

How the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model Simulates Construction Land

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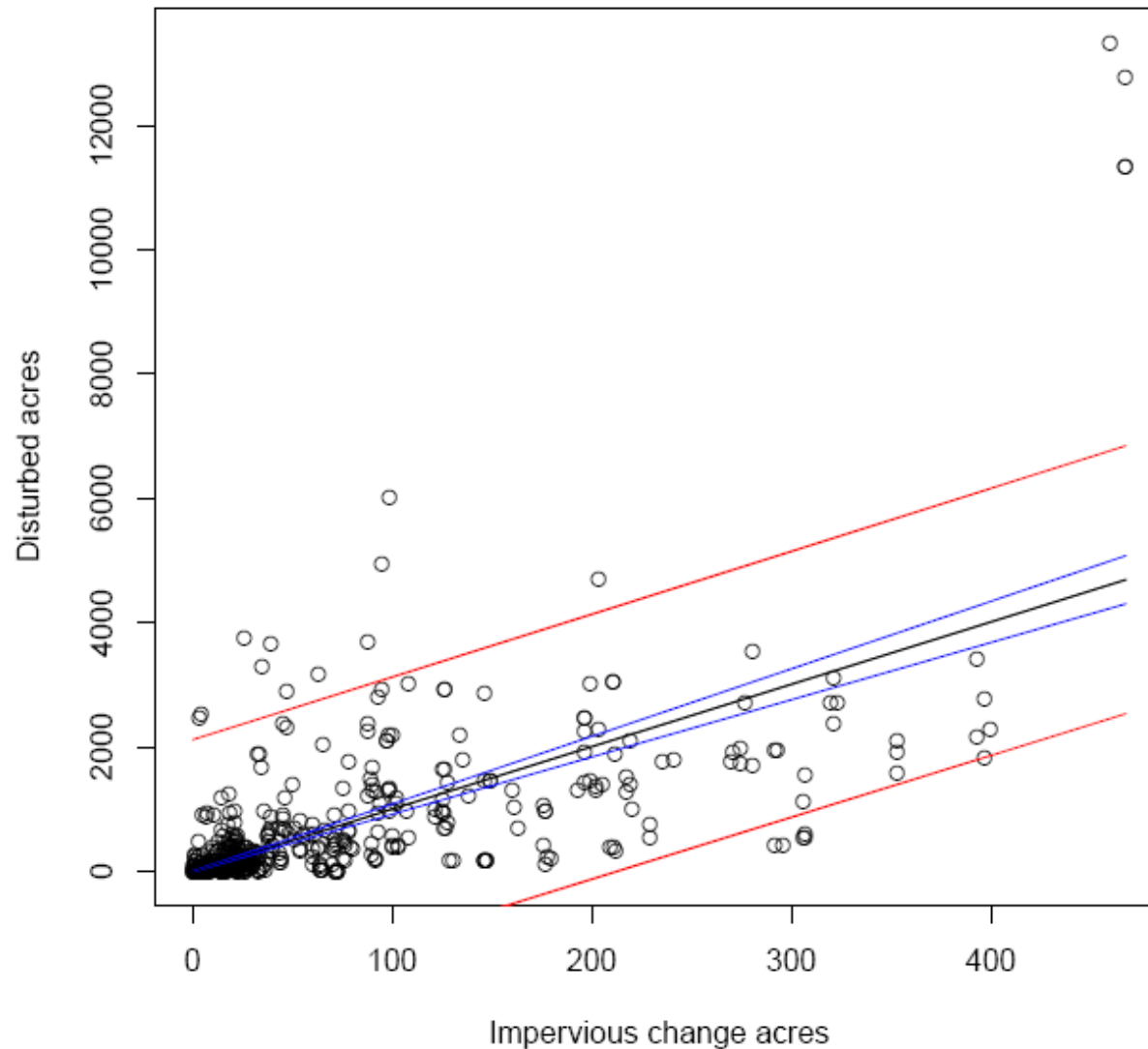
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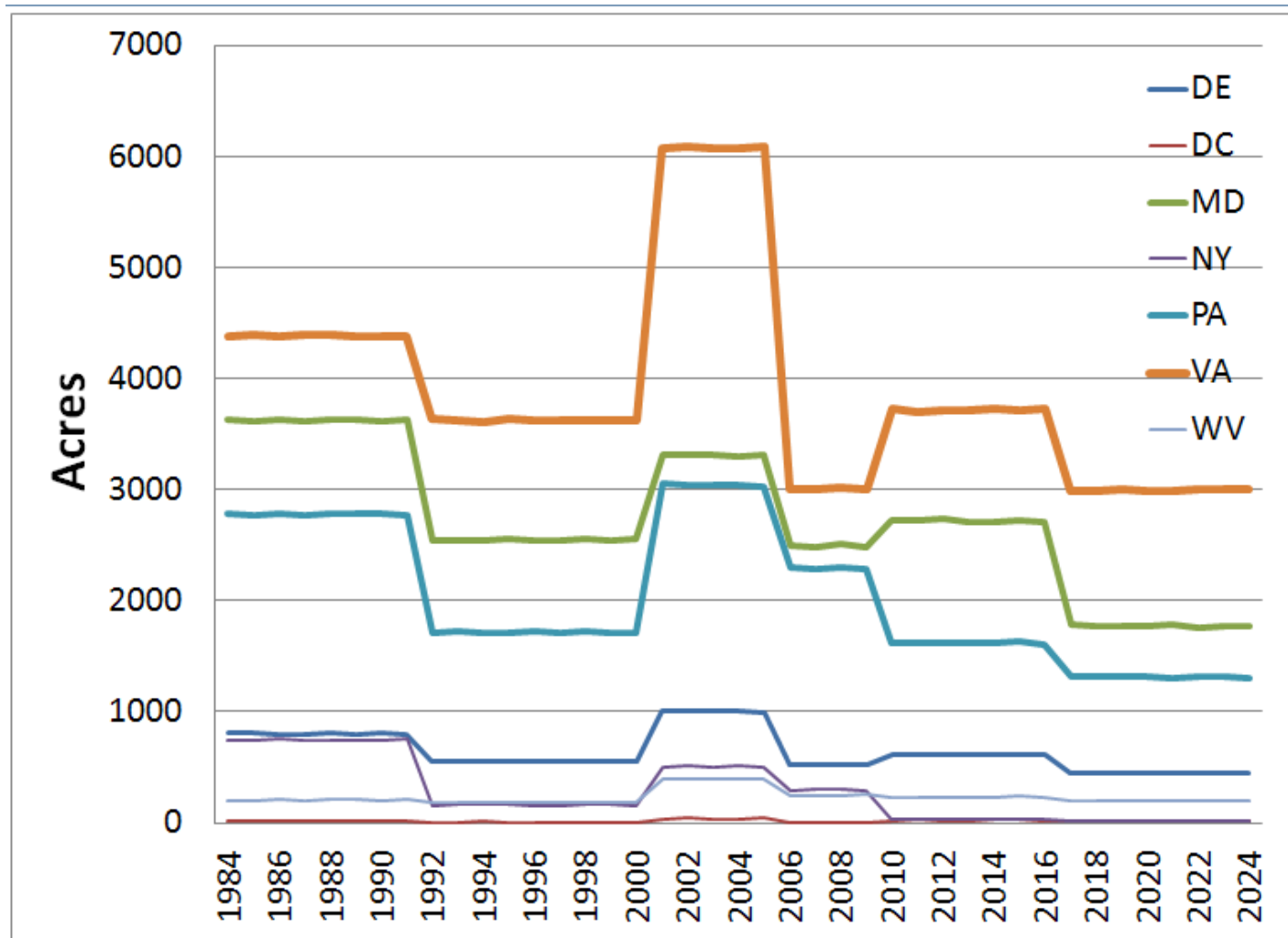
CBWM Calibration Construction Landuse

- Bare-construction lands are not measured with satellite imagery in the latest version of the CBW model.
- County permitted-disturbed acres were gathered (Only PA and MD provided permitted acres for several years and WV only for 2010).
- Permitted acres are proportional to the annual change in impervious surfaces ($nid+rid+cid$) in a watershed model segment.

