### Model My Watershed: A Tool for Water Resource Management

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#### Speakers:

- Dr. Anthony Aufdenkampe, Senior Environmental Scientist, LimnoTech
- Dr. Barry M. Evans, Senior Research Associate, Penn State University and Adjunct Faculty member at Stroud Water Research Center
- Bill Brown, Chief, TMDL Development Section, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



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- Dr. Barry M. Evans, a Senior Research Associate at Penn State University and Adjunct Faculty Member at Stroud Water Research Center. He is the author of the (MapShed) model that has been incorporated into the Model My Watershed online tool
- **Bill Brown**, who is Chief of the TMDL Development Section at Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection

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# Overview of Today's Webinar

- WikiWatershed and the Model My Watershed Web App
  - Motivation & Vision
  - Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DWRI)
- · "Site Storm Model" in Model My Watershed
  - · Introduction and Micro Site Storm Model
  - Case Study A: Conservation Scenario vs. Development Scenario
  - Case Study B: Preliminary Conservation Planning
- "Multi-Year Watershed Model" in Model My Watershed
  - Introduction to MapShed (GWLF-E)
  - Incorporation of Core MapShed Components into Model My Watershed
  - Case Study C: Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) Based on Prior TMDL Assessment
  - · Case Study D: Simple MS4 Application
  - · Case Study E: More Comprehensive MS4 Application
- · WikiWatershed into the Future
  - Big Water Data: Visualization & Analytics for Everyone

# Model My Watershed

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# Model My Watershed

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### The Future of Water Protection

- Information and knowledge are foundations of a functional democracy.
  - Informed citizenry is key to protecting watersheds, but ...
  - It is presently nearly impossible to get a complete picture of information and data from the dozens of federal, state, municipal, academic and volunteer sources.
- Can we harness the power of Wikipedia, Facebook and Google Earth to bring people together to share information?

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A Web toolkit to support citizens, conservation practitioners, municipal decision-makers, researchers, educators, and students

to collaboratively advancing knowledge and stewardship of fresh water.

# Wiki Watershed Three Programs

- Model My Watershed® a watershed-modeling Web app to:
  - · analyze real land cover, soil and other geospatial data,
  - · model storm water runoff and water quality, and
  - · compare conservation or development scenarios in your watershed
- Monitor My Watershed® an new Web app (late 2017) for:
  - interactive map-based discovery, visualization, and sharing of data
  - · from federal, state, academic and citizen sources; and
  - resources to assist citizens to monitor their watersheds using low-cost monitoring approaches based on sound science (EnviroDIY)
- Manage My Watershed® a envisioned social networking
  Web app to support a community of practice for the protection of
  freshwater resources and to engage citizens with policy-makers.

# Wiki Watershed Application

- Decision Support System for water conservation
  - Rapid visualization of watershed data
  - High-performance geospatial analysis capabilities
  - Science-based predictions of human impacts on stormwater runoff and water quality
- Intuitive user interface & satisfying user experience from any web browser
- Easy to share watershed-model scenarios, watershed-monitoring data
- · Features for public and professional users alike



# Introduction to Model My Watershed Data Visualization and Analysis

## Web Demo

http://wikiwatershed.org https://app.wikiwatershed.org

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Introduction to
Model My Watershed
Site Storm Model

# Site Storm Model: Core Components

- Simulates a hypothetical 24-hour storm
  - · Total precipitation is variable
- · Runoff model:
  - SLAMM: Source Loading and Management Model for Windows; urban small storm algorithms from Robert Pitts & WinSLAMM
  - TR55 for rural areas and large storms
- · Water quality
  - EPA STEP-L: Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Load
- Compare Scenarios
  - · Land cover change
  - Conservation practice / Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation

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Case Study A:
Scenarios for
Conservation vs. Development
Anytown, USA

# Web Demo

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Case Study B:
Preliminary Conservation Planning
at Cooch's Bridge

## Web Demo

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# Questions?

WikiWatershed?
MMW Site Storm Model?
Case Study?

