# Summary of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Suspended-Sediment Loads and Trends Measured at the Chesapeake Bay Nontidal Network Stations for Water Years 2011-2020 (version 2.0)

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The Chesapeake Bay nontidal water-quality network (NTN) currently consists of 123 stations located throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Stations are located near U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) stream-flow gages to permit estimates of nutrient and sediment loadings and trends in the amount of loadings delivered downstream. Routine samples are collected monthly, and 8 additional storm-event samples are also collected to obtain a total of 20 samples per year, representing a range of discharge and loading conditions (Chesapeake Bay Program, 2020). The Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership uses results from this monitoring network to inform restoration strategies and document response to nutrient and sediment reduction efforts.

# Patterns in Loads and Trends Across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (2011–2020)

Changes in loads for nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended sediment are provided for 2011 through 2020. The monitoring station locations where loads are lower in the end year than in the start year are classified as having improving conditions; whereas, those where the loads are higher in the end year than in the start year are classified as having degrading conditions. A location is classified as having no trend if there is no discernable difference between the loads in the start year and those in the end year.

Most of the NTN sites whose data were used for the analysis had data collected since 2011 (fig. 1; table 1). The total number of NTN stations analyzed for their total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and suspended-sediment loads and trends varies because of the length of the data-collection record and because of the presence/absence of targeted water-quality samples collected during stormflow conditions.

#### Patterns in Total Nitrogen Loads

- Average annual total nitrogen loads for 2011 through 2020 range from 1.27 pounds per acre (lb/acre) to 32.6 lb/acre (fig. 2) with a combined average load for this period of 7.5 lb/acre. The average annual loads have been divided into three groups representing the following three categories: low (blue), medium (yellow), and high (red; fig. 2).
- Thirty-eight percent of the NTN stations are improving, whereas 42 percent are degrading, and the remaining 20 percent are showing no trend.
  - 34 of 89 stations (38 percent) have improving trends (fig. 5, green blocks) with load reductions ranging from 0.06 to 2.26 lb/acre.
  - 37 of 89 stations (42 percent) have degrading trends (fig. 5, orange blocks), with load increases ranging from 0.02 to 2.62 lb/acre.
  - o 18 of 89 stations (20 percent) show no statistical change (fig. 5, grey blocks).

#### **Patterns in Total Phosphorus Loads**

- Average annual total phosphorus loads for 2011 through 2020 range from 0.11 lb/acre to 1.89 lb/acre (fig. 3) with a combined average load for this period of 0.47 lb/acre. The average annual loads for phosphorus also are divided into three categories: low (blue), medium (yellow), and high (red; fig. 3).
- Forty-four percent of the NTN stations are improving, whereas 23 percent are degrading, and 33 percent are showing no trend.
  - 31 of 70 stations (44 percent) have improving trends (fig. 5, green blocks), with load reductions ranging from 0.007 to 0.31 lb/acre.

- 16 of 70 stations (23 percent) have degrading trends (fig. 5, orange blocks), with load increases ranging from 0.009 to 0.82 lb/acre.
- o 23 of 70 stations (33 percent) show no statistical change (fig. 5, grey blocks).

#### Patterns in Suspended-Sediment Loads

- Average annual suspended-sediment loads for 2011 through 2020 range from 23.9 to 1,210 lb/acre (fig. 4) with a combined average load for this period of 331 lb/acre. The average annual loads for suspended-sediments also are divided into three categories: low (blue), medium (yellow), and high (red; fig. 4).
- Eighteen percent of the NTN stations are improving, whereas 46 percent are degrading, and 36 percent are showing no trend.
  - 13 of 70 stations (18 percent) have improving trends (fig. 5, green blocks), with load reductions ranging from 16.7 to 552 lb/acre.
  - 32 of 70 stations (46 percent) have degrading trends (fig. 5, orange blocks), with load increases ranging from 9.11 to 2310 lb/acre.
  - o 25 of 70 stations (36 percent) show no statistical change (fig. 5, grey blocks).

### Methods

Changes in nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended-sediment loads in rivers across the Chesapeake Bay watershed have been calculated using monitoring data from 123 NTN stations (Mason and others, 2023). Constituent loads are calculated with at least 5 years of monitoring data, and trends are reported after at least 10 years of data collection. Additional information for each monitoring station is available through the USGS website "Water-Quality Loads and Trends at Nontidal Monitoring Stations in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed" (usgs.gov/CB-wq-loads-trends). This website provides State, Federal, and local partners as well as the general public ready access to a wide range of data for nutrient and sediment conditions across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In this summary, results are reported for the 10-year period from 2011 through 2020. All annual results are based on a water year, which extends from October 1 through September 30.

The USGS computes load and trend results from the NTN to display (1) the range in loads of nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended sediment; and (2) the trends in these loads. Loads were computed using Weighted Regression on Time, Discharge and Season (WRTDS) bootstrap models (Chanat and others, 2015), which were then flow-normalized (FN) to produce the published trend estimates. The WRTDS serial error from each daily load model was leveraged using a dynamic auto-correlation Kalman-filter adjustment to produce the published loads. This Kalman method for non-FN loads is new for the 2020 results presented here and was first introduced by Zhang and Hirsch (2019) to illustrate a reduction in error in the daily estimations of concentration and load of sampled constituents. The non-FN loads from each NTN station also were normalized by their respective drainage area to present the results as per-acre loads (also known as yields) to facilitate the comparison of loads and trends between sites. The FN trends in loads at the NTN stations remove the year-to-year variability in river flow; by doing so, changes in nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended-sediment loads resulting from changing sources, delays associated with storage and transport of historical inputs, and (or) implemented management actions are identified.