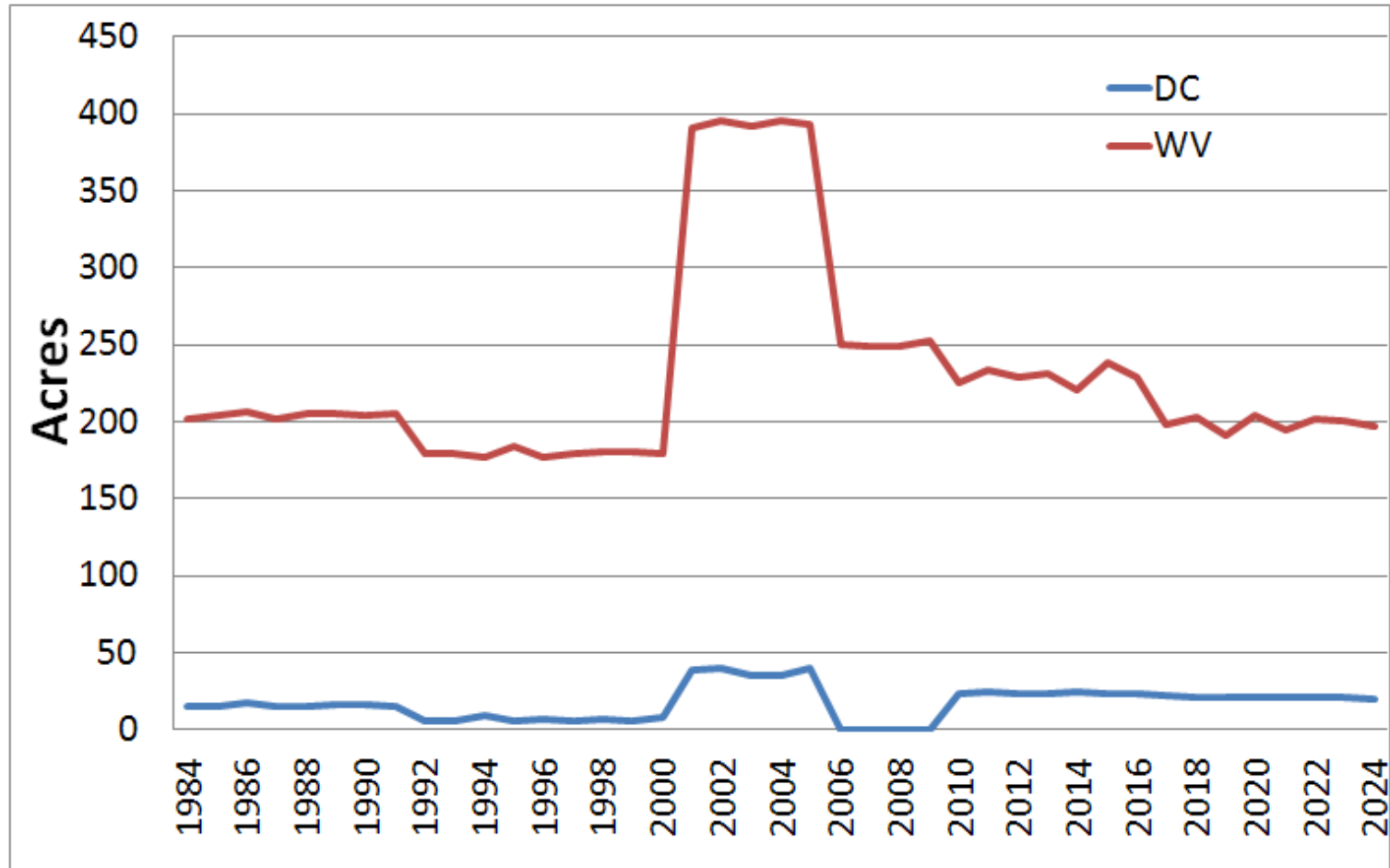
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Annual Impervious Surface Change



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- The ratio of permitted acres to impervious change was used to calculate construction acres.
- The state median ratio and the bay median ratio were used if information was not submitted.
- Construction acres were calculated from 1982 to 2025.