# Overview of "Multi-Year Watershed Model" in Model My Watershed

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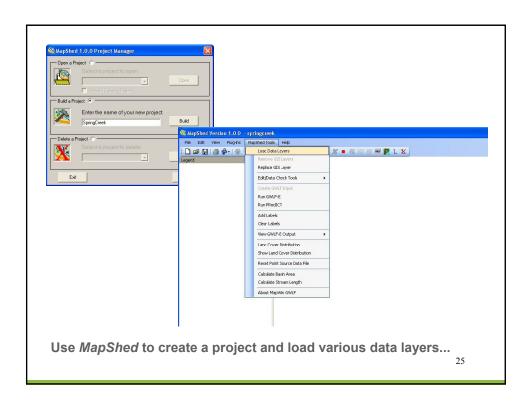
# Introduction to *MapShed* Desktop Application

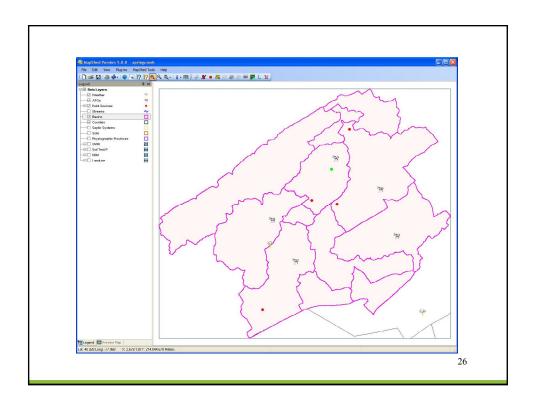
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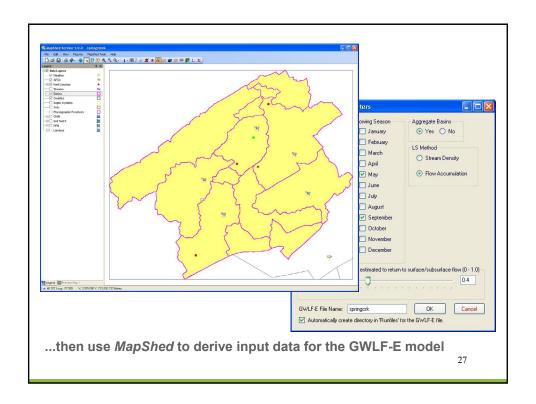
- MapShed is a "desktop" application that includes:
  - A GIS package for generating input parameters
  - · The GWLF-E watershed simulation model
- Generalized Watershed Loading Function (GWLF) model
  - · Substantially enhanced over 15 years to become GWLF-E
  - GWLF-E available within EPA BASINS model framework
- MapShed is an update of AVGWLF, which was:
  - Developed using ArcView 3.x software (AVGWLF)
  - Used by PA DEP and a number of other government and research organizations since 1999.
  - Efforts to re-configure to work in non-commercial GIS platform (MapWindow) began in 2010.
  - First "non-beta" version of *MapShed* released to public May <sup>20</sup>12.

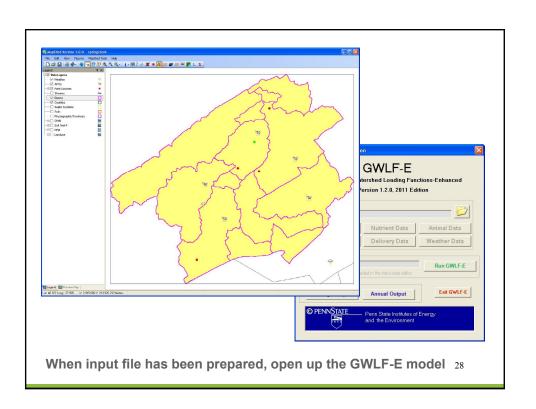
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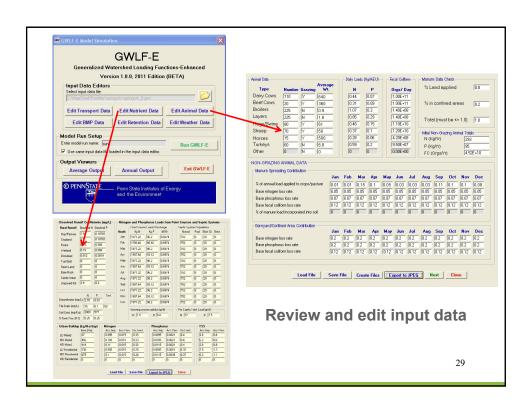
- Pre-processor
  - used to overlay and manipulate GIS layers, weather files, and other data for purpose of creating input files for the core watershed simulation model (GWLF-E)
- GWLF-E model
  - run with prepared input files to estimate nutrient (N and P), sediment, and pathogen loads for a given watershed (or watersheds)
- BMP simulator
  - a module for evaluating the potential benefits of BMP implementation
- Other tools
  - · to visualize, evaluate and compare model output

