

Beta-2

Scenario Optimization Tool for CAST (the time-averaged Phase 6 watershed model)

8 October 2019 – Modeling Workgroup Quarterly Meeting
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Project Goal: Investigate, develop, test, and implement an optimization system for the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) that will facilitate identification of more cost-effective and otherwise optimal approaches to pollutant load reduction for non-federal CBP partners.

Optimization Development Timeline (2018-2021)

Straw version

Evaluation of a “straw” version prototype (formulated for a single land-river segment)

Tool Updates and Prototyping

- Efficiency BMP online tool is updated with new features for **Beta-2**
- Non-efficiency BMPs are researched and strategy for including them in optimization is developed.

Optimization application for Climate Change targets

Optimization tool with non-efficiency BMPs begins to be used for climate change target planning

Initial Prototyping

Programming objectives and designs for the prototype were considered and revised

Beta-1 released

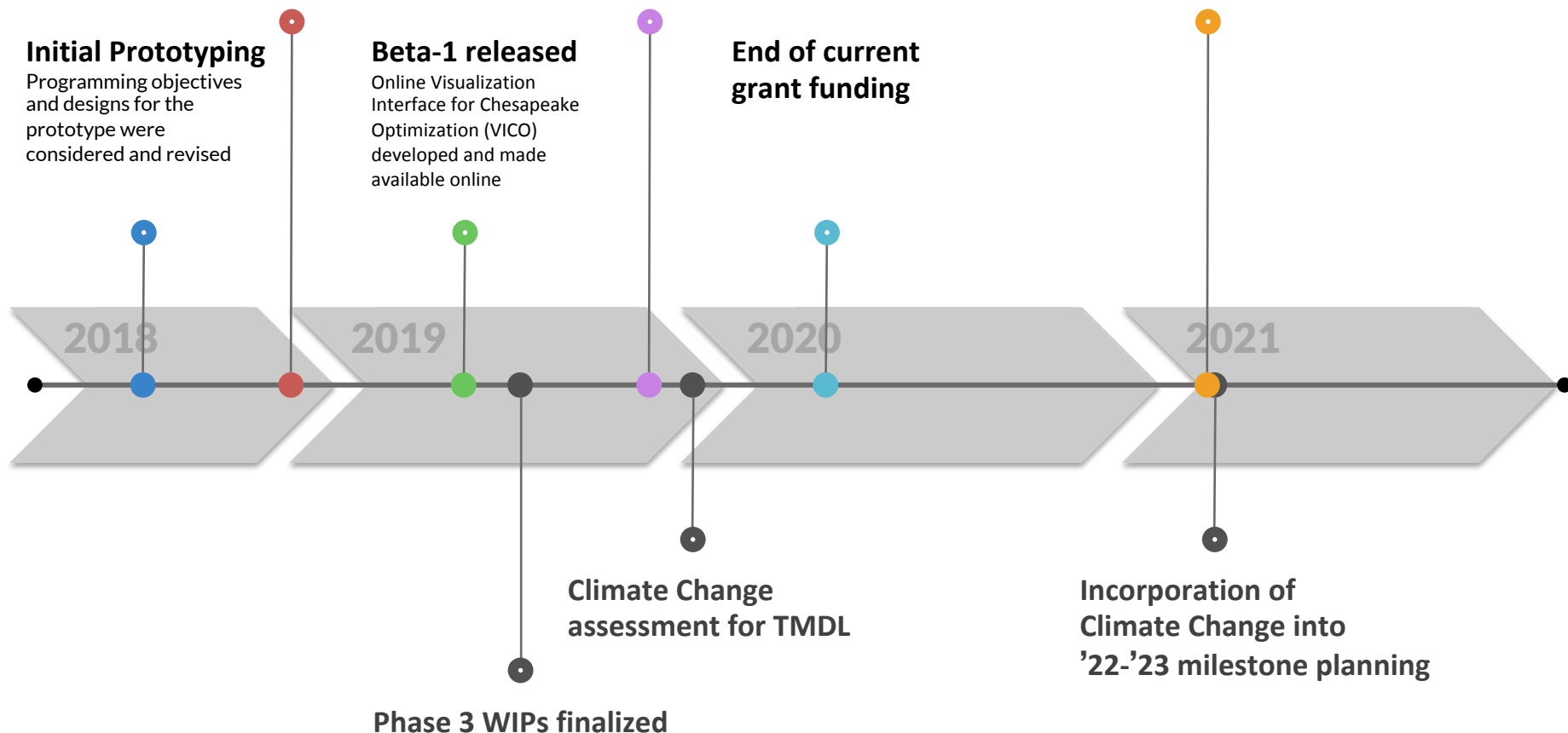
Online Visualization Interface for Chesapeake Optimization (VICO) developed and made available online