## The Chesapeake Nontidal Monitoring Network and the Role of the USGS

The NTN is a partnership implemented among the States in the watershed, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the USGS, and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. A network of monitoring stations has been established and is sampled using standardized protocols and quality-assurance procedures designed to measure nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended-sediment loads and changes in these loads over time. The initial network formed in about 1985 with coordinated monitoring at the nine River Input Monitoring (RIM) stations (table 1; fig. 5). The RIM information is reported every year (Mason and Soroka, 2022).

In 2004, the Chesapeake Bay Program formalized the NTN, and a period of expansion followed. In 2010 and 2011, the network was further expanded to address the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. The network currently has 123 sites designed to measure changes in nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended sediment in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Through this partnership, nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended-sediment loads and trends are determined based on (1) continuous streamflow monitoring, (2) extensive water-quality sampling, and (3) advanced statistical analysis. The USGS performs the analysis for computing loads and trends.

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## **Additional Information and USGS Contacts**

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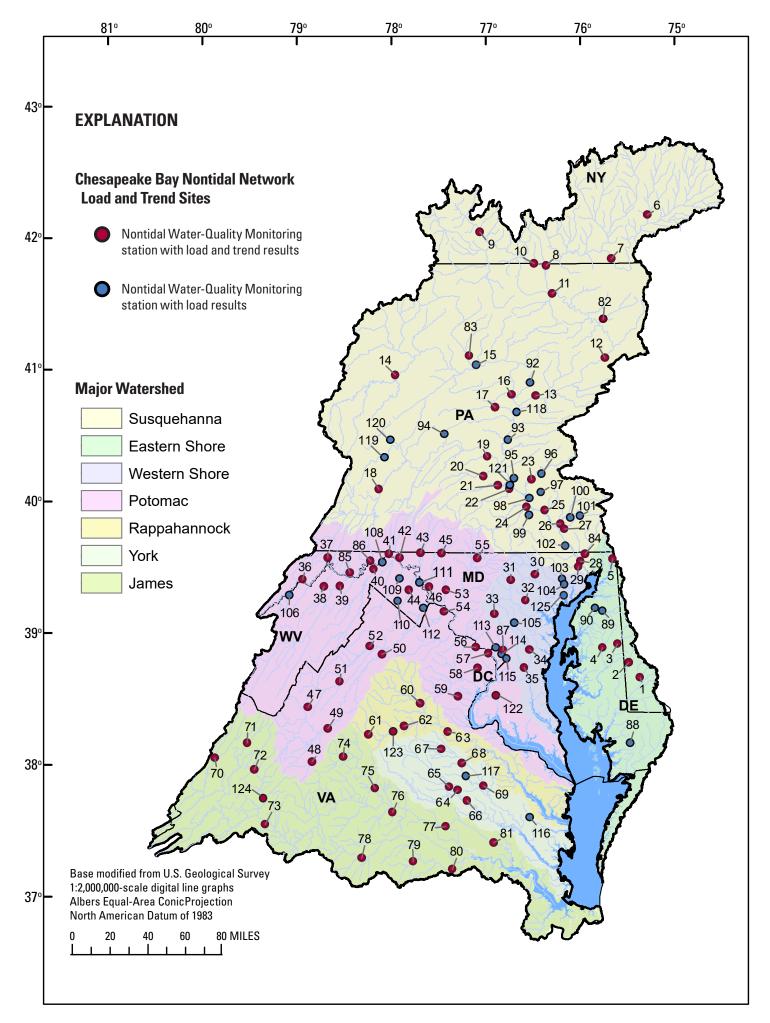


Figure 1. Nontidal network 2020 status. Red stations included in the analysis of loads and trends; blue stations included in the analysis of loads only.

**Table 1.** Chesapeake Bay nontidal monitoring stations included in the determination of nutrient and suspended sediment loads and trendsfor the time period 1985 through 2020. Bold colored stations represent the nine River Input Monitoring stations. Stations with monitoringdata start date after 2011 will have loads but no trends.