Ratios

	Median Ratio
CBW	7.6
MD	11.8
PA	7.1
WV	61.1

FIPS	MEDIAN COUNTY RATIO
24003	4.4
24005	8.5
24009	10.3
24013	18.2
24015	4.0
24017	26.5
24019	32.8
24021	6.8
24025	17.8
24027	5.6
24029	2.1
24031	14.7
24033	25.8
24047	20.3
24510	13.2
42001	10.5
42009	6.3
42011	1.3
42013	10.3
42015	8.7
42021	6.9

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54027	26.2
54031	132.5
54037	51.3
54057	125.2
54065	22.2

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- **regulated construction (rcn)** = ratio * (impervious_{year2} – impervious_{year1})
impervious = nonregulated impervious developed(nid) + regulated impervious developed(rid)

- **combined construction (cnn)** = ratio * (cid_{year2} - cid_{year1})
cid = combined impervious developed

Only cid and cpd are adjusted to match the total css.

Forest is also adjusted in SB to incorporate the new landuse rcn.

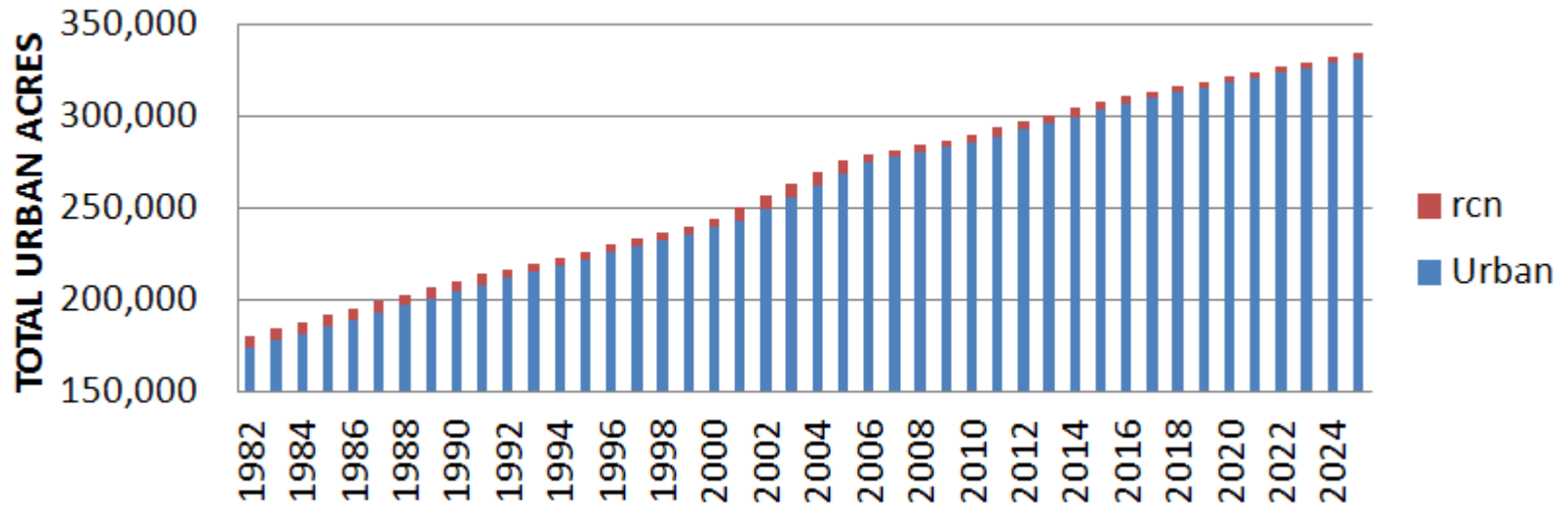
- **Adjusted land uses:**

cid fraction = cid / (cid + cpd)