End of current grant funding

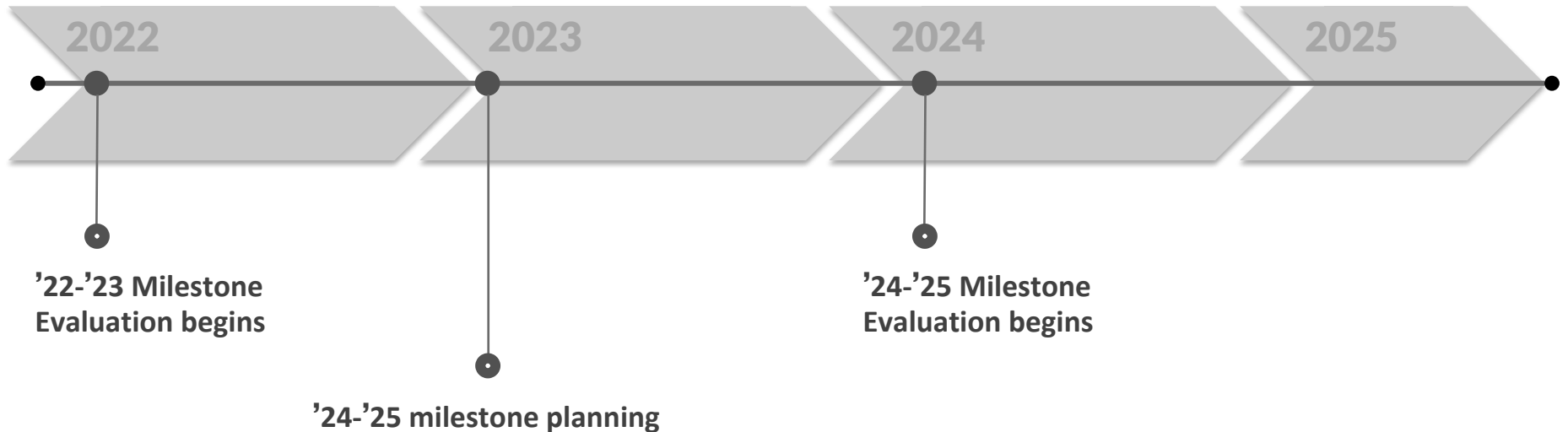
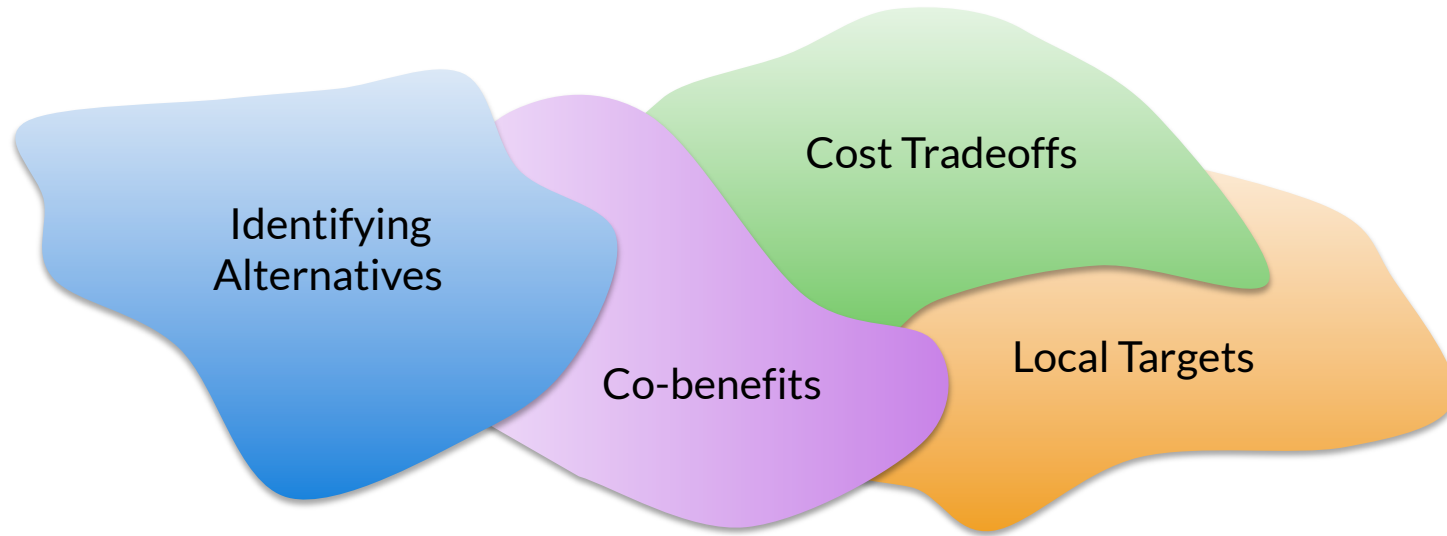
Climate Change assessment for TMDL

Incorporation of Climate Change into '22-'23 milestone planning

Phase 3 WIPs finalized



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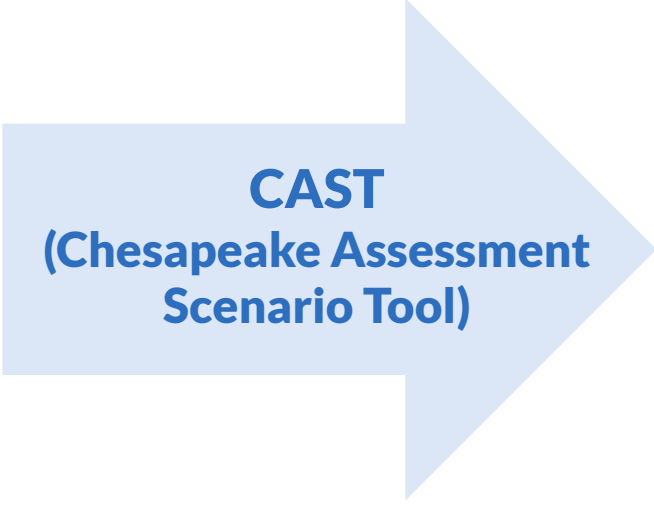
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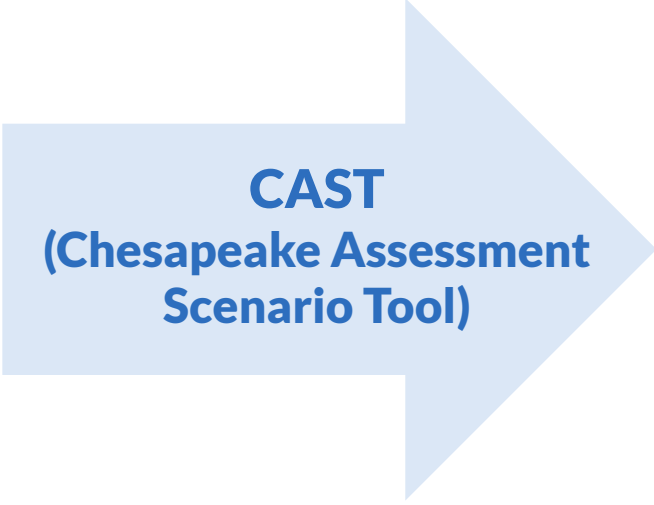
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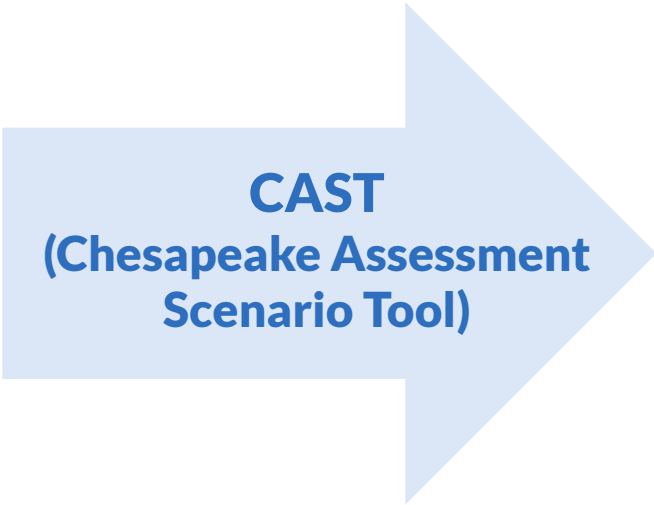


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**Best
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non-efficiency BMPs
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efficiency BMPs
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For example:

Animal waste storage,
Feed additives,
Riparian buffers

For example:

Cover crops,
Infiltration practices,
Barnyard runoff control

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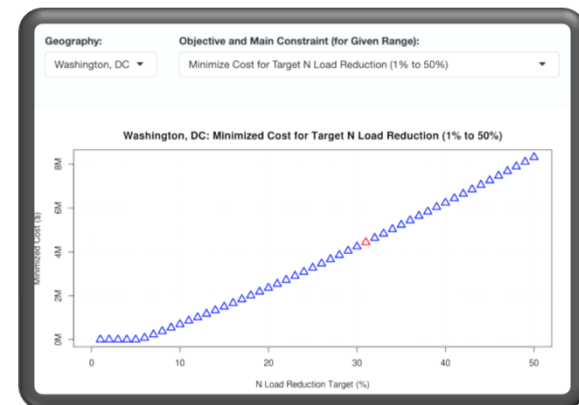
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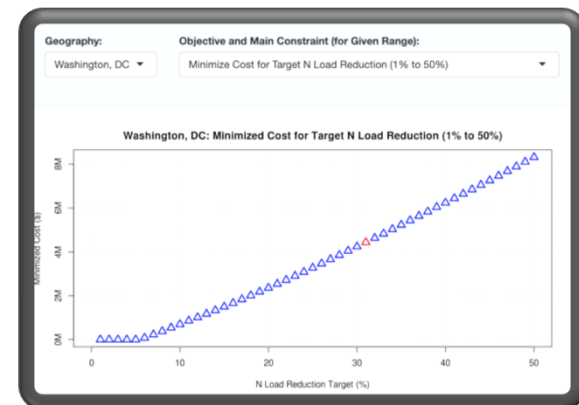
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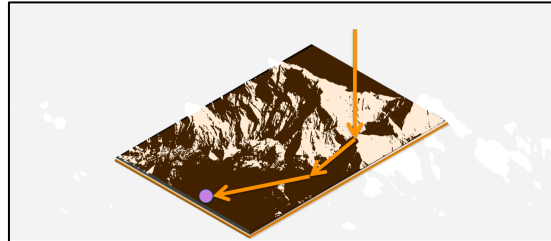


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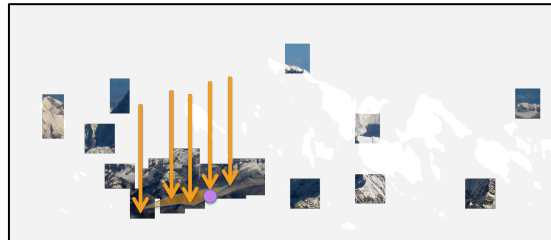
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C) Heuristic



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To decide... to get over “the wall”:

- evaluate mathematical structure (approach depends on “landscape”)
- prototype

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“The Wall” – what optimization approach will be effective?

Evaluating the mathematical structure
of the CAST load function...

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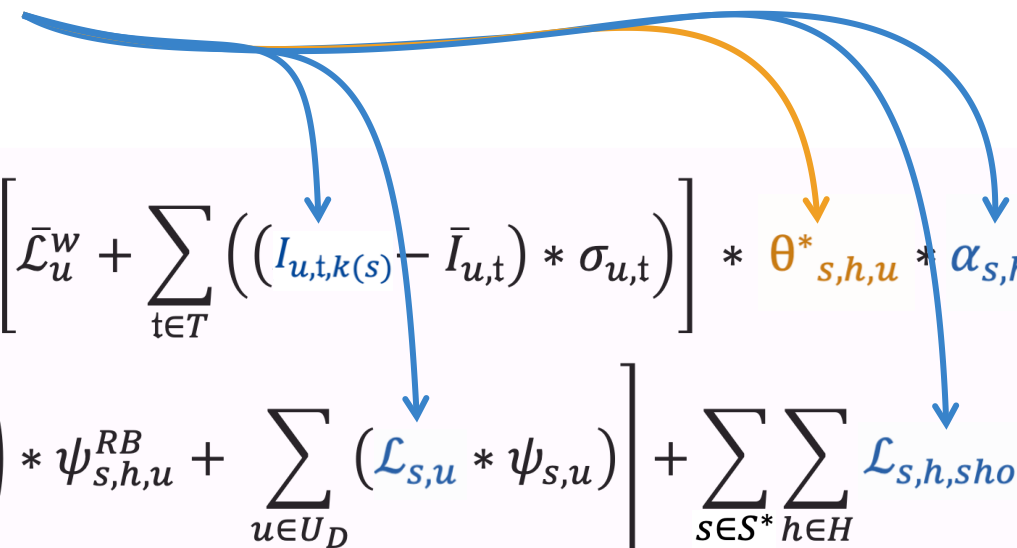
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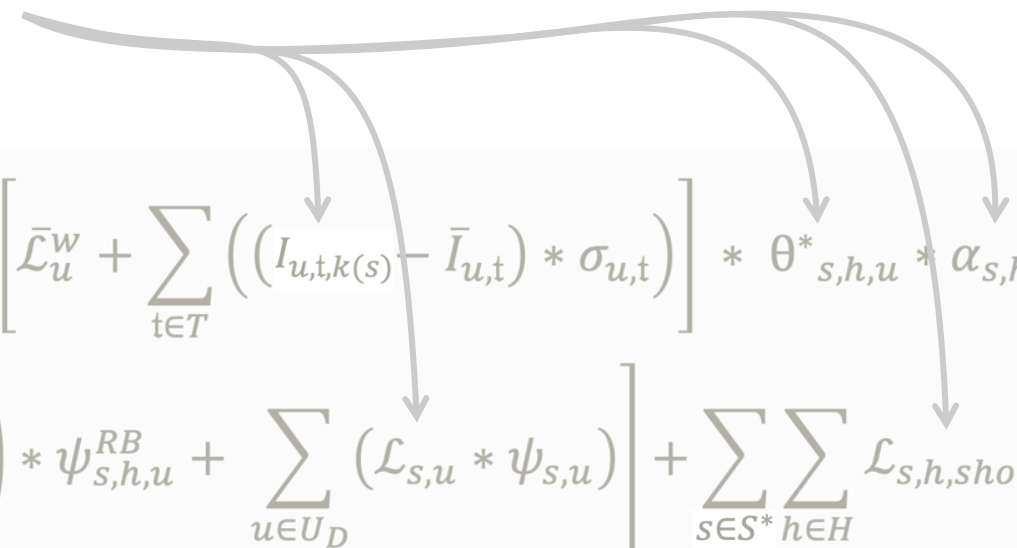
The diagram shows a blue line originating from the text 'Approximately 300 BMP varieties in CAST'. From this line, four arrows point to specific terms in the equation below:

- A blue arrow points to the term $I_{u,t,k(s)}$ in the inner sum.
- A blue arrow points to the term $\mathcal{L}_{s,u}$ in the sum over $u \in U_D$.
- An orange arrow points to the term $\theta^*_{s,h,u}$.
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2) We are composing a report:

- Elucidation of the CAST mathematical structure
- Optimization models and algorithmic approaches

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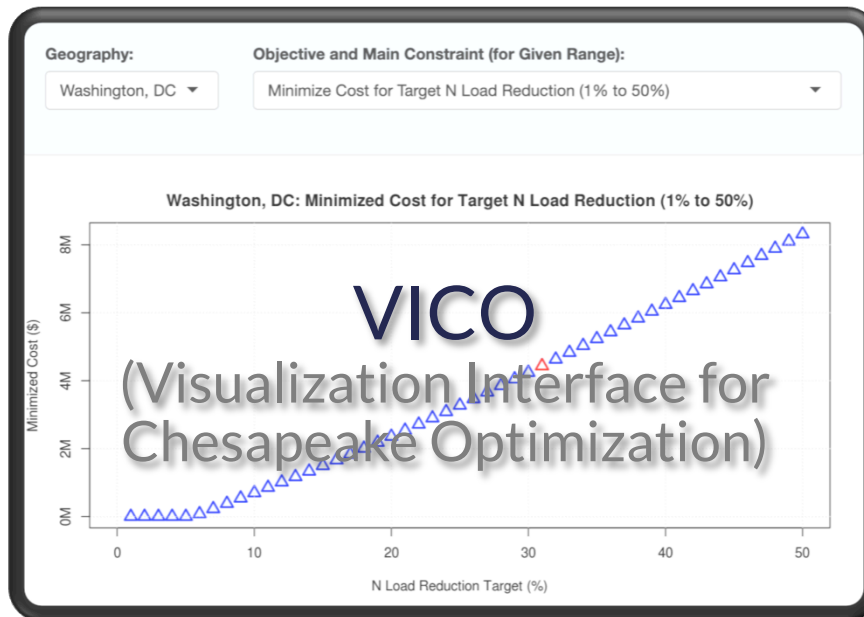
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Load reduction and cost tradeoffs for counties in watershed

Acres of efficiency BMPs to achieve load reduction at near least-cost

39,400 solutions (cost, load, BMPs)

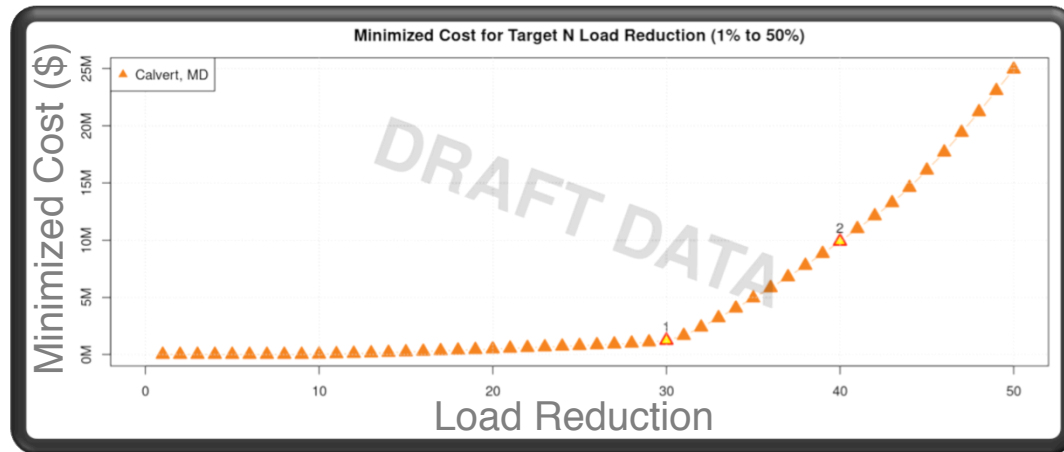
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Where do things stand now?

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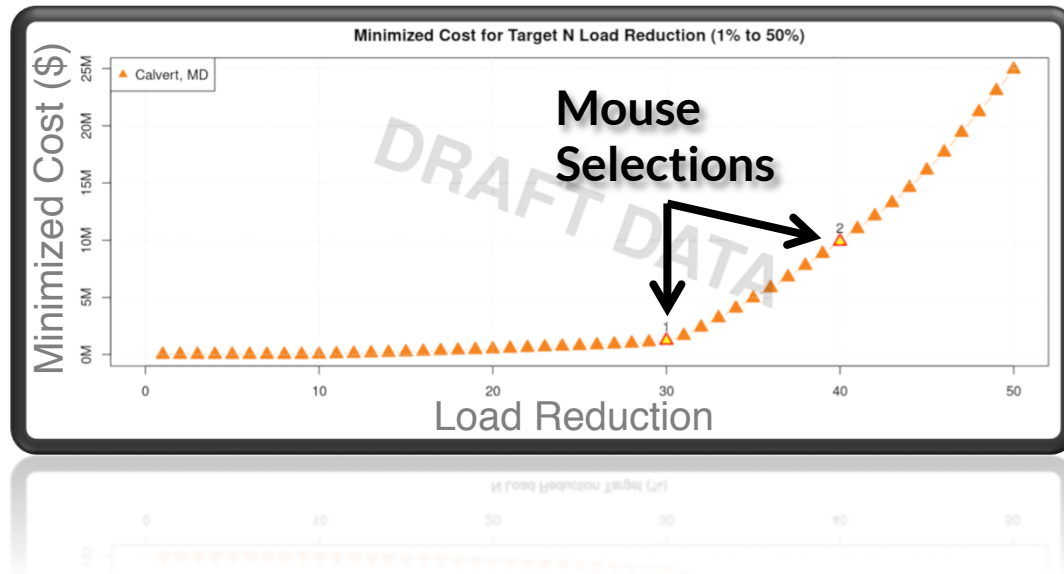
Cost vs. Load tradeoff
for a given county



