STAC COVID-19 Review + Workshop

Sept. 15, 2020 STAC Meeting Brainstorm Session

Cooperstown, NY

New York/

Chesapeake Bay Watershed

- 64,000 square miles
- 11,684 miles of shoreline
- 150 major rivers & streams
- Home to over 18 million people

Wilkes-Barre, PA

usbury, MD

Pennsylvania

Baltimore

Harrisburg, PA

West Virginia

Marylan

Washington, DC

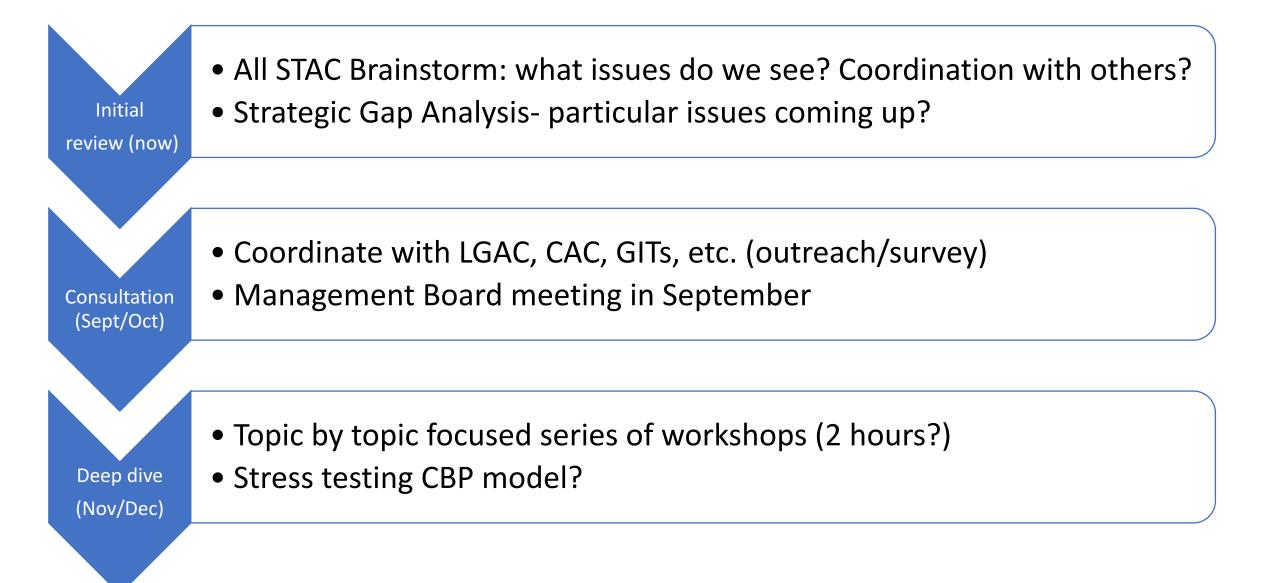
Charlottesville, VA

Virginia

Richmond, VA

What has the impact of COVID-19 been in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed?

STAC Review/Workshop Process (potential)



Plenty of COVID-19 impacts & changed dynamics showing up in the news...



Are there changes in patterns on how resources are being used by the public or in other watershed related dynamics?

What are you seeing or hearing about?

Brainstorm- type thoughts/ideas into chat function. Wait to hit enter until I say so.

Are there particular goals or outcomes being impacted by COVID-19? What happens if we look systematically at these?



10 goals, multiple outcomes:

- 1. Sustainable fisheries
- 2. Vital habitats
- 3. Water quality
- 4. Toxic contaminants
- 5. Healthy watersheds
- 6. Stewardship (#s, diversity)
- 7. Land conservation
- 8. Public access
- 9. Environmental literacy
- 10. Climate resiliency

Are there data that has been collected or can be collected now to capture changes in the system?

- Are there time sensitive data that show up given current COVID-impacts?
- Does this information help provide novel insights or help resolve uncertainties that we might be seeing in the Bay/Watershed models?



Regional Air Quality and Other Information Resources During COVID-19 Pandemic

With the significant change in air pollutant emissions during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are opportunities to investigate how these changes affect air quality throughout the Ozone Transport Region. To promote collaborative opportunities among the research community and air quality agencies, this webpage provides a listing of on-going and past air quality data measurements and air quality researchers collecting potentially relevant data sets. The focus is on the Ozone Transport Region, but some of the listed resources include national (U.S.) and global data sets. In addition, several links are also included for state-level projections of COVID-19 health metrics and trends in activity levels.

Trends in Covid Health Metrics

- The Covid-19 Tracker, STAT
- Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases, CSSE, Johns Hopkins University

Trends in Activity

- Daily Traffic Volume Trends (subset of U.S. states).
- Mobility Trends Reports, Apple Maps

Links to Current and Historical AQ Data Sets and Resources

- OpenAQ. Open-source platform of near real-time air quality monitoring data (recent data are not yet fully verified or validated)
- European Space Agency TEMIS, Tropospheric NO2 from satellites (archived NO2 satellite data sets)
- European Space Agency Copernicus, Sentinel-5P Pre-Operations Data Hub (most recent NO2 satellite data)
- Long Island Sound Tropospheric Ozone Study (LISTOS) data sets. Air quality data sets in the NYC metro region and over Long Island Sound from 2017-2019; some 2020 data sets to be added.
- Near-road Air Monitoring Sites in U.S., sorted by EPA region (last updated Sept. 2019). This listing includes black
 carbon monitoring, where indicated. Note that some air agencies may monitor for black carbon but not report it
 to EPA AQS -- check relevant agencies for data availability.

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- Fisheries = key topic
- What else?

Part of the review: what can we learn from other regions or discussions?

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Other questions? Thoughts? Ideas?

Next step: review + outreach + management board

