yr.		829.1	33,325.5	0	34,154.6		
	Total Projected Reduction 35,37							
¹ Inlet cleaning is an annual practice.								

Figure 7 is a map of MDOT SHA's restoration practices in the watershed and includes those that are under design and construction. Inlet cleaning and street sweeping are not reflected on this map.

Table 5: Other West Chesapeake Restoration BMP Cost										
ВМР	2020	2025	Total							
New Stormwater	\$223,000	\$1,174,000	\$1,397,000							
Impervious Surface Elimination	\$15,000		\$15,000							
Tree Planting	\$124,000	\$130,000	\$254,000							
Stream Restoration		\$529,000	\$529,000							
Outfall Stabilization		\$787,000	\$787,000							
Inlet cleaning	\$1,000		\$1,000							
Total	\$363,000	\$2,620,000	\$2,983,000							

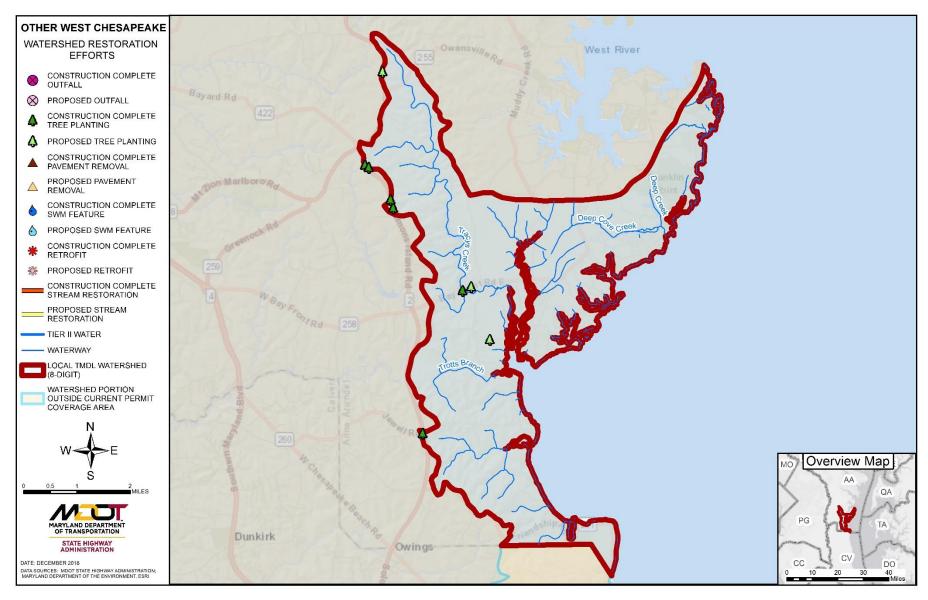


Figure 7: MDOT SHA Programmed Restoration Strategies within the Other West Chesapeake Watershed

Note: This list of Review Draft of the	ALL Implementation Plan (available at	BMP BOD BSID BST	Best Management Practice Biochemical Oxygen Demand Biological Stressor Identification Bacterial Source Tracking
	land.gov). Many of the abbreviations may not apply	CAFO CBP	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Chesapeake Bay Program
AA	Anne Arundel (County)	CBPWM	Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Model
AA-DPW	Anne Arundel County, Department of Public Works	СН	Charles (County)
AAH	Adopt-A-Highway	CH-DPGM	Charles County, Department of Planning & Growth
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
	Transportation Officials	CL	Carroll (County)
ac	Acre Air Force Base	CL-BRM	Carroll County, Bureau of Resource Management
AFB Alt	All Force base Alternative	CRP	Community Reforestation Program
AMT, Inc.		CSN	Chesapeake Stormwater Network
ATV	A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. All-terrain vehicle	CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
BA	Baltimore (County)	CTP	Consolidated Transportation Program
BA-DEPRM	Baltimore (County) Baltimore County, Department of Environmental	CV	Calvert (County)
DA-DEI KIVI	Protection and Resource Management	CWA	Clean Water Act
BA-EPS	Baltimore County, Department of Environmental	CWAPTW	Clean Water Action Plan Technical Workgroup
	Protection and Sustainability	CWP	Center for Watershed Protection
BARC	Beltsville Agriculture Research Center	DC	District of Columbia
BASMAA	Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies	DD	Direct Drainage
Dov	Association Changeska Bay	DO	Dissolved Oxygen
Bay BBO	Chesapeake Bay	DMCF	Dredged Material Containment Facilities
DDU	Beaverdam Run, Baisman Run, and Oregon Branch Subwatersheds of the Loch Raven	DNR	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
	Reservoir Watershed	DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
BIBI	Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity	ECD	Environmental Compliance Division (MDOT SHA)
		E. coli	Escherichia coli