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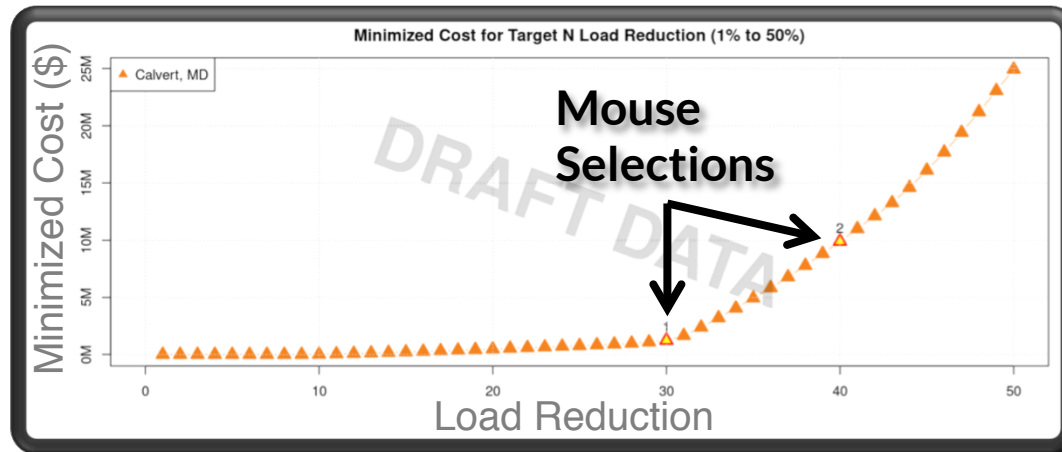
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- Calvert, MD
N load reduction $\geq 30\%$ ($\approx 208,700$ lb), Cost = \$1,236,398.91
- Calvert, MD
N load reduction $\geq 40\%$ ($\approx 278,260$ lb), Cost = \$9,903,748.22

Efficiency BMP

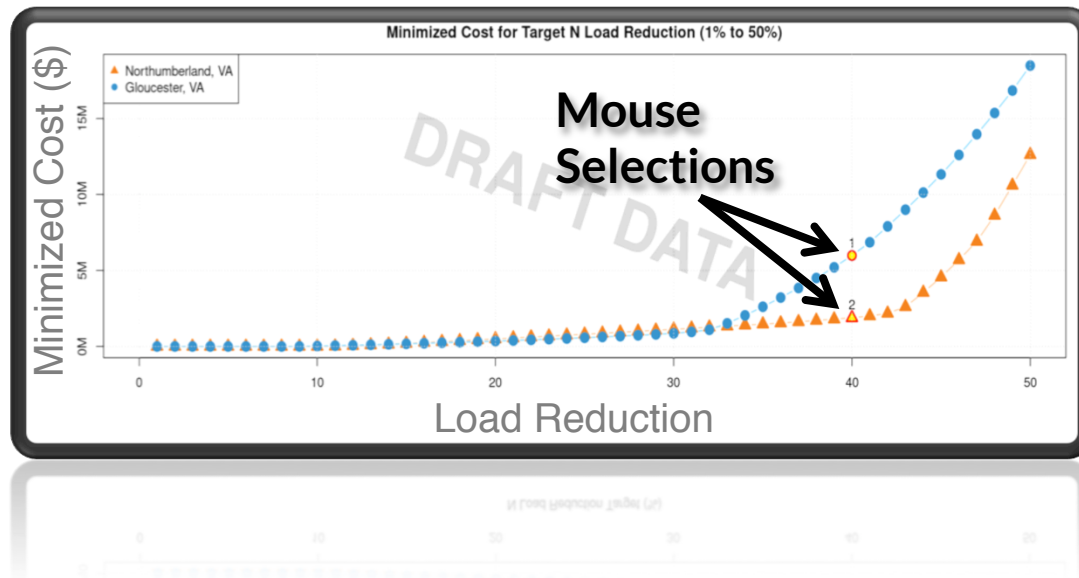
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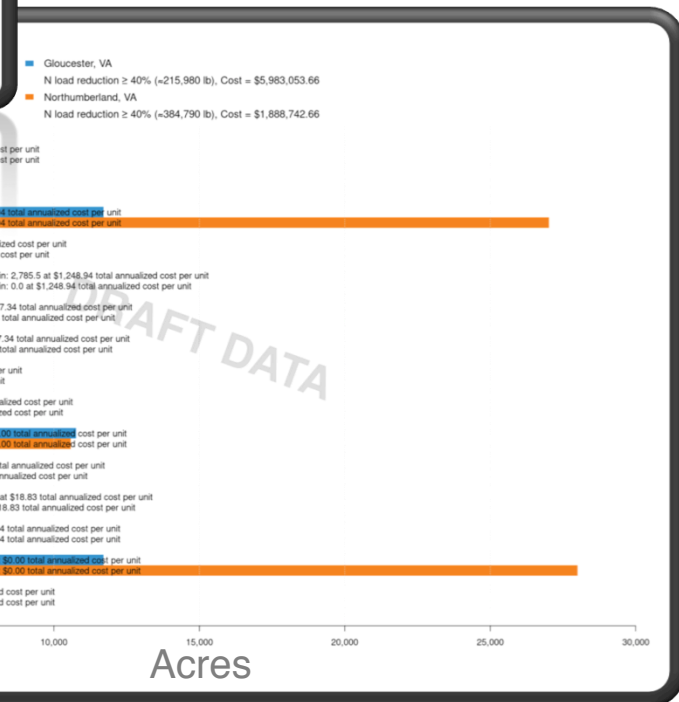
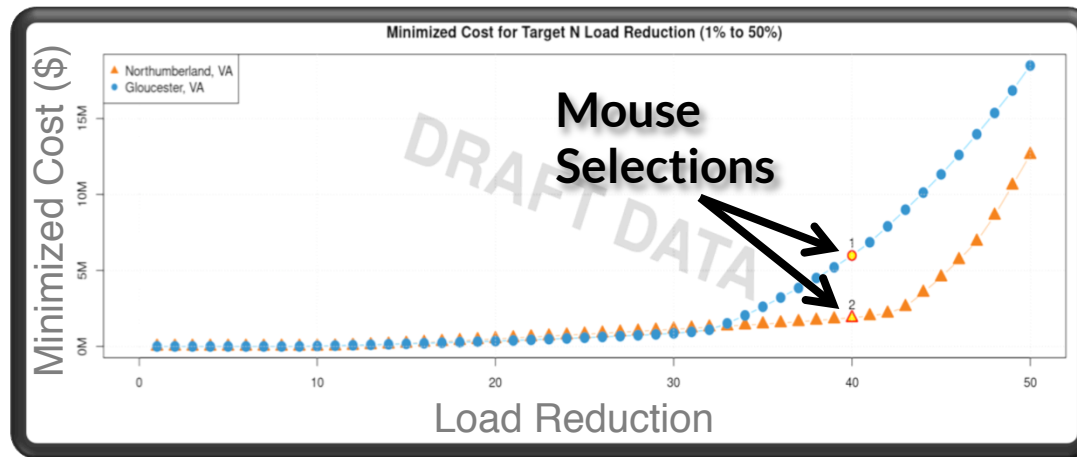
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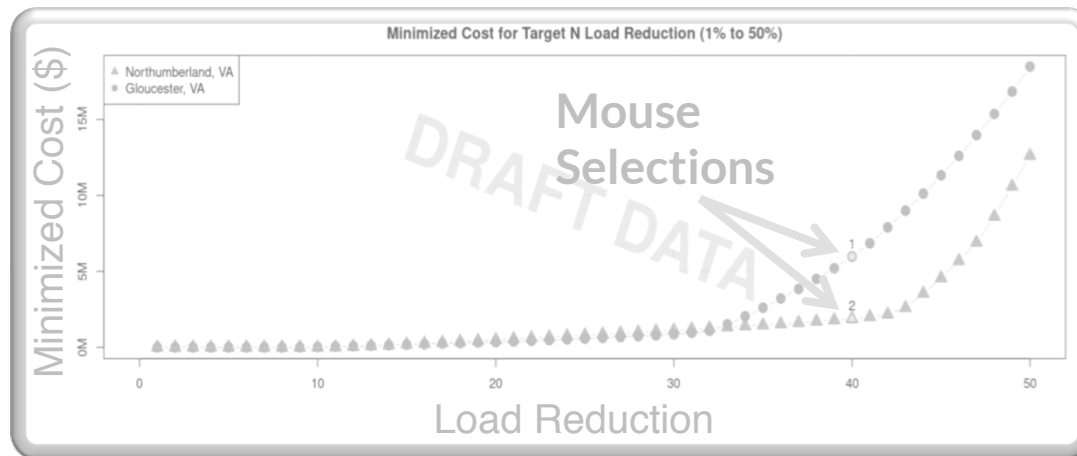


