

Bay Program Summary July/August 2018

Items of Interest

- **CBP's Midpoint Assessment is now [available](#)**
- **Water Quality GIT (7/23)**
 - **Interim BMPs** – Several BMPs were discussed to be used as placeholders for Phase III WIP Planning purposes, reductions for crediting options are available, but will not be put into the model until 2019
 - **[Conservation Landscaping](#)** – This is an efficiency BMP that calls for land use conversion, conservation practices must be managed and intentionally established, it can't just be 'let go', and a maintenance program must be established. Interim reductions are 39% for total nitrogen and 25% for total phosphorus, these reductions will be re-visited once more data is available and can be found in the [Technical Appendix](#).
 - **Onsite wastewater treatment systems** – This is a crediting option available from the expert panel report describing drip irrigation dispersal practices. It is not a good practice for coastal areas due to the need for an 18" deep unsaturation zone.
 - **[Boat Pump Out Practices](#)** – Recommendations from the [Technical Appendix](#) in the Expert Panel were being considered for interim BMP credit, however there were many concerns with the report and reductions provided so interim credits are not available yet. Some issues are: The data did not include Coast Guard registered boats, only recreational boats, different boat sizes are used in MD and VA and it was unclear as to why they weren't uniform across the Bay, crediting is given where the boat is registered not where the pump out occurs, large vessels are not accounted for. This is a small credit for a small load, however locals are very interested in having this for other TMDL requirements, some thought has to be put in to incentivizing and accounting for these. It is also unclear what load source this would be attributed to in the model since it is an estuarine load. The report will get more revisions and attention and be discussed at a later date.

There were no more meetings, many were cancelled in order for jurisdictions to focus on the new planning targets and the Phase III WIP.