

# Phase 7 Load Sources: Preliminary Mapping to BMPs and Load Source Groups

Watershed Technical Workgroup November 6, 2025

Jessica Rigelman, J7 Consulting LLC, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

### Introduction

- Matrices presented today represent an <u>initial draft</u> of how the Phase 7 load sources will be mapped to BMPs and Load Source Groups in the BMP portion of the next model.
- Relationships in these matrices remain the same as Phase 6 but incorporate new Phase 7 land uses.
- Assigning of BMPs to the appropriate land use is the first priority. Load source groups can be adjusted based on the BMPs assigned.



## **Overview of Matrices**

## **Agriculture Sector Mapping Updates**

- Addition of two new BMPs for Phase 7: Alley cropping and Silvopasture
- Addition of two new land uses for Phase 7: Hay High and Pasture High
  - O BMPs assigned to hay or pasture in Phase 6 were assigned to both hay and pasture versions in Phase 7.

#### Cover Crops

- O No changes to these BMPs were made for this draft.
- O Cover crops are mapped on their own sheet in the matrices.
- Agricultural BMPs were not mapped to solar land uses for this draft. However, this will be a topic of discussion at the January 2026 AgWG meeting.

## **Developed Sector Mapping Updates**

- Addition of three new Urban Nutrient Management BMPs (pending the approval of the UNM Expert Panel recommendations)
  - O Nutrient Management with a soil test
  - O Nutrient Management without a soil test
  - O Non-Fertilized Turfgrass
- Addition of eight new urban land uses
  - O Solar pervious non-regulated, MS4, CSS
  - O Solar infrastructure non-regulated, MS4, CSS
  - O Compacted pervious and CSS compacted pervious
- If a BMP was mapped to impervious ⇒ solar infrastructure added for Phase 7
- If a BMP was mapped to pervious ⇒ solar pervious was added for Phase 7

## **Next Steps**

Feedback from today and offline will be incorporated into an updated draft.

- Source sector workgroups (AgWG and USWG) will be asked to provide their feedback on the initial BMP mapping. This will inform a final version that will be sent to the WTWG for a vote at a subsequent meeting.
- A Phase 7 NEIEN Appendix will be created taking these decisions into account.



## Thank you!

Any questions?
You can contact me at jrigelman@j7llc.com