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Downloadable BMP input file(s) for selected point(s)



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Data tables (.txt) of BMP implementation acres for selected point(s), including delineation by land-river segment, load source, and agency.

📄 Point 1 - Gloucester, VA

📄 Point 2 - Northumberland, VA

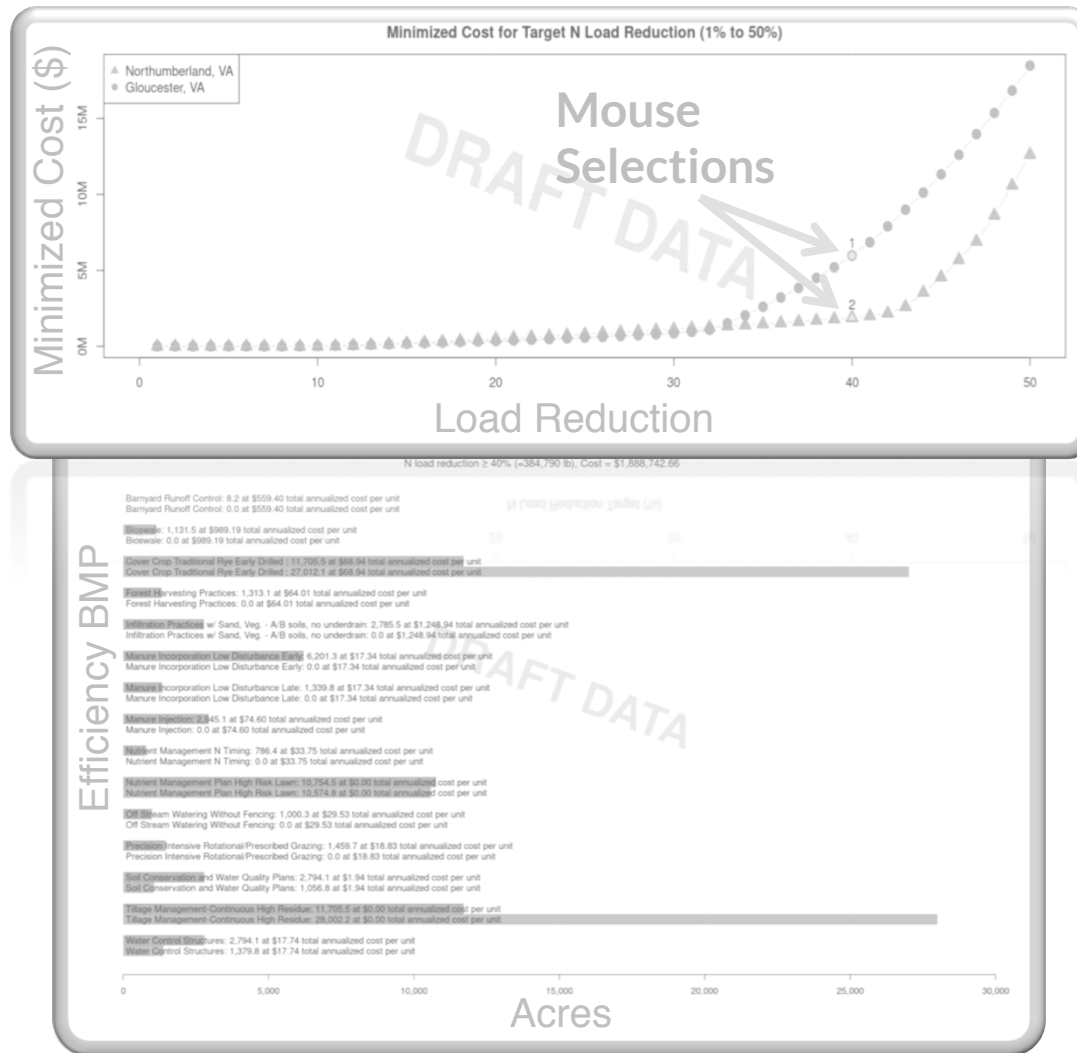
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In the next week or so:

- Fixing issue with mapping between load source groups and load sources available for BMP implementation
- Including delineations between federal and non-federal agency acres, as in CAST

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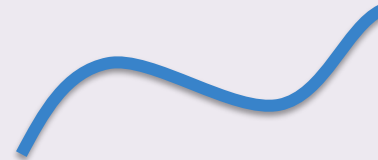
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Efficiency BMP representation:



Nonlinear

- same load calculation as in CAST

vs.