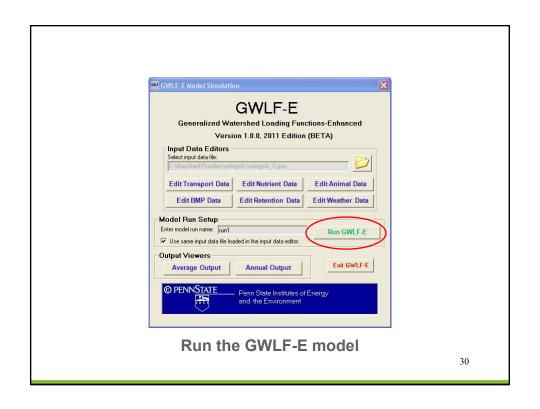


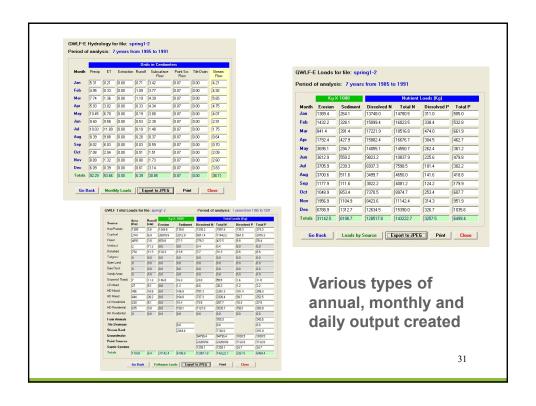


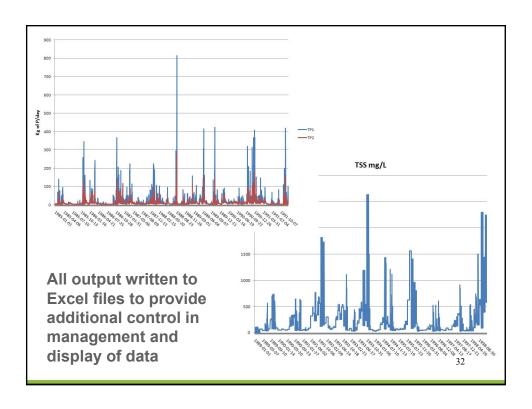


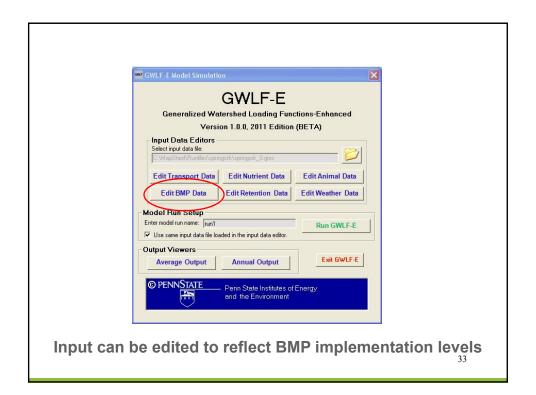


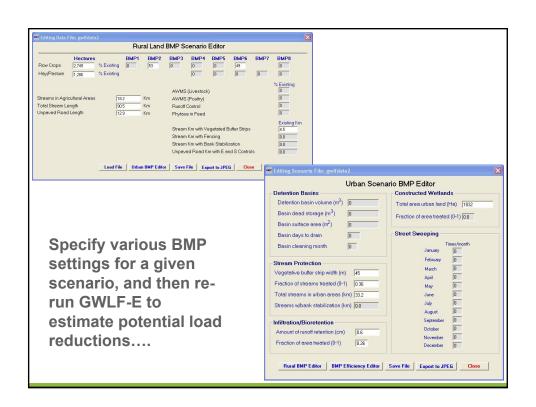


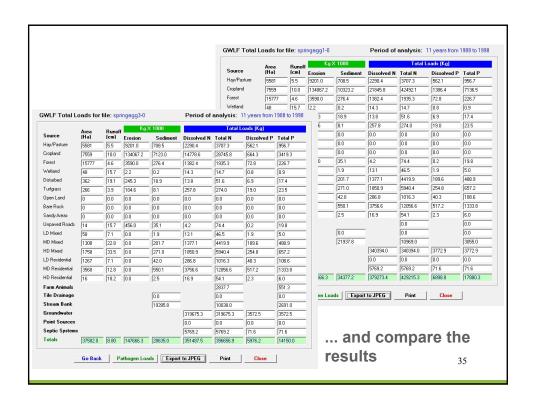