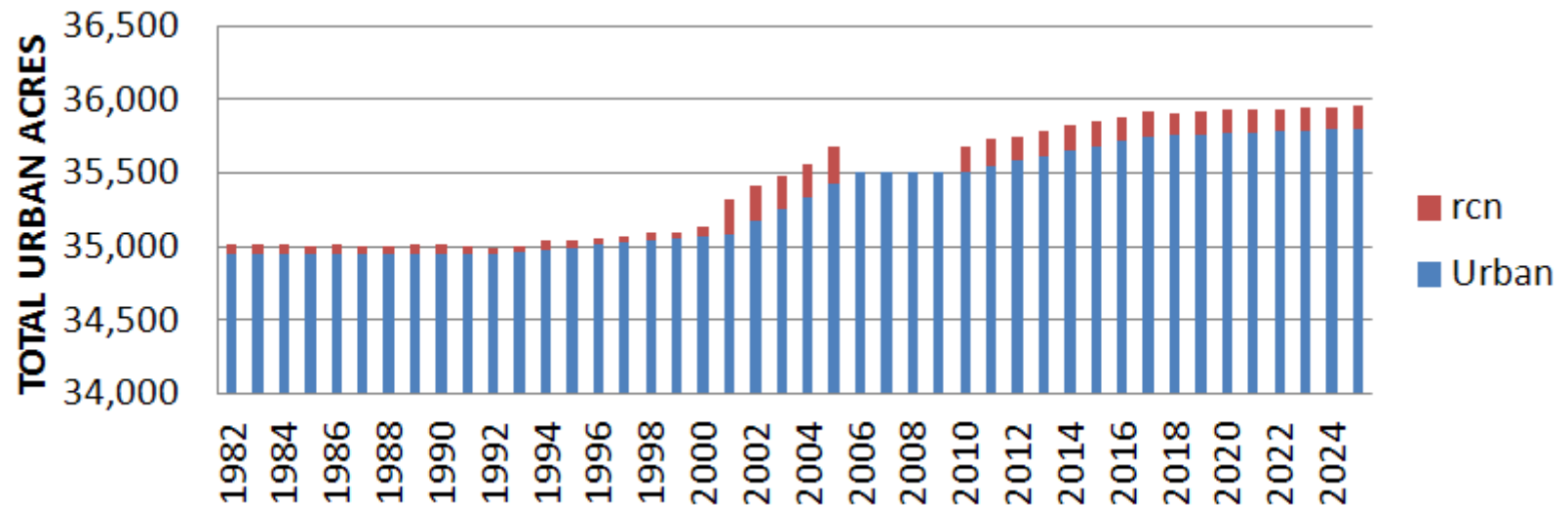
NEW cid = cid – cid fraction * cnn

NEW cpd = Peter_total – (NEW cid + cnn + cex)