EMC	Event Mean Concentration	LN	Lower North
EOS	Edge of Stream	LNB	Lower North Branch
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	LRE	Loch Raven East subwatershed
ESC	Erosion and Sediment Control	LJF	Lower Jones Falls (Watershed)
ESD	Environmental Site Design	MAA	Maryland Aviation Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	MD	Maryland
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	MDA	Maryland Department of Agriculture
FIB	Fecal Indicator Bacteria	MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
FIBI	Fish Index of Biotic Integrity	MDOT SHA	Maryland Department of Transportation State
FMD	Facility Maintenance Division (MDOT SHA)		Highway Administration
FR	Frederick (County)	MDP	Maryland Department of Planning
FR-DPW	Frederick County, Division of Public Works	MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable
FR-OSER	Frederick County, Office of Sustainability and	MEPA	Maryland Environmental Policy Act
	Environmental Resources	MET	Maryland Environmental Trust
FY	Fiscal Year	MGF	Middle Gwynns Falls (Watershed)
GIS	Geographic Information System	MO	Montgomery (County)
HA	Harford (County)	MO-DEP	Montgomery County, Department of Environmental
HA-DPW	Harford County, Department of Public Works		Protection
НО	Howard (County)	MOS	Margin of Safety
HWG	Horsley Witten Group, Inc.	MPHI	Maryland Physical Habitat Index
ICPRB	Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin	MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
IDDE	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination	MSU	Morgan State University
IR	Integrated Report	MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
ISWBMPDB	International Stormwater BMP Database	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
LA	Load Allocations	NJF	Northeastern Jones Falls (Watershed)
lbs	Pounds (weight)	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
LF	Linear Feet	OC	Office of Communications (MDOT SHA)
LID	Low Impact Development	OED	Office of Environmental Design (MDOT SHA)

OOM	Office of Maintenance (MDOT SHA)	TBR	Tidal Back River (Watershed)
PACD	Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts	TCW	Toxic Contaminants Workgroup
PATMH	Patapsco River Mesohaline	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
PAXMH	Patuxent River Mesohaline	TN	Total Nitrogen
PAXOH	Patuxent River Oligohaline	TP	Total Phosphorus
PAXTF	Patuxent River Tidal Fresh	tPCB	Total Polychlorinated Biphenyl
PB	Parsons Brinckerhoff	TSS	Total Suspended Solids
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl	UBR	Upper Back River (Watershed)
PE	Rainfall Target Used To Size ESD Practices	UGF	Upper Gwynns Falls (Watershed)
PERC	Perchloroethylene	UJF	Upper Jones Falls (Watershed)
PG	Prince George's (County)	US	United States
PG-DoE	Prince George's County, Department of the	USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
	Environment	USDA-NRCS	United States Department of Agriculture,
PLOAD	Pollutant Loading Estimator		Natural Resources Conservation Service
RBP	Rapid Bioassessment Protocol	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
RGP	Regional General Permit	USGS	United States Geological Survey
ROW	Right-of-Way	USWG	Urban Stormwater Work Group
SAH	Sponsor-A-Highway	WA	Washington (County)
SB	Spring Branch subwatershed	WA-DPW	Washington County, Division of Public Works
SCA	Stream Corridor Assessment	WAMP	Watershed Management Plan
SFEI	San Francisco Estuary Institute	WCSCD	Washington County Soil Conservation District
SGW	Submerged Gravel Wetlands	WIP	Watershed Implementation Plan
SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow	WLA	Wasteload Allocation
SW	Stormwater	WPD	Water Programs Division (MDOT SHA)
SWAP	Small Watershed Action Plan	WQSs	Water Quality Standards
SWM	Stormwater Management	WQv	Water Quality Volume
SW-WLA	Stormwater Wasteload Allocation	WQGIT	Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
TBD	To Be Determined	WRAS	Watershed Restoration Action Strategy
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WSSC Wetlands of Special State Concern

WTM Watershed Treatment Model

WTWG Watershed Technical Work Group WWTP Waste Water Treatment Plant

Year yr

Maryland General Permit for Discharges from Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities 12-SW

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