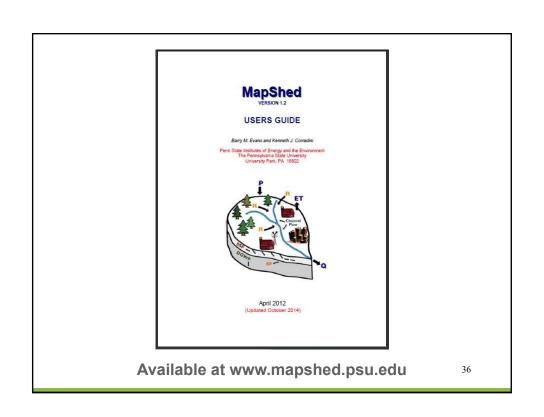












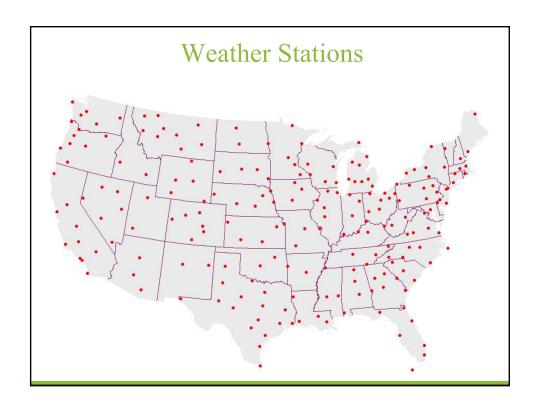
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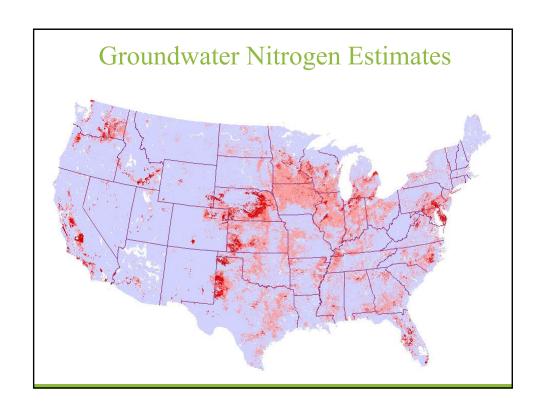
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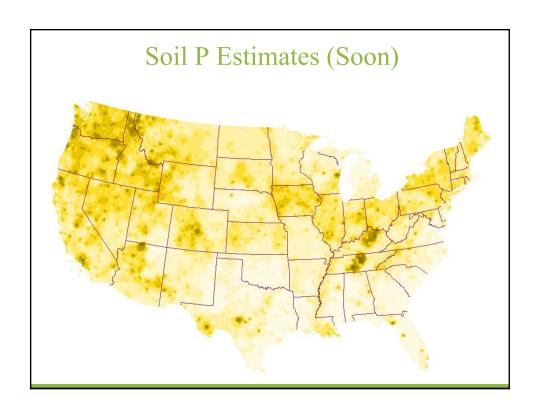
# **Key Activities**

