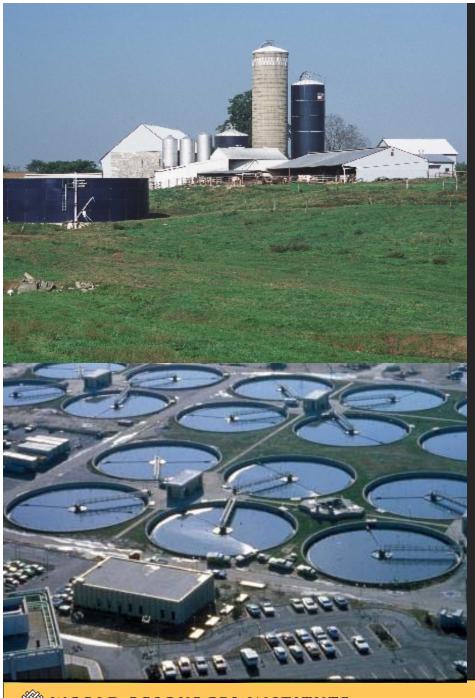
# NutrientNet/NTT Quantifying Nutrient Reductions for Maryland's WQT Program

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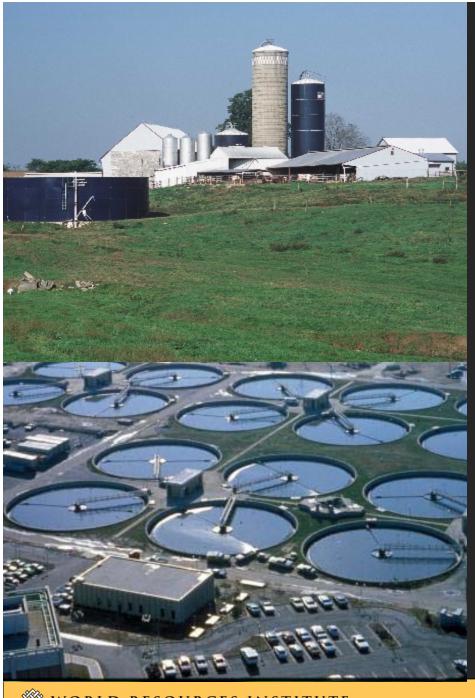
#### **NutrientNet/NTT**

#### NutrientNet:

- Registry
- Marketplace
- Calculation Tools (NTT + GIS + policy)

#### NTT:

- APEX
- Uses SURGO soils, daily weather, RUSLE2 management
- Nutrients, Sediments,Carbon, and Pesticides

