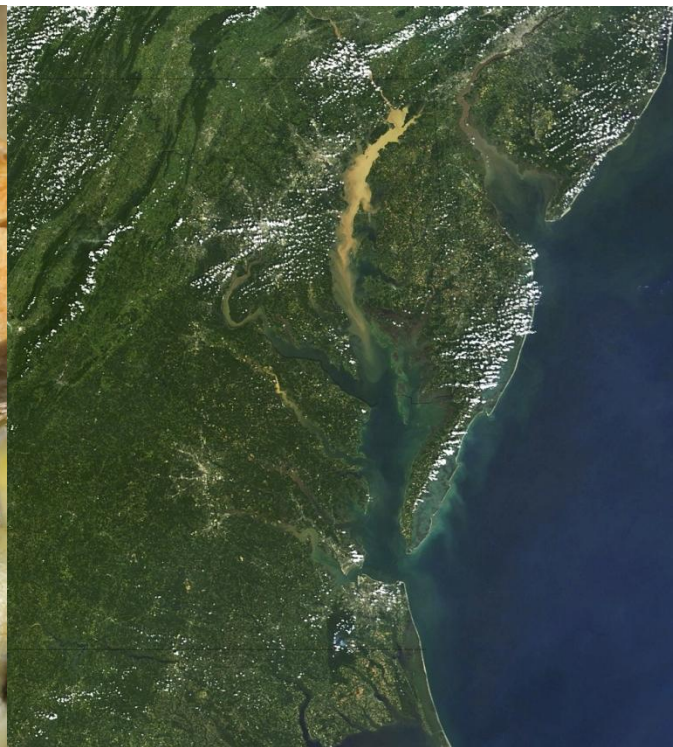


# Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the **Eastern Shore of Virginia**

Background, Local Information & Concerns



# What is the TMDL?

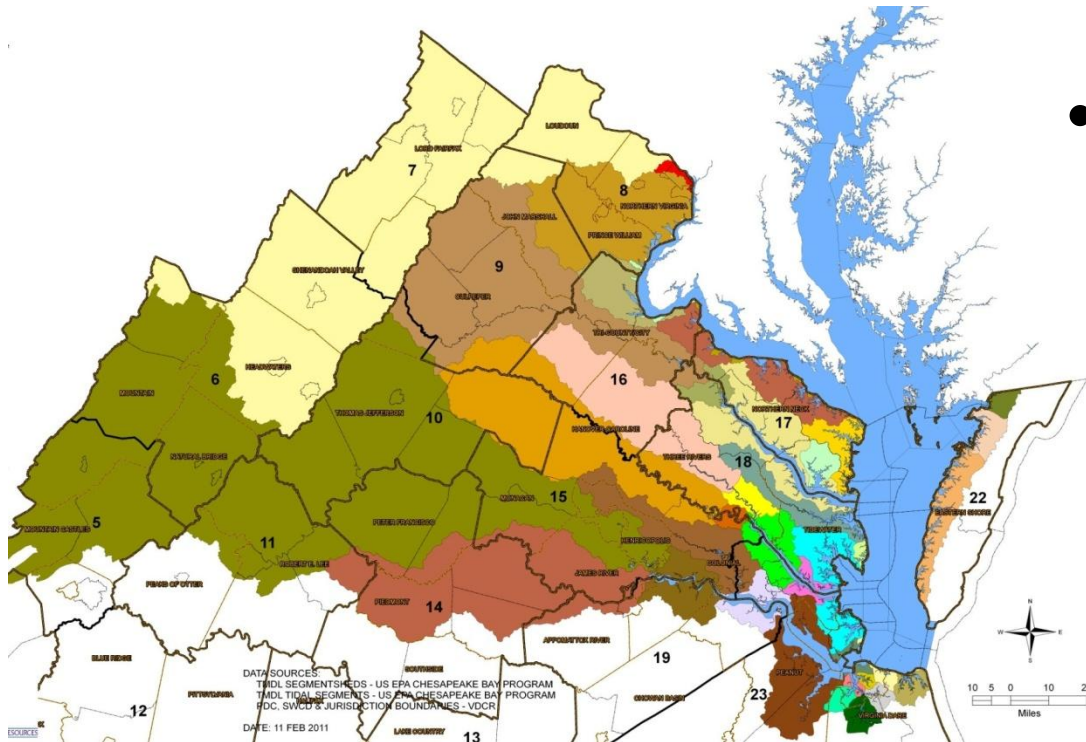
- A TMDL is a pollution diet required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a waterway that is impaired (not fishable and/or swimmable). The EPA's authority is derived from the Clean Water Act.

- The EPA has set the limits for **nitrogen**, **phosphorus** and **sediment**.
- The reductions are in large part determined by the Chesapeake Bay Model. (This is a series of models of varying focuses.)
- The TMDL is set for the entire watershed. This encompasses approximately 64,000 square miles and includes portions of six states.



# I've heard we're not in the Bay watershed. Is that true?

- Portions of the Eastern Shore are not in the watershed. These areas are on the seaside and the next slides show the dividing lines.



- The dividing line is not US Route 13, but is based on the drainage of your land.

# Middle Pocomoke River (POCOH\_VA)

Colored Area represents the segment shed