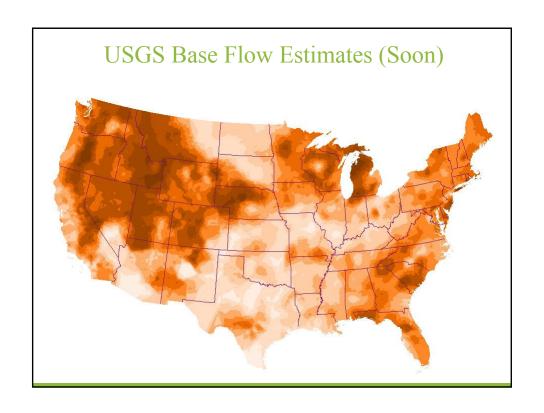
- Re-produce MapShed geoprocessing routines in Model My Watershed
  - Translate routines and formats from MapWindow to Geotrellis/GDAL/PostGIS
- Re-program GWLF-E from Visual Basic to Python
  - For multi-user processing on Linux and Apache Spark
- · Use national GIS and weather data
  - Rather than state or regional
- Compare model output
  - Desktop MapShed vs. MMW on Amazon Cloud
  - · Using same input data

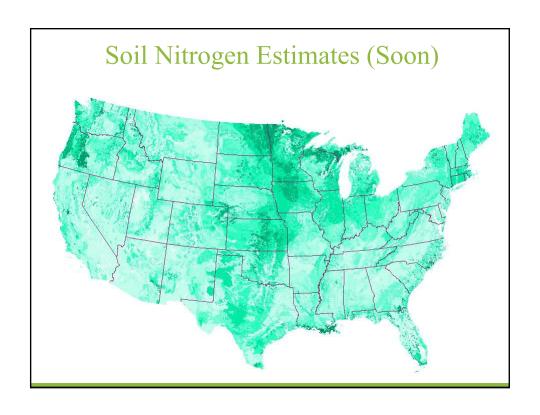
# Additional Datasets for Watershed MultiYear Model (MapShed)

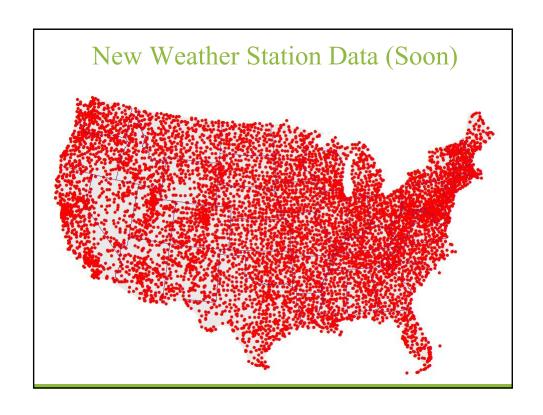


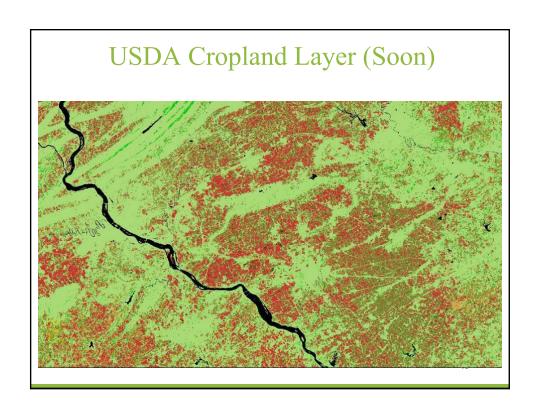










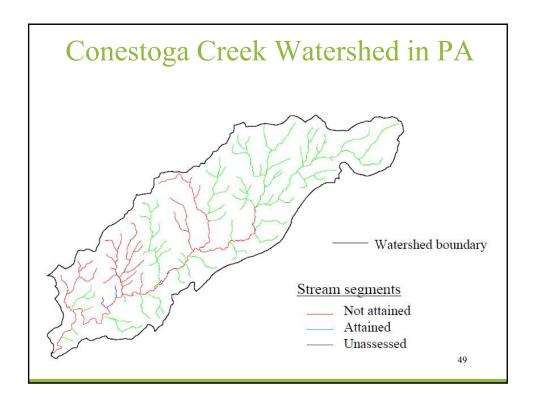


# Case Study C: Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) Based on Prior TMDL Assessment

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# **Basic Steps**

- Run model to estimate pollutant loads from various sources for purpose of evaluating where focus should be with respect to future remediation efforts.
- Once loads have been identified and quantified, use MMW to simulate load reductions from various BMPs and remediation measures to assess potential load reductions that might be achieved.