| MAP | USGS<br>STATION | USGS STATION NAME                               | MAJOR            | Drainage<br>Area   | MONITORING<br>DATA |             |
|-----|-----------------|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ID  | NUMBER          | USUS STATION NAME                               | WATERSHED/REGION | (mi <sup>2</sup> ) | START<br>DATE      | END<br>DATE |
| 88  | 01486000        | MANOKIN BRANCH NEAR PRINCESS ANNE, MD           | Eastern Shore    | 5                  | 2012               | 2020        |
| 1   | 01487000        | NANTICOKE RIVER NEAR BRIDGEVILLE, DE            | Eastern Shore    | 75                 | 1998               | 2020        |
| 2   | 01488500        | MARSHYHOPE CREEK NEAR ADAMSVILLE, DE            | Eastern Shore    | 47                 | 2005               | 2020        |
| 3   | 01491000        | <b>CHOPTANK RIVER NEAR GREENSBORO, MD</b>       | Eastern Shore    | 113                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 4   | 01491500        | TUCKAHOE CREEK NEAR RUTHSBURG, MD               | Eastern Shore    | 85                 | 2005               | 2020        |
| 89  | 01493112        | CHESTERVILLE BRANCH NEAR CRUMPTON, MD           | Eastern Shore    | 6                  | 2012               | 2020        |
| 90  | 01493500        | MORGAN CREEK NEAR KENNEDYVILLE, MD              | Eastern Shore    | 13                 | 2012               | 2020        |
| 5   | 01495000        | BIG ELK CREEK AT ELK MILLS, MD                  | Eastern Shore    | 52                 | 2005               | 2020        |
| 6   | 01502500        | UNADILLA RIVER AT ROCKDALE NY                   | Susquehanna      | 520                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 7   | 01503000        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT CONKLIN NY                 | Susquehanna      | 2,232              | 2006               | 2020        |
| 8   | 01515000        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER NEAR WAVERLY NY               | Susquehanna      | 4,773              | 2005               | 2020        |
| 9   | 01529500        | COHOCTON RIVER NEAR CAMPBELL NY                 | Susquehanna      | 470                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 10  | 01531000        | CHEMUNG RIVER AT CHEMUNG NY                     | Susquehanna      | 2,506              | 2005               | 2020        |
| 11  | 01531500        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT TOWANDA, PA                | Susquehanna      | 7,797              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 82  | 01534000        | TUNKHANNOCK CREEK NEAR TUNKHANNOCK, PA          | Susquehanna      | 383                | 2009               | 2020        |
| 12  | 01536500        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT WILKES-BARRE, PA           | Susquehanna      | 9,960              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 13  | 01540500        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT DANVILLE, PA               | Susquehanna      | 11,220             | 1985               | 2020        |
| 14  | 01542500        | WB SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT KARTHAUS, PA            | Susquehanna      | 1,462              | 2005               | 2020        |
| 83  | 01549700        | PINE CREEK BLLPINE CREEK NEAR WATERVILLE, PA    | Susquehanna      | 944                | 2007               | 2020        |
| 15  | 01549760        | WB SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT JERSEY SHORE, PA        | Susquehanna      | 5,225              | 2015               | 2020        |
| 16  | 01553500        | WEST BRANCH SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT LEWISBURG, PA  | Susquehanna      | 6,847              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 92  | 01553850        | CHILLISQUAQUE CREEK NEAR POTTS GROVE, PA        | Susquehanna      | 51                 | 2014               | 2020        |
| 118 | 01554000        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT SUNBURY, PA                | Susquehanna      | 18,300             | 2012               | 2020        |
| 17  | 01555000        | PENNS CREEK AT PENNS CREEK, PA                  | Susquehanna      | 301                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 93  | 01555500        | EAST MAHANTANGO CREEK NEAR DALMATIA, PA         | Susquehanna      | 162                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 119 | 01556000        | FRANKSTOWN BR JUNIATA RIVER AT WILLIAMSBURG, PA | Susquehanna      | 291                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 120 | 01558000        | LITTLE JUNIATA RIVER AT SPRUCE CREEK, PA        | Susquehanna      | 220                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 18  | 01562000        | RAYSTOWN BRANCH JUNIATA RIVER AT SAXTON, PA     | Susquehanna      | 756                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 94  | 01565000        | KISHACOQUILLAS CREEK AT REEDSVILLE, PA          | Susquehanna      | 164                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 19  | 01567000        | JUNIATA RIVER AT NEWPORT, PA                    | Susquehanna      | 3,354              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 20  | 01568000        | SHERMAN CREEK AT SHERMANS DALE, PA              | Susquehanna      | 207                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 21  | 01570000        | CONODOGUINET CREEK NEAR HOGESTOWN, PA           | Susquehanna      | 470                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 121 | 01570500        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT HARRISBURG, PA             | Susquehanna      | 24,100             | 2012               | 2020        |
| 95  | 01571005        | PAXTON CREEK NEAR GLENNWOOD, PA                 | Susquehanna      | 11                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 22  | 01571500        | YELLOW BREECHES CREEK NEAR CAMP HILL, PA        | Susquehanna      | 213                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 96  | 01573160        | QUITTAPAHILLA CREEK NEAR BELLEGROVE             | Susquehanna      | 74                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 23  | 01573560        | SWATARA CREEK NEAR HERSHEY, PA                  | Susquehanna      | 483                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 97  | 01573695        | CONEWAGO CREEK NEAR BELLAIRE, PA                | Susquehanna      | 21                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 98  | 01573710        | CONEWAGO CREEK NEAR FALMOUTH, PA                | Susquehanna      | 48                 | 2012               | 2020        |
| 24  | 01574000        | WEST CONEWAGO CREEK NEAR MANCHESTER, PA         | Susquehanna      | 510                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 99  | 01575585        | CODORUS CREEK NEAR PLEASUREVILLE, PA            | Susquehanna      | 267                | 2013               | 2020        |
| 25  | 01576000        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT MARIETTA, PA               | Susquehanna      | 25,990             | 1987               | 2020        |