Linear

- solve faster
- facilitate more solution exploration

2

Land conversion BMP model

3

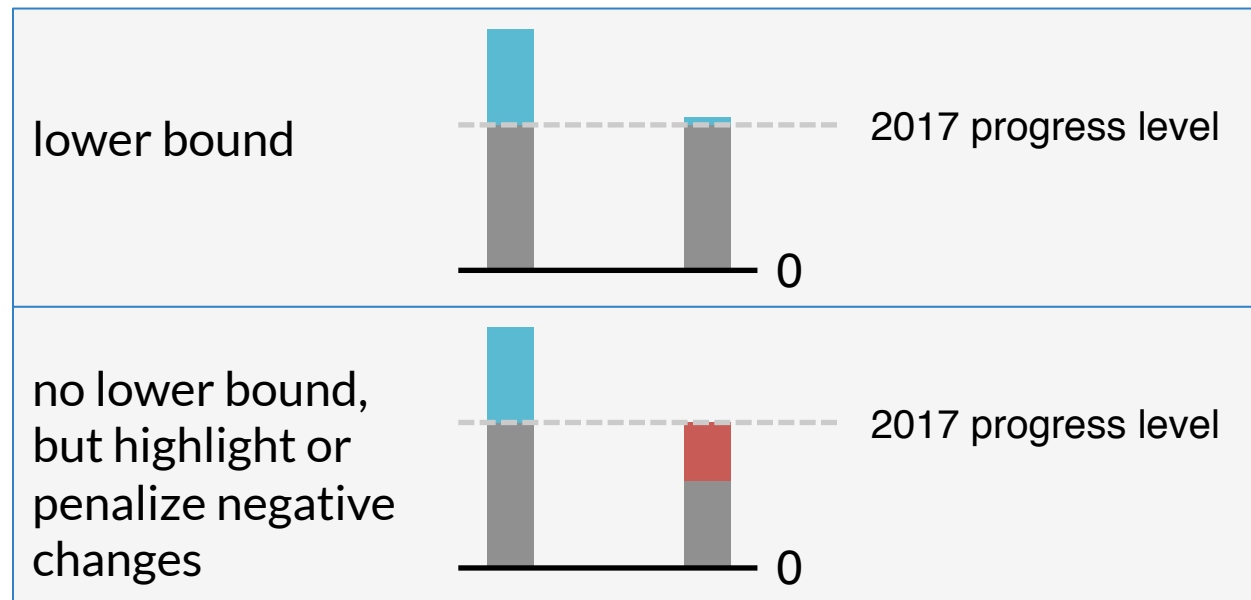
Larger geographies

Planned updates for January

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Base loads and BMPs other than 2010 no-action (e.g. 2017 progress)

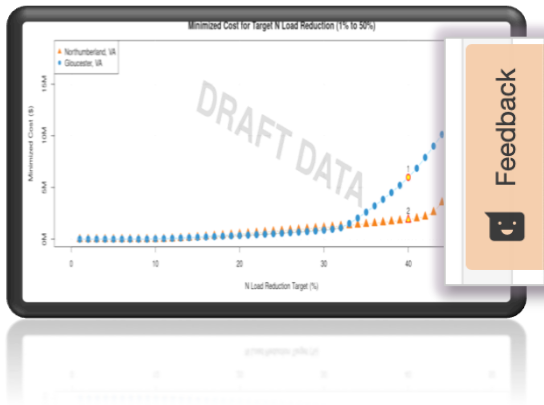
How to handle existing BMP acres?



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Structural software improvements

Will continue to be shaped by feedback

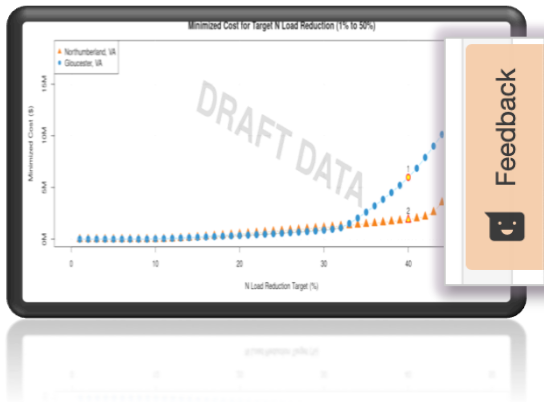


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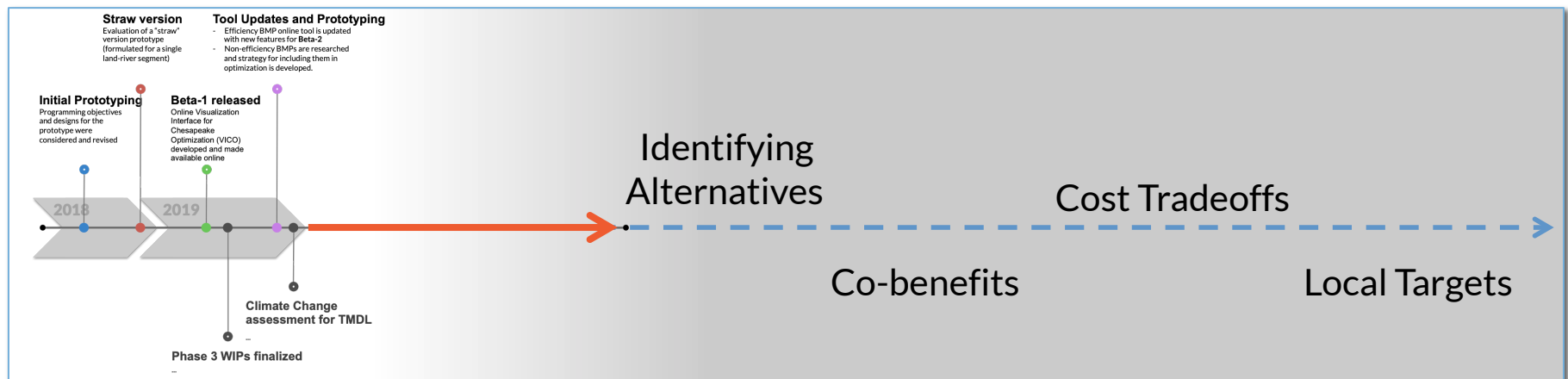
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Best Management Practices (BMPs)