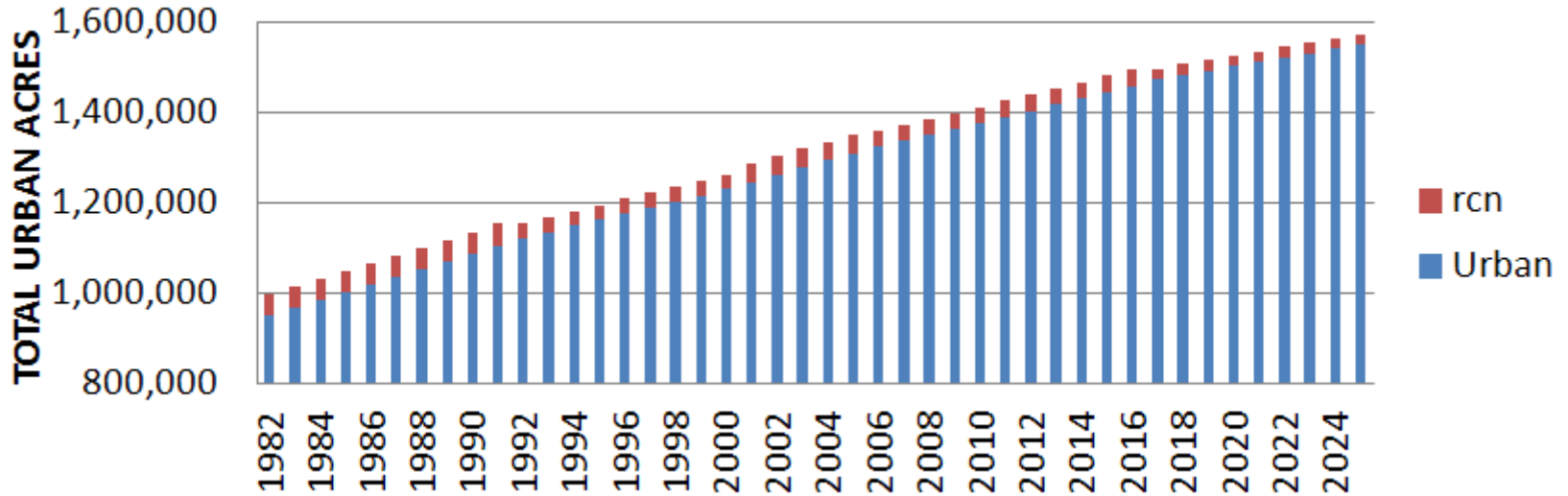
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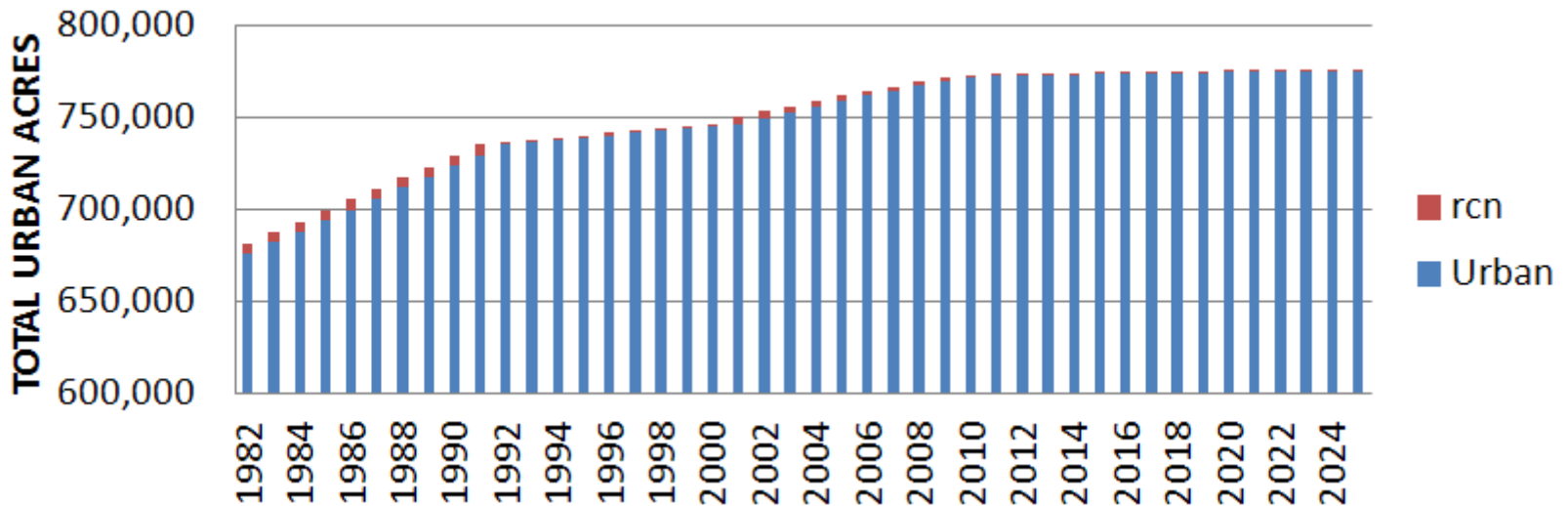