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| ID  | NUMBER          | USUS STATION NAME                               | WATERSHED/REGION | (mi <sup>2</sup> ) | START<br>DATE      | END<br>DATE |
| 100 | 015765195       | BIG SPRING RUN NEAR MYLIN CORNERS, PA           | Susquehanna      | 2                  | 2012               | 2020        |
| 26  | 01576754        | CONESTOGA RIVER AT CONESTOGA, PA                | Susquehanna      | 470                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 101 | 01576767        | PEQUEA CREEK NEAR RONKS, PA                     | Susquehanna      | 70                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 27  | 01576787        | PEQUEA CREEK AT MARTIC FORGE, PA                | Susquehanna      | 148                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 102 | 01577500        | MUDDY CREEK AT CASTLE FIN, PA                   | Susquehanna      | 133                | 2015               | 2020        |
| 28  | 01578310        | SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AT CONOWINGO, MD              | Susquehanna      | 27,100             | 1985               | 2020        |
| 84  | 01578475        | OCTORARO CREEK NEAR RICHARDSMERE, MD            | Susquehanna      | 177                | 2007               | 2020        |
| 29  | 01580520        | DEER CREEK NEAR DARLINGTON, MD                  | Susquehanna      | 164                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 103 | 01581752        | PLUMTREE RUN NEAR BELAIR, MD                    | Western Shore    | 3                  | 2013               | 2020        |
| 104 | 0158175320      | WHEEL CREEK NEAR ABINGDON, MD                   | Western Shore    | 1                  | 2012               | 2020        |
| 30  | 01582500        | GUNPOWDER FALLS AT GLENCOE, MD                  | Western Shore    | 160                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 125 | 01585075        | FOSTER BRANCH NEAR JOPPATOWNE, MD               | Western Shore    | 2                  | 2016               | 2020        |
| 31  | 01586000        | NORTH BRANCH PATAPSCO RIVER AT CEDARHURST, MD   | Western Shore    | 57                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 32  | 01589300        | GWYNNS FALLS AT VILLA NOVA, MD                  | Western Shore    | 32                 | 2003               | 2020        |
| 33  | 01591000        | PATUXENT RIVER NEAR UNITY, MD                   | Western Shore    | 35                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 105 | 01593500        | LITTLE PATUXENT RIVER AT GUILFORD, MD           | Western Shore    | 38                 | 2012               | 2020        |
| 34  | 01594440        | PATUXENT RIVER NEAR BOWIE, MD                   | Western Shore    | 348                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 35  | 01594526        | WESTERN BRANCH AT UPPER MARLBORO, MD            | Western Shore    | 90                 | 2006               | 2020        |
| 106 | 01595300        | ABRAM CREEK AT OAKMONT, WV                      | Potomac          | 43                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 36  | 01599000        | GEORGES CREEK AT FRANKLIN, MD                   | Potomac          | 72                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 37  | 01601500        | WILLS CREEK NEAR CUMBERLAND, MD                 | Potomac          | 247                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 38  | 01604500        | PATTERSON CREEK NEAR HEADSVILLE, WV             | Potomac          | 221                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 39  | 01608500        | SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER NEAR SPRINGFIELD, WV | Potomac          | 1,461              | 2006               | 2020        |
| 85  | 01609000        | TOWN CREEK NEAR OLDTOWN, MD                     | Potomac          | 148                | 2007               | 2020        |
| 86  | 01610155        | SIDELING HILL CREEK NEAR BELLEGROVE, MD         | Potomac          | 102                | 2007               | 2020        |
| 40  | 01611500        | CACAPON RIVER NEAR GREAT CACAPON, WV            | Potomac          | 675                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 108 | 01613030        | WARM SPRINGS RUN NEAR BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV      | Potomac          | 7                  | 2012               | 2020        |
| 41  | 01613095        | TONOLOWAY CREEK NEAR HANCOCK, MD                | Potomac          | 111                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 42  | 01613525        | LICKING CREEK AT PECTONVILLE, MD                | Potomac          | 193                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 109 | 01614000        | BACK CREEK NEAR JONES SPRINGS, WV               | Potomac          | 235                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 43  | 01614500        | CONOCOCHEAGUE CREEK AT FAIRVIEW, MD             | Potomac          | 494                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 110 | 01616400        | MILL CREEK AT BUNKER HILL, WV                   | Potomac          | 18                 | 2012               | 2020        |
| 44  | 01616500        | OPEQUON CREEK NEAR MARTINSBURG, WV              | Potomac          | 273                | 2006               | 2020        |
| 111 | 01618100        | ROCKYMARSH RUN AT SCRABBLE, WV                  | Potomac          | 16                 | 2012               | 2020        |
| 45  | 01619000        | ANTIETAM CREEK NEAR WAYNESBORO, PA              | Potomac          | 93                 | 2006               | 2020        |
| 46  | 01619500        | ANTIETAM CREEK NEAR SHARPSBURG, MD              | Potomac          | 281                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 47  | 01621050        | MUDDY CREEK AT MOUNT CLINTON, VA                | Potomac          | 14                 | 1994               | 2020        |
| 48  | 01626000        | SOUTH RIVER NEAR WAYNESBORO, VA                 | Potomac          | 127                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 49  | 01628500        | S F SHENANDOAH RIVER NEAR LYNNWOOD, VA          | Potomac          | 1,079              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 50  | 01631000        | S F SHENANDOAH RIVER AT FRONT ROYAL, VA         | Potomac          | 1,634              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 51  | 01632900        | SMITH CREEK NEAR NEW MARKET, VA                 | Potomac          | 94                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 52  | 01634000        | N F SHENANDOAH RIVER NEAR STRASBURG, VA         | Potomac          | 770                | 1985               | 2020        |