#### TMDL Results

- Stream impairments primarily caused by siltation and nutrient enrichment from agricultural sources
- Analysis determined that Total P should be reduced by 38% and Sediment should be reduced by 44%
- Various assessments are now being made as to where BMP implementation may be most effective in achieving these reduction targets as part of an ongoing Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP)
- In recent past, MapShed has been used in Pennsylvania to simulate pollutant loads and potential reductions; but Model My Watershed can now be used to accomplish this.

#### Web Demo

http://wikiwatershed.org
https://app.wikiwatershed.org

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#### **BMP Simulation Results**

- Prior TMDL determined that Total P should be reduced by 38% and Sediment should be reduced by 44%
- With MMW, mean annual TP and sediment loads were estimated to be 18,316 kg/yr and 7,648,782 kg/yr, respectively
- Given the above "current" loads, the reduced "target" loads should be about 18,316 \* 0.62 = 11,356 kg/yr for TP, and 7,648,782 \* 0.56 = 4,283,318 kg/yr for sediment
- Can also download the model input file created by MMW and do subsequent editing and model runs with "desktop" version of the GWLF-E model

# Case Study C: Simple MS4 Application

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# Background

- In Pennsylvania, all regulated areas (e.g., MS4s) are required to develop a "Pollutant Reduction Plan" to reduce sediment loads associated with their jurisdictions by at least 10% as part of the NPDES permit process
- Pollutant load estimates, including potential load reductions achieved via future BMP implementation, can be accomplished using MMW.

# Basic Steps

- Use MMW to quantify distribution of land use/cover within a given MS4 (municipality or urban) area.
- Enter area values (e.g., acres) for each of the land use/cover categories in a given area into a spreadsheet (e.g., Excel).
- Apply Chesapeake Bay loading rates for N, P and sediment to the area values to generate estimates of total mean annual loads for each pollutant type for each land use/cover type.
- Estimate potential load reductions that might be possible with BMPs/remediation measures.
- In PA, BMP reduction coefficients must be based on "Performance Standard" approach.

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#### Mean Annual Loads (lb/yr)

Land Use/Cover	Acres	Impervious Fraction	Total N	Total P	Sediment
Undeveloped	2198	# <del></del>	21,983	725	515,721
Developed, Open	951	0.15	49,495	2,481	1,176,989
Developed, Low Intensity	593	0.32	12,727	771	455,657
Developed, Medium Intensity	208	0.65	4,615	369	267,252
Developed, High Intensity	109	0.90	2,481	232	182,756
Totals	5456		91,300	4,578	2,598,376

#### Loading Rates (lb/acre/yr)

	Total N	Total P	Sediment
Impervious Developed	23.06	2.28	1839
Pervious Developed	20.72	0.84	265
Undeveloped	10	0.33	235

Estimated Pollutant Reductions (Target = 10% reduction of sediment)

What if we captured 1 inch of runoff from all impervious surfaces (100%)?

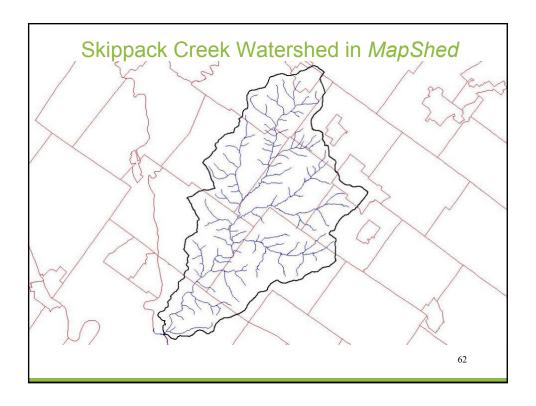
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Developed, Low Intensity	12,727	771	455,657	5,091	231	113,914
Developed, Medium Intensity	4,615	369	267,252	1,846	111	66,813
Developed, High Intensity	2,481	232	182,756	992	70	45,689
Totals	91,300	4,578	2,598,376	49,710	1,881	1,036,385
Percent Reduced				45.5	58.9	60.1