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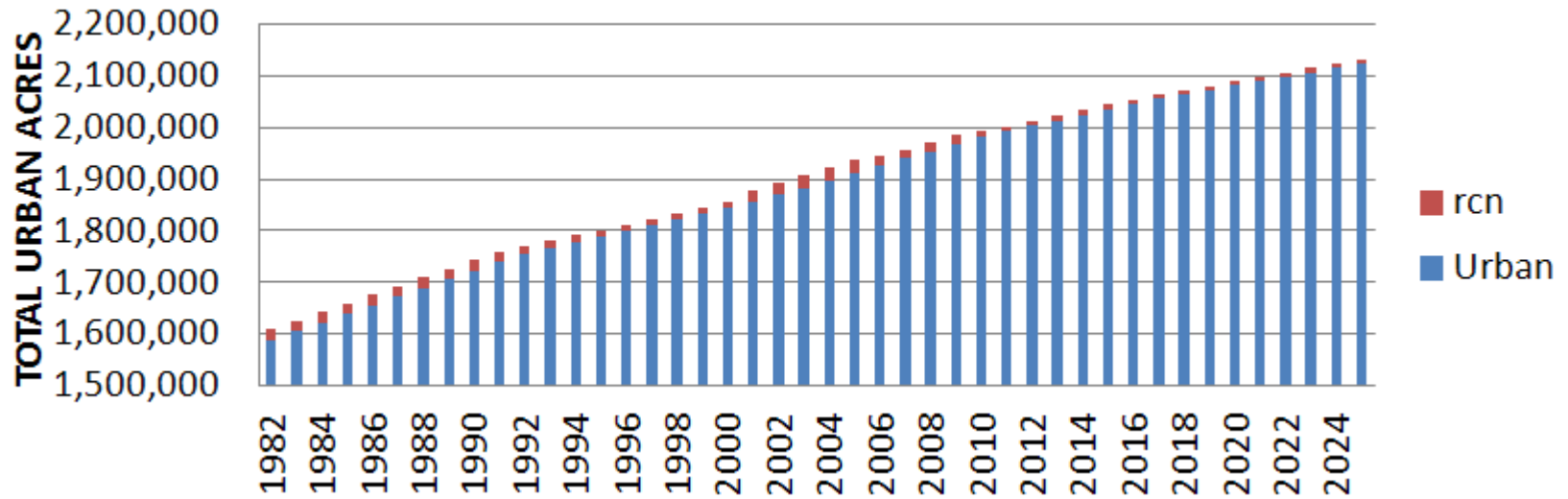
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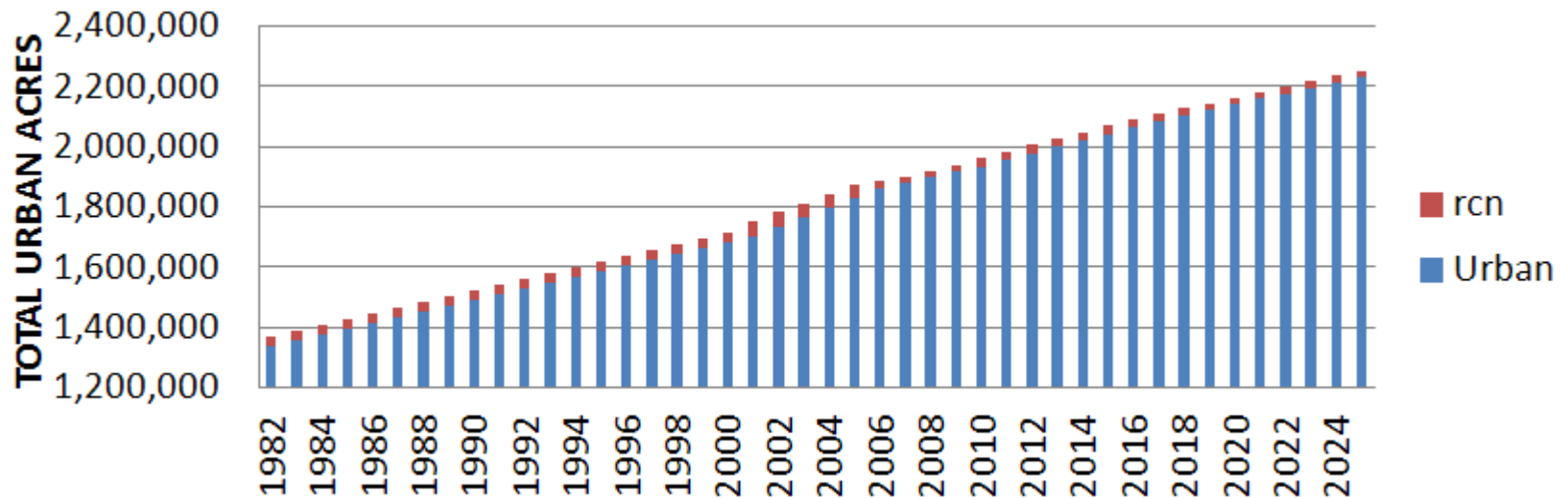