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|-----|-----------------|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ID  | NUMBER          | 0303 STATION MAINE                               | WATERSHED/REGION | (mi <sup>2</sup> ) | START<br>DATE      | END<br>DATE |
| 112 | 01636500        | SHENANDOAH RIVER AT MILLVILLE, WV                | Potomac          | 3,041              | 2013               | 2020        |
| 53  | 01637500        | CATOCTIN CREEK NEAR MIDDLETOWN, MD               | Potomac          | 67                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 54  | 01638480        | CATOCTIN CREEK AT TAYLORSTOWN, VA                | Potomac          | 89                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 55  | 01639000        | MONOCACY RIVER AT BRIDGEPORT, MD                 | Potomac          | 173                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 56  | 01646000        | DIFFICULT RUN NEAR GREAT FALLS, VA               | Potomac          | 58                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 57  | 01646580        | POTOMAC RIVER AT CHAIN BRIDGE, AT WASHINGTON, DC | Potomac          | 11,570             | 1985               | 2020        |
| 113 | 01648010        | ROCK CREEK AT JOYCE ROAD, WASHINGTON, DC         | Potomac          | 64                 | 2013               | 2020        |
| 87  | 01651000        | NORTHWEST BR ANACOSTIA RIVER NR HYATTSVILLE, MD  | Potomac          | 49                 | 2007               | 2020        |
| 114 | 01651770        | HICKEY RUN AT NEW YORK AVENUE AT WASHINGTON, DC  | Potomac          | 1                  | 2013               | 2020        |
| 115 | 01651800        | WATTS BRANCH AT WASHINGTON, DC                   | Potomac          | 3                  | 2013               | 2020        |
| 58  | 01654000        | ACCOTINK CREEK NEAR ANNANDALE, VA                | Potomac          | 24                 | 1991               | 2020        |
| 122 | 01658000        | MATTAWOMAN CREEK NEAR POMONKEY, MD               | Potomac          | 55                 | 2002               | 2020        |
| 59  | 01658500        | S F QUANTICO CREEK NEAR INDEPENDENT HILL, VA     | Potomac          | 8                  | 1994               | 2020        |
| 60  | 01664000        | RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER AT REMINGTON, VA              | Virginia         | 619                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 61  | 01665500        | RAPIDAN RIVER NEAR RUCKERSVILLE, VA              | Virginia         | 115                | 2003               | 2020        |
| 123 | 01666500        | ROBINSON RIVER NEAR LOCUST DALE, VA              | Virginia         | 179                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 62  | 01667500        | RAPIDAN RIVER NEAR CULPEPER, VA                  | Virginia         | 468                | 2005               | 2020        |
| 63  | 01668000        | RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, VA       | Virginia         | 1,595              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 116 | 01669520        | DRAGON SWAMP AT MASCOT, VA                       | Virginia         | 109                | 2012               | 2020        |
| 64  | 01671020        | NORTH ANNA RIVER AT HART CORNER NEAR DOSWELL, VA | Virginia         | 462                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 65  | 01671100        | LITTLE RIVER NEAR DOSWELL, VA                    | Virginia         | 107                | 2001               | 2020        |
| 66  | 01673000        | PAMUNKEY RIVER NEAR HANOVER, VA                  | Virginia         | 1,078              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 67  | 01673800        | PO RIVER NEAR SPOTSYLVANIA, VA                   | Virginia         | 78                 | 1987               | 2020        |
| 68  | 01674000        | MATTAPONI RIVER NEAR BOWLING GREEN, VA           | Virginia         | 256                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 117 | 01674182        | POLECAT CREEK AT ROUTE 301 NEAR PENOLA, VA       | Virginia         | 49                 | 2014               | 2020        |
| 69  | 01674500        | MATTAPONI RIVER NEAR BEULAHVILLE, VA             | Virginia         | 603                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 70  | 02011500        | BACK CREEK NEAR MOUNTAIN GROVE, VA               | Virginia         | 134                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 71  | 02015700        | BULLPASTURE RIVER AT WILLIAMSVILLE, VA           | Virginia         | 110                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 72  | 02020500        | CALFPASTURE RIVER ABOVE MILL CREEK AT GOSHEN, VA | Virginia         | 141                | 1999               | 2020        |
| 124 | 02024000        | MAURY RIVER NEAR BUENA VISTA, VA                 | Virginia         | 647                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 73  | 02024752        | JAMES RIVER AT BLUE RIDGE PKWY NR BIG ISLAND, VA | Virginia         | 3,076              | 2006               | 2020        |
| 74  | 02031000        | MECHUMS RIVER NEAR WHITE HALL, VA                | Virginia         | 95                 | 1985               | 2020        |
| 75  | 02034000        | RIVANNA RIVER AT PALMYRA, VA                     | Virginia         | 663                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 76  | 02035000        | JAMES RIVER AT CARTERSVILLE, VA                  | Virginia         | 6,252              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 77  | 02037500        | JAMES RIVER NEAR RICHMOND, VA                    | Virginia         | 6,753              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 78  | 02039500        | APPOMATTOX RIVER AT FARMVILLE, VA                | Virginia         | 302                | 1985               | 2020        |
| 79  | 02041000        | DEEP CREEK NEAR MANNBORO, VA                     | Virginia         | 158                | 1991               | 2020        |
| 80  | 02041650        | APPOMATTOX RIVER AT MATOACA, VA                  | Virginia         | 1,342              | 1985               | 2020        |
| 81  | 02042500        | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER NEAR PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA     | Virginia         | 251                | 1985               | 2020        |