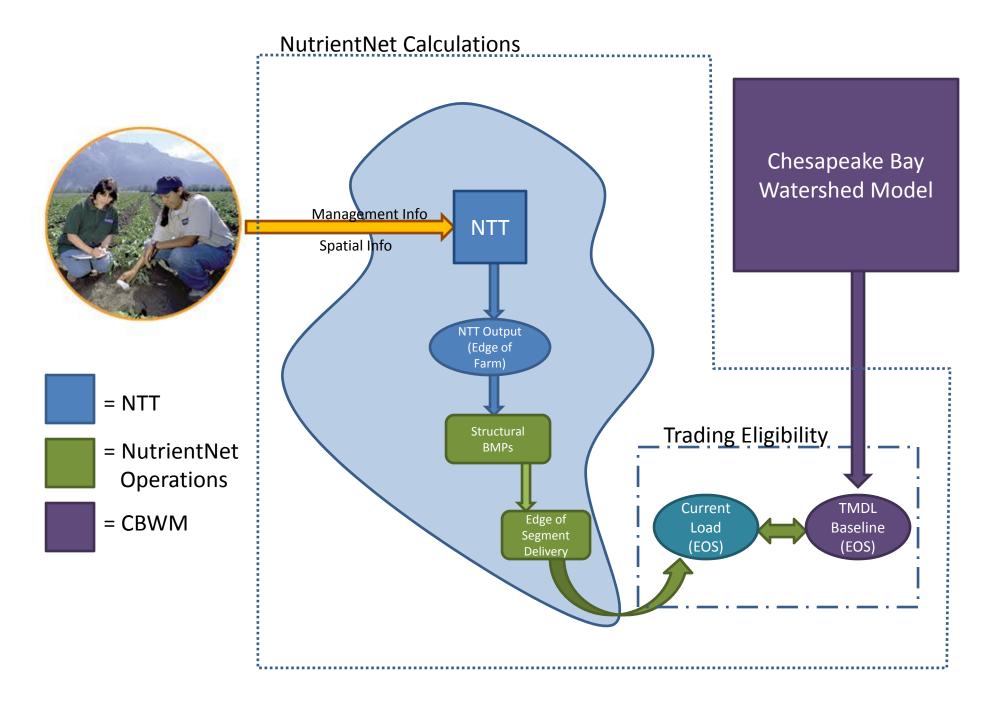


### **Applications**

Maryland

 Multistate (MD, VA, PA, WV, DE)—under development

 Current PA and WV versions do not include NTT calculator

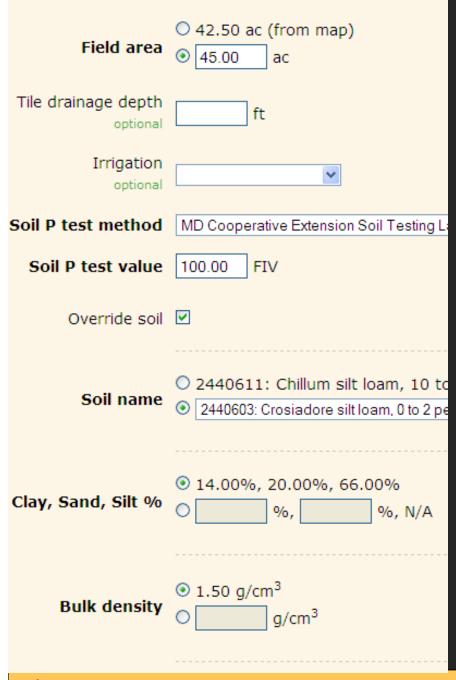




## Inputs

Spatial Inputs

- Soil
- Climate
- Area
- Watershed segment



## Inputs (cont.)

Field information

- Edit field area (if needed)
- Tile Drainage
- Irrigation
- Soil P
- Edit soil type (if needed)



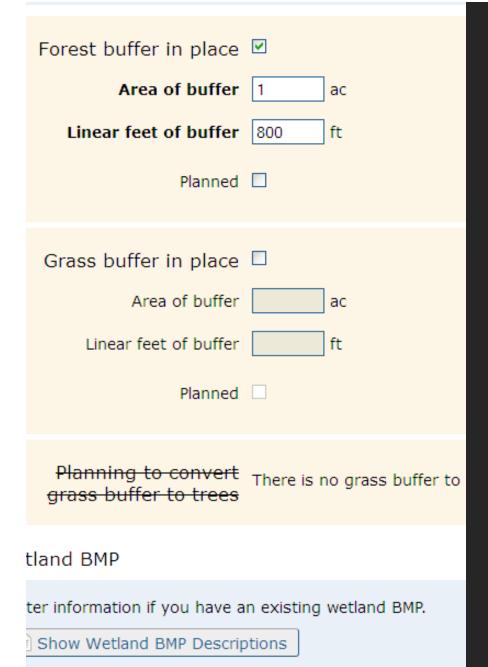
## Inputs (cont.)