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Pink – shore

Red - animal

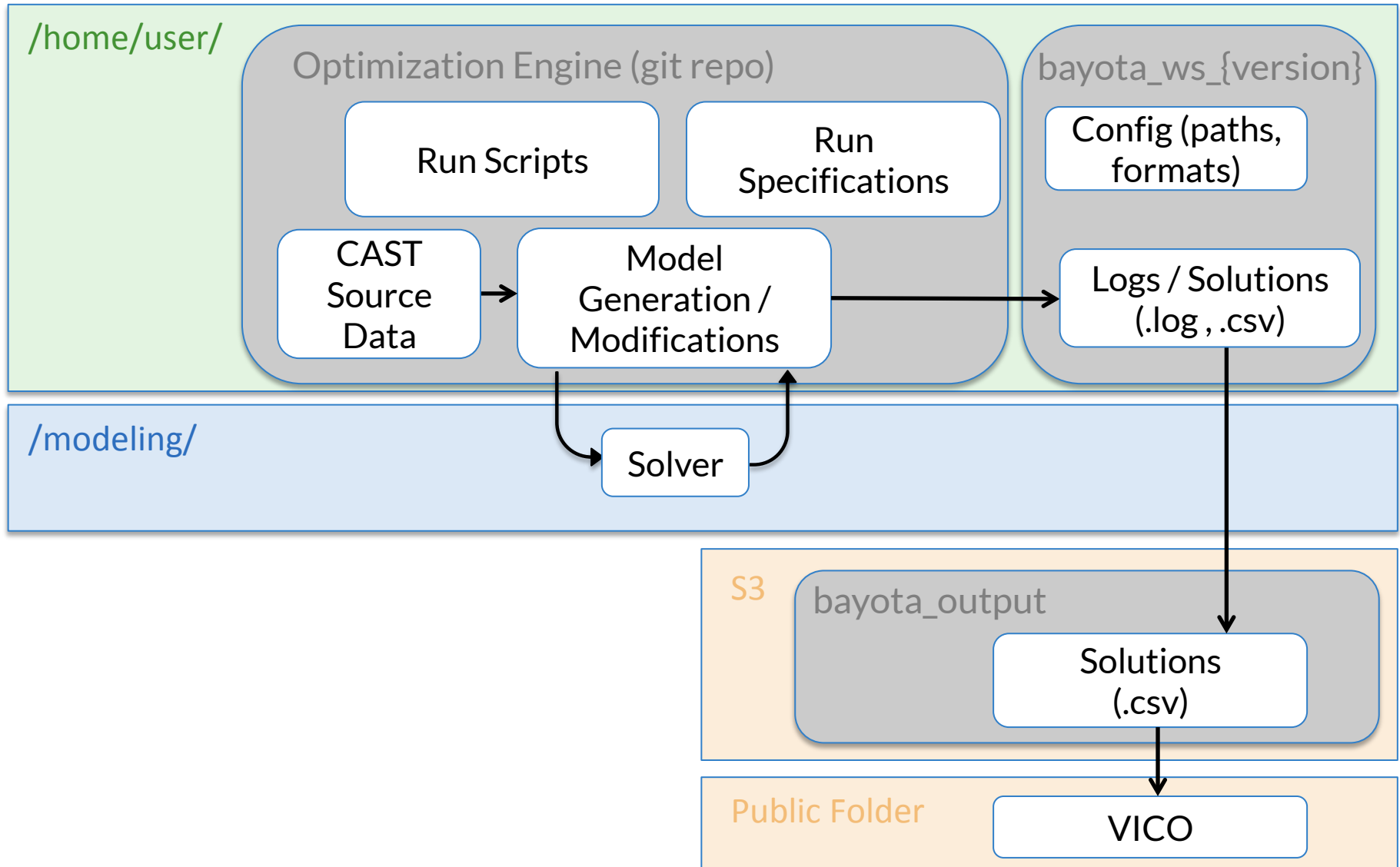
Green – Land use change

Yellow – Load reduction

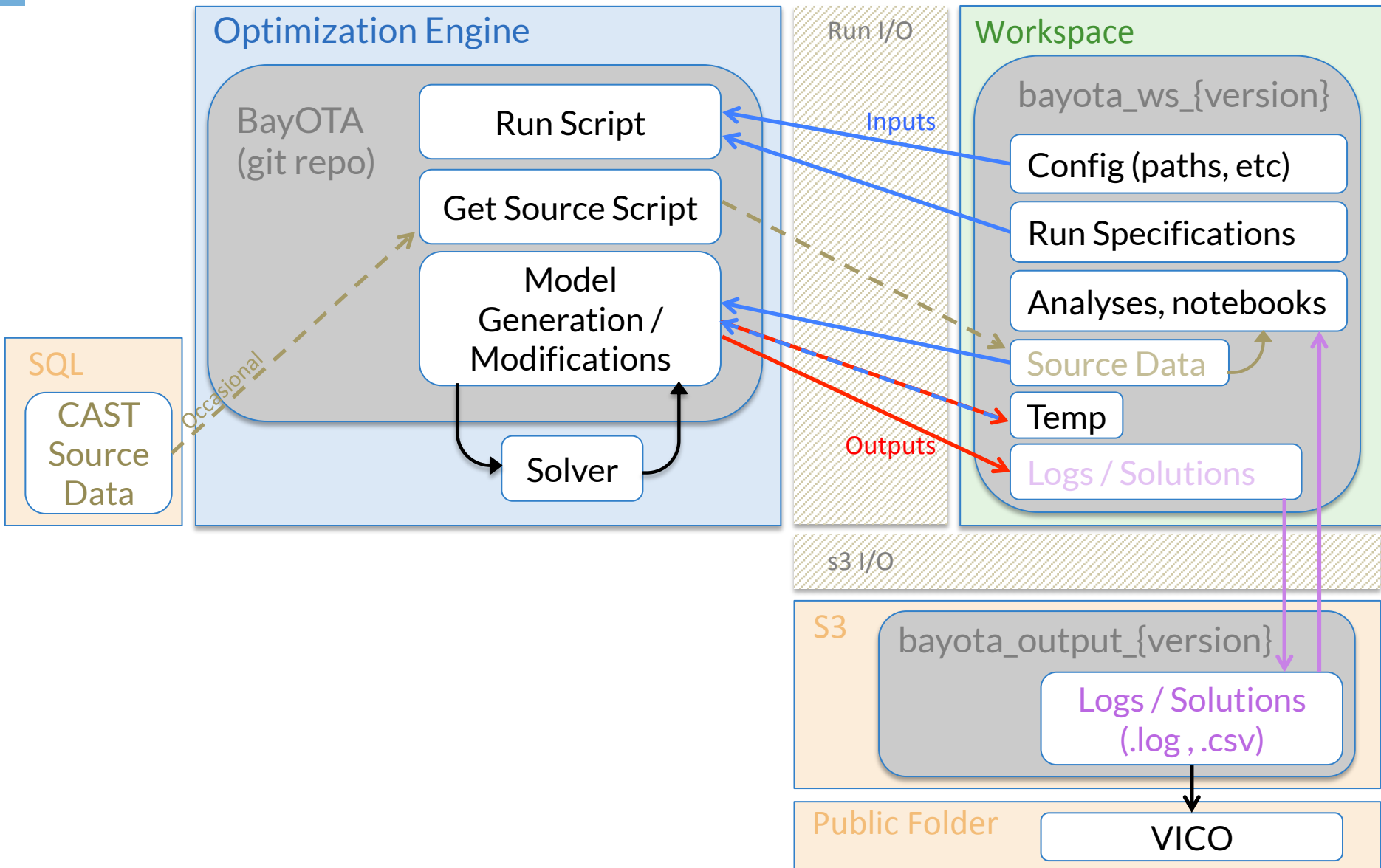
Teal – stream

Orange - Efficiency

Beta-1 Version components



Beta-2 Version components



Planned version components