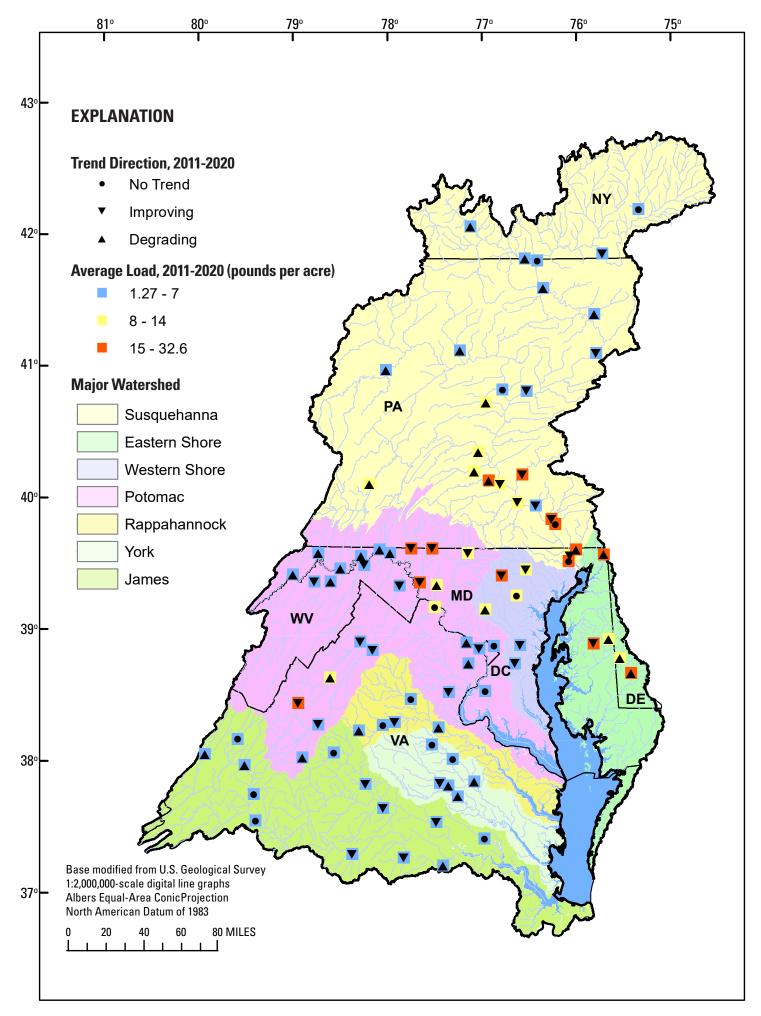


Figure 2. Total nitrogen per acre loads and trends in loads, 2011-20, for selected monitoring stations.

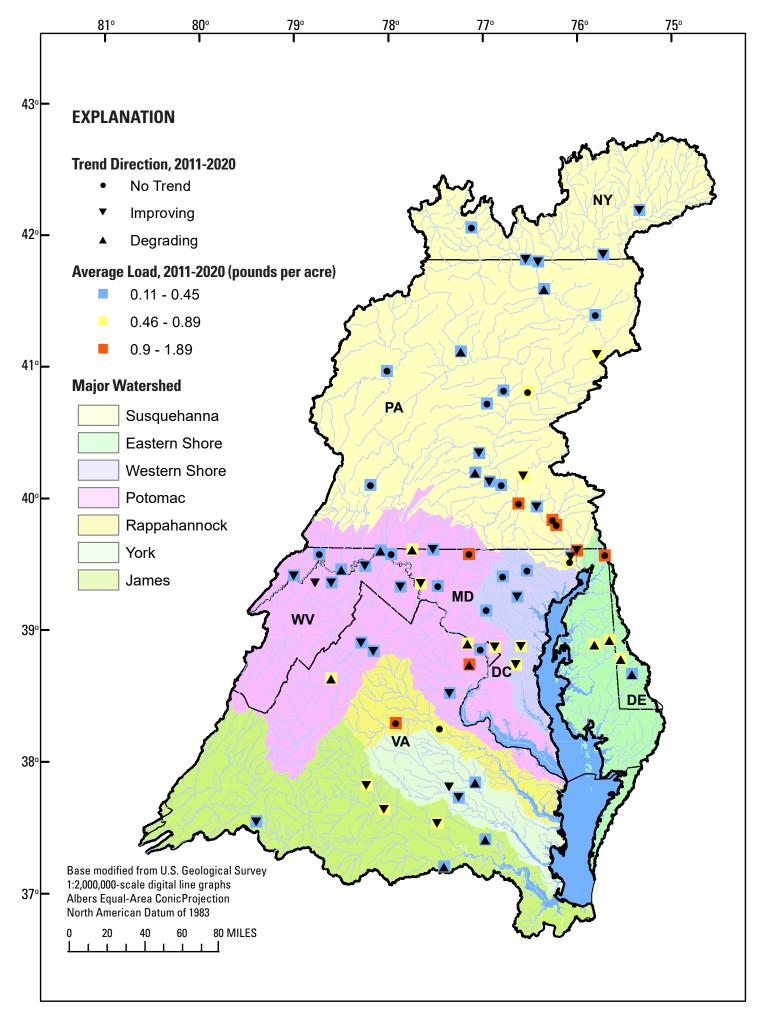


Figure 3. Total phosphorus per acre loads and trends in loads, 2011-20, for selected monitoring stations.