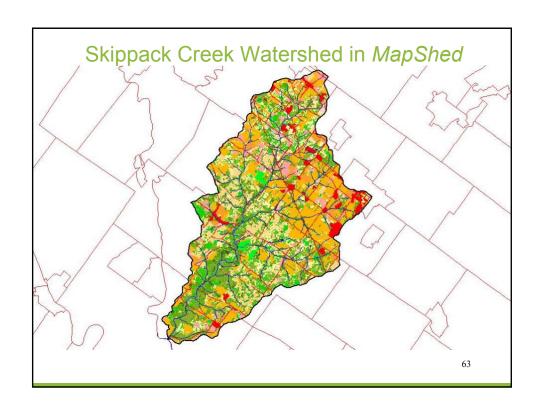
Reduction coefficient for TN: 0.60 Reduction coefficient for TP: 0.70 Reduction coefficient for Sediment: 0.75

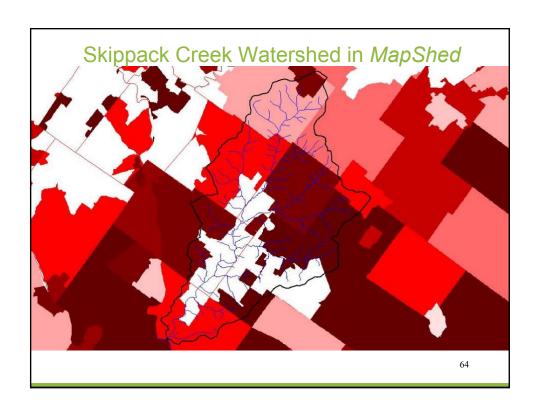
# Case Study E: More Comprehensive MS4 Application

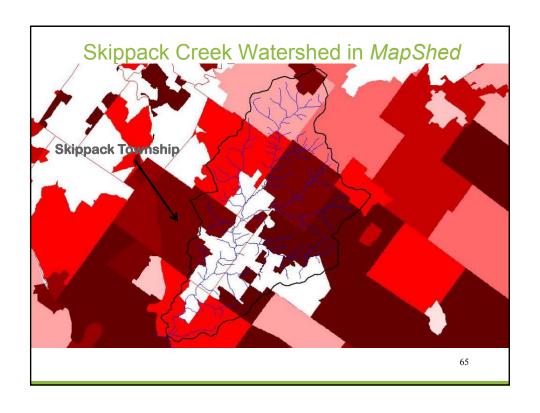
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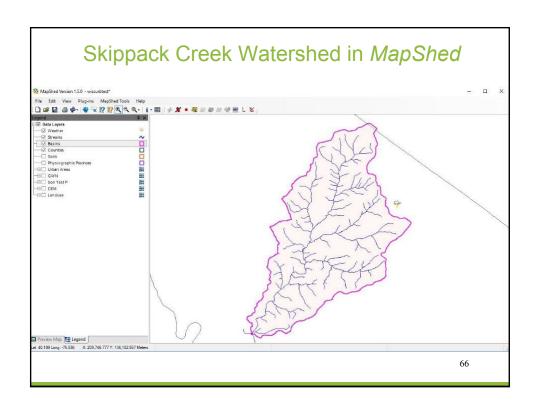
- Use MapShed to estimate pollutant loads within a given watershed and the contribution of one or more "urban areas" to those loads.
- Use MapShed (GWLF-E model) to estimate potential load reductions within one or more "urban areas" based on use of future BMPs/remedial measures.
- This activity requires use of "Urban Area Tool" functions which currently do not exist in MMW, but will be implemented within a few months.