- Management Info
  - Crop rotation
  - Plant, harvest, kill dates
  - Commercial applications
  - Manure applications
  - Grazing operations
  - Tillage operations



## **BMPs Handled by NTT**

- Nutrient management
- Cover Crops
- Contour strip cropping
- Rotational grazing
- Alternate rotations
- Low-till/No-till
- Enhanced nutrient management
- Phytase/dairy prcision feeding/alum



## Structural BMPs (applied post-NTT)

- Buffers
- Wetlands
- Fencing/offstream watering
- Conservation plans
- Stream restoration
- Water control structures

## **NTT Outputs**

	Baseline
Total N (before BMPs applied)	12.70 lb/ac
Sediment (Organic N)	5.30 lb/ac
Soluble N (NO3)	7.40 lb/ac
Tile Drained N	0.00 lb/ac
Total P (before BMPs applied)	2.18 lb/ac
Sediment P (Organic P)	0.68 lb/ac
Soluble P (PO <sub>4</sub> )	1.50 lb/ac
Tile Drained P	0.00 lb/ac
Flow	10.85 in
Sediment	N/A
Carbon	N/A
Crop Yield	
Corn	169.00 bu/ac

### **NutrientNet Outputs**

This farm meets baseline for both nitrogen and phosphorus. You may now proceed to the Future Crop Management/Future BMPs tabs to determine credits on any or all fields.

#### Nitrogen

Baseline Load (EOS): 500.4 lb

Current Load (EOS): 221.3 lb

11.1 lb/ac

4.9 lb/ac

#### Phosphorus

Baseline Load (EOS): 50.4 lb

Current Load (EOS): 22.9 lb

1.1 lb/ac

0.5 lb/ac



#### **Estimating Credits**

- If farm meets baseline, user can enter an alternate scenario
- Follow same data input steps as for current crops
- Shortcuts available to cut entry time
- Planned management might include add'I BMPs, alternate management, or alternate crops
- Credits are calculated as difference between current and planned

Nitrogen Summary

Baseline Load (EOS): 500.4 lb

Current Load (EOS): 221.3 lb

Planned Load (EOS): 212.4 lb

Reductions Eligible to Generate Credits (EOS): 8.8 lb

Delivery Ratio: 1.00

Reductions to Chesapeake Bay: 8.8 lb

Credits Generated: 9 credits/yr

11.1 lb/ac

4.9 lb/ac

4.7 lb/ac

0.2 lb/ac

0.2 lb/ac

Note: credits generated by crop and pasture fields are determined in agg and not at the per-field level.

Phosphorus Summary

Baseline Load (EOS): 50.4 lb

Current Load (EOS): 22.9 lb

Planned Load (EOS): 22.9 lb

Reductions Eligible to Generate Credits (EOS): 0.0 lb

Delivery Ratio: 1.00

Reductions to Chesapeake Bay: 0.0 lb

Credits Generated: 0 credits/vr

1.1 lb/ac

0.5 lb/ac

0.5 lb/ac

0.0 lb/ac

0.0 lb/ac

Note: credits generated by crop and pasture fields are determined in add



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#### **Users**

- Producers
- SWCD's
- Aggregators/Agri-business
- Policymakers
- Academics



#### **Future Work**

- User-friendliness
- Additional BMPs, management operations
- Calibrations
- Model updates
- Alignment with national NTT

### **Thank You**

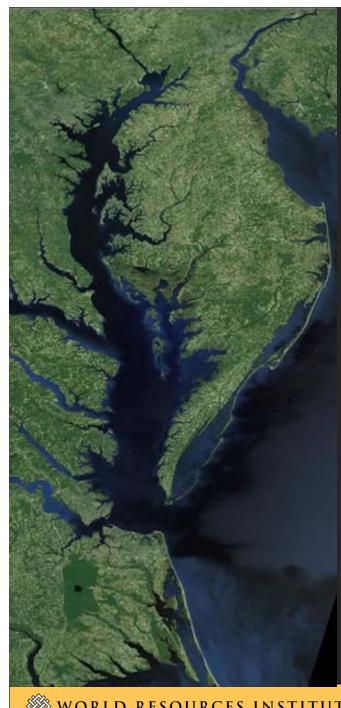
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#### **Calculation Considerations**

- Input data for full rotation
- NTT runs for 42 years, over full weather profile
- Structural BMP efficiencies applied to NTT results
- Calibration factor applied for baseline comparison
- CB Delivery factor applied for credit calculation.
- Calculations performed for current and planned conditions.