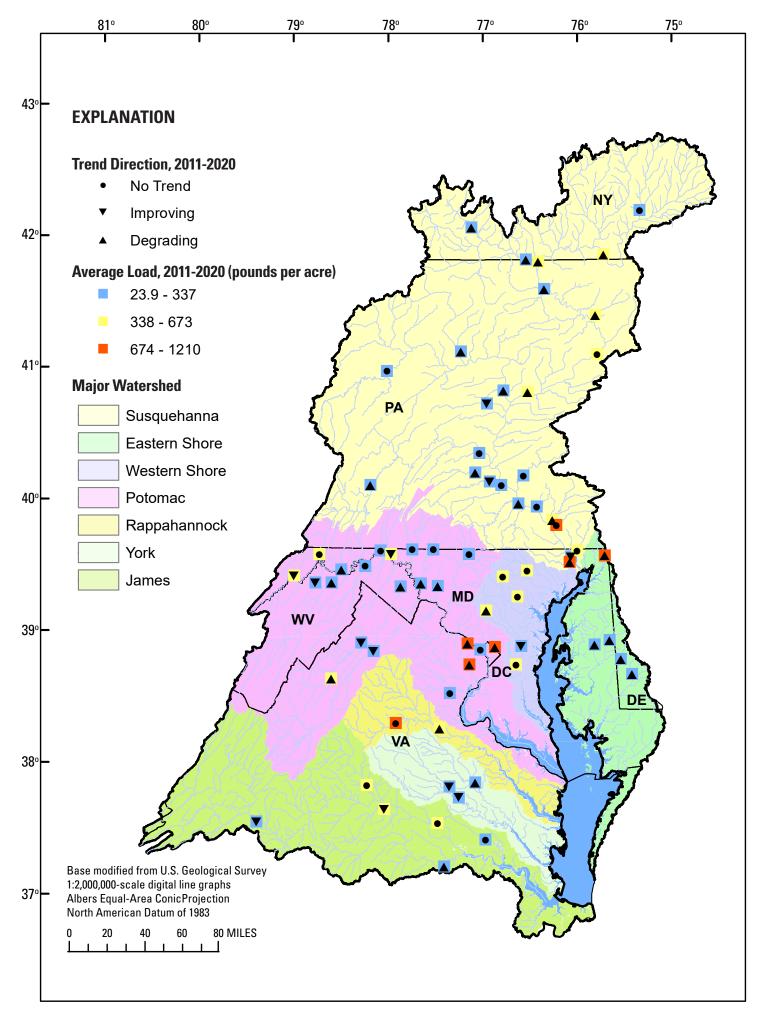


Figure 4. Total suspended sediment per acre loads and trends in loads, 2011-20, for selected monitoring stations.

|               |                          |               |                              |                |                |               |                      |                             | TN             | N+N            | ТР            | DIP    | SS    |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| EXPI          | ANATION                  |               |                              |                |                |               |                      | 01599000                    | 3.46           | 16.3           | -23           | -42.6  | -10.3 |
| _             |                          |               |                              |                |                |               |                      | 01601500                    | 24.5           | 33             | 4.03          | -33.1  | 33    |
| Trenc         | I Direction,             | 2011-2        | 2020                         |                |                |               |                      | 01604500                    | -5.39          | -0.852         | -53.8         | -34.5  | -16.4 |
|               | Degradir                 |               |                              | Note:          |                |               |                      | 01608500                    | 8.52           | 3.26           | -47.2         | -83.5  | 41.5  |
|               | Improvin                 |               | Improving/<br>as likelihoo   |                |                |               |                      | 01609000                    | 23             | 34.1           | 58.5          |        | 24.8  |
|               | No Trend                 |               | u estimates<br>qual to 67 pe |                |                | 01610155      | 7.94                 | 36.2                        |                |                |               |        |       |
|               | No from                  | u             |                              |                |                |               |                      | 01611500                    | -10.2          | -14.2          | -33.1         |        | 4.36  |
| ► Coi         | nstituents from          | o-right: TN   | l (total nitr                | ogen), N+      | S              | 01613095      | 32                   | 41.1                        | 21.7           | 20.0           | 8.43          |        |       |
|               | rite), TP (total         |               |                              |                | d              | 01613525      | 20.6<br>-3.56        | 18.4<br>-8.07               | -6.51<br>34.4  | -38.8<br>-1.34 | -55.7<br>15.6 |        |       |
| se            | diment). White           | e space       | e denotes l                  | ess than te    | en years o     |               | 01614500<br>01616500 | -9.42                       | -0.07          | -58.2          | -78.5         | 39.5   |       |
|               |                          |               |                              |                |                |               |                      | 01619000                    | -11.6          | -14.8          | -24.9         | -43.7  | -5.16 |
|               |                          | TN            | N+N                          | ТР             | DIP            | SS            | ~                    | 01619500                    | -8.86          | -14.1          | -10.5         | -41.6  | 67.4  |
|               | 01502500                 | 1.97          | 15.7                         | -25            | -45.3          | -1.55         | POTOMAC              | 01621050                    | -10.2          | -10.5          | 10.0          | 11.0   | 07.1  |
|               | 01503000                 | -2.81         | 1.31                         | -2.19          | -54.5          | 98.2          | TON                  | 01626000                    | 14             | 29.7           |               |        |       |
|               | 01515000                 | 2.88          | 5.13                         | -16            | -41.8          | 104           | PO                   | 01628500                    | -4.09          | 1.67           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | 6.16          | 21                           | -14.6          | -57.2          | 8.94          |                      | 01631000                    | -6.26          | 9.86           | -26.2         | -23.9  | -23.6 |
|               |                          | 7.38          | 13.2                         | -24.8          | -60.1          | 70.8          |                      | 01632900                    | 7.83           | 8.11           | 31.7          | -22.4  | 73.9  |
|               |                          | 4.05          | 5.49                         | 25.6           | -53.3          | 90.4          |                      | 01634000                    | -6.27          | 10.4           | -43.5         | -38.4  | -49.7 |
|               |                          | 16.8          | 21.4                         | 22.3           | 25.7           | 91.7          |                      | 01637500                    | 15.6           | 21.6           | 1.33          | -13.3  | 29.6  |
|               |                          | -1.36         | 5.07                         | -7.64          | -41.7          | 12.2          |                      | 01638480                    | 2.49           | 13.7           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | -4.54         | 0.516                        | -0.901         | -54            | 34.6          |                      | 01639000                    | -5.49          | 5.45           | -7.23         | 2.34   | -9.79 |
|               | 01542500<br>01549700     | 6.1<br>19.6   | 17.3<br>43                   | -6.02<br>29.5  |                | 14.3<br>72.2  |                      | 01646000                    | 11.5           | 21.2           | 65            | 43.6   | 128   |
| NA            |                          | -0.754        | 43<br>5.03                   | -3.97          | -34            | 25.3          |                      | 01646580                    | -4.14          | 3.64           | -6.06         | -30.6  | 6     |
| IAN           |                          | 7.33          | 11                           | -3.97          | 12.1           | -17.5         |                      | 01651000                    | -7.09          | 12.9           | -15.4         | -1.26  | 19.1  |
| UEH           |                          | 15.1          | 18                           | 12.1           | 2.08           | 28.7          |                      | 01654000                    | 7.32<br>2.66   | -7.64          | 99.9          | 37.9   | 267   |
| SUSQUEHANNA   |                          | 9.36          | 15.6                         | -16.2          | -19.7          | -1.89         |                      | 01658000<br>01658500        | -11.7          | -8.19<br>-6.14 | -10.7         | 27.5   | -6.94 |
| SU            |                          | 15.8          | 15.5                         | 23.1           | 22.8           | 32.8          |                      | 01030300                    | -11.7          | -0.14          | -10.7         | 27.3   | -0.34 |
|               |                          | 3.45          | 2.96                         | -11.8          | -12            | -13.9         |                      |                             | TN             | N+N            | ТР            | DIP    | SS    |
|               | 01571500                 | -5.65         | -8.92                        | 10.1           | 16             | 31.6          |                      | 01664000                    | -0.681         | 7.25           |               |        |       |
|               | 01573560                 | -6.9          | -9.61                        | -13.2          | -18.6          | -15           |                      | 01665500                    | 6.08           | 21.7           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | -1.97         | -7.3                         | 5.67           | 9.52           | 16.1          |                      | 01666500                    | 6.13           | 21.8           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | -6.01         | -1.64                        | -13.4          | -13.2          | 0.774         |                      | 01667500                    | -10.8          | 5.15           | -2.21         | 14.2   | 0.557 |
|               |                          | -7.65         | -9.25                        | -3.17          | -13.3          | 18.7          |                      | 01668000                    | 5.5            | 14.8           | 13.7          | 6.77   | 16.1  |
|               | 01576787                 | -2.9          | -5.45                        | 9.15           | -10.4          | 20            |                      | 01671020                    | 3.57           | 48.2           | -5.08         |        | -13.1 |
|               |                          | -3.24         | 7.64                         | -25            | -14.1          | -34.4         |                      | 01671100                    | -15.6          | 5.19           | E 00          | 10.0   | 10.4  |
|               | 01578475 0<br>01580520 - |               | 0.929 0.773                  | -13.2<br>5.19  | -23<br>-29     | 5.87<br>40.2  |                      | <b>01673000</b><br>01673800 | 6.29<br>2.36   | 22.7<br>16.7   | -5.22         | -10.3  | -16.4 |
|               | 01300320 -               | -0.175        | 0.775                        | J.13           | -23            | 40.2          |                      | 01674000                    | 1.68           | 28.3           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | TN N+N        | N+N                          | ТР             | DIP            | SS            |                      | <b>01674500</b>             | 10.5           | 45.7           | 6.24          | -0.538 | 25    |
| BE            | 01487000                 | 7.05          | 8.96                         | 57.6           | -11.8          | 80.8          | VIRGINIA             | 02011500                    | 16.9           | 28.1           | 0.21          | 0.000  | 20    |
| OHS           | 01488500                 | 22            | 24                           | 61.7           | 62.6           | 63.6          | RGI                  | 02015700                    | 3.06           | 17.7           |               |        |       |
| EASTERN SHORE | 01491000                 | 5.98          | 1.7                          | 37.8           | 51             | 24            | >                    | 02020500                    | 24.8           | 39.8           |               |        |       |
| STEI          | 01491500                 | -4.33         | -7.64                        | 32.3           | 38.9           | 36.2          |                      | 02024000                    | 1.55           | 18.5           |               |        |       |
| EAS           | 01495000                 | 5.6           | 3.98                         | 0.112          | -16.8          | 24.7          |                      | 02024752                    | -2.53          | 19.4           | -10.5         | -12.2  | -12.6 |
| WESTERN SHORE |                          |               |                              |                |                |               |                      | 02031000                    | 1.7            | 22.4           |               |        |       |
|               |                          | TN            | N+N                          | TP             | DIP            | SS<br>10 F    |                      | 02034000                    | -21            | -14.7          | -18.8         | -19.2  | -22.1 |
|               |                          | -2.97         | -2.46                        | 8.36           | -26.1          | 49.5          |                      | 02035000                    | -6.17          | 3.86           | -14.2         | -11.1  | -11   |
|               |                          | -5.62         | -4.17                        | -8.61          | -12.8          | 8.42          |                      | 02037500                    | -19.2          | 6.41           | -4.01         |        | 4.49  |
| RN            | 01589300                 | -3.4          | 9.24                         | -11.6          | -27.9          | 9.72          |                      | 02039500                    | -7.66          | 23.2           |               |        |       |
| STE           | 01591000                 | 10.4<br>-16.6 | 9.83<br>-18.8                | 3.26<br>-26.8  | 17.2<br>-20.4  | 33.1<br>-27.4 |                      | 02041000                    | -3.22          | 12.8           | 24 5          | 10.0   | 29.7  |
| NES           |                          | -16.6         | 9.34                         | -26.8<br>-9.17 | -20.4<br>-6.51 | -27.4         |                      | <b>02041650</b><br>02042500 | 17.1<br>-0.175 | 28.4<br>144    | 24.5<br>8.75  | 48.3   | 29.7  |
| -             | 01JJ4JZ0                 | 0.00          | 0.04                         | 0.17           | 0.01           | 0.007         |                      | 02042300                    | -0.175         | 144            | 0.75          |        | 20.0  |

**Figure 5.** Trend direction (color) and percent change in flow-normalized load (numbers) at the nontidal network, 2011-2020. Bold colored stations represent the nine River Input Monitoring stations. Each region is ordered from top-to-bottom in a downstream direction.