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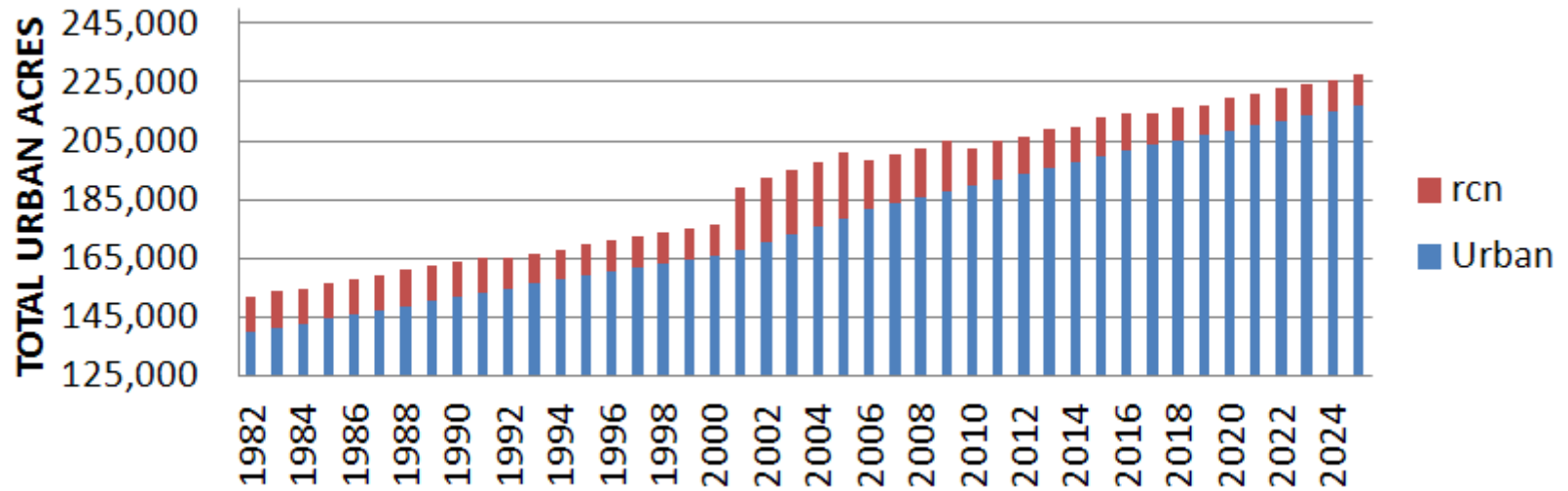
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