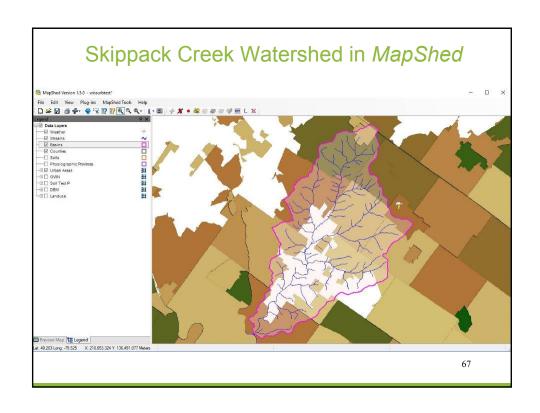




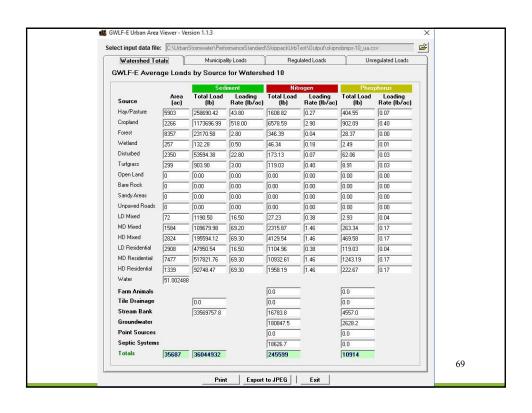


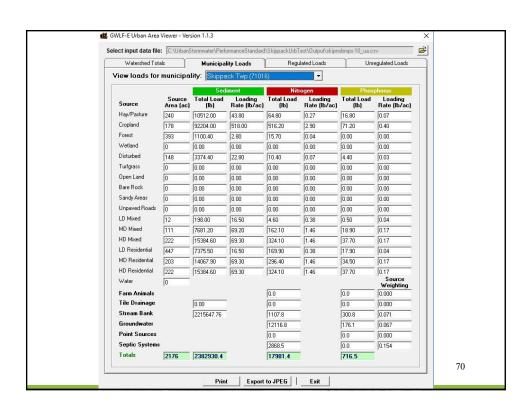












#### Skippack Creek Watershed in MapShed GWLF-E Model Simulation **GWLF-E** Generalized Watershed Loading Functions-Enhanced Version 1.5.1 Input Data Editors Select input data file: C:\UrbanStormwater\PerformanceStandard\SkippackUrbTest\skipinput\_1C Transport Data **Nutrient Data BMP Data Delivery Data** Weather Data Model Run Setup Enter model run name: skippack Run GWLF-E Use same input data file loaded in the input data editor. Output Viewers Exit GWLF-E Average Output **Annual Output** © PENNSTATE Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment

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# Questions?

MapShed?

MMW Multi-Year Watershed Model?

Case Studies?

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# WikiWatershed Web App into the Future

# Big Water Data: for Everyone

- · Scalable Cloud Infrastructure
  - Computation: Amazon EC2; Apache Spark
  - Data storage: Amazon S3 / Elastic Block Store
- 100% open-source software stack:
  - Geoprocessing: GeoTrellis
  - Data I/O: Python; PostGIS; PostgreSQL
  - Models: Python modules and/or wrappers
  - · Web framework: Django Python





**GitHub** 

https://github.com/WikiWatershed

# Big Water Data: for Everyone

#### Partnership between:

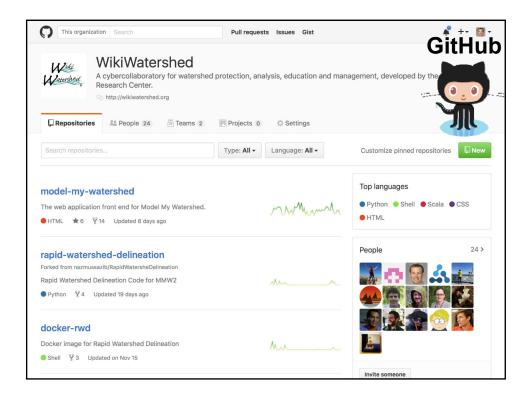
- · Academic modelers, who:
  - Prototyped all code
  - Provided technical support for bug fixes





- · Commercial software developers, who:
  - Led user experience (UX) design
  - Developed user interface (UI)
  - · Implemented all code on Amazon cloud infrastructure





# Future Developments: WPF Phase 2

- Enhance Model My Watershed
  - Import/Export
  - · Better Share and Compare
  - Improve performance
- Develop Monitor My Watershed
  - Water data hub, via web-services from USGS, EPA, state and academic sources
  - Water data sharing, via EnviroDIY.org open-source data loggers
- Partnerships & Training in DRWI



# Future Developments: Other Projects?

- · Add new models?
  - HSPF?, SWAT?, SWMM?
  - Water Temperature?, Flooding?
  - Ecosystem services? / natural capital?
- Add new modeling features?
  - Detailed site design?, Customizable BMPs?
- Add enhanced data?
  - Future land-cover forecasts?
  - · Localized data?, Global data?
- Add model output viewers/explorers?
  - · National Water Model?
  - Calibrated model results for TMDL studies?

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# Thank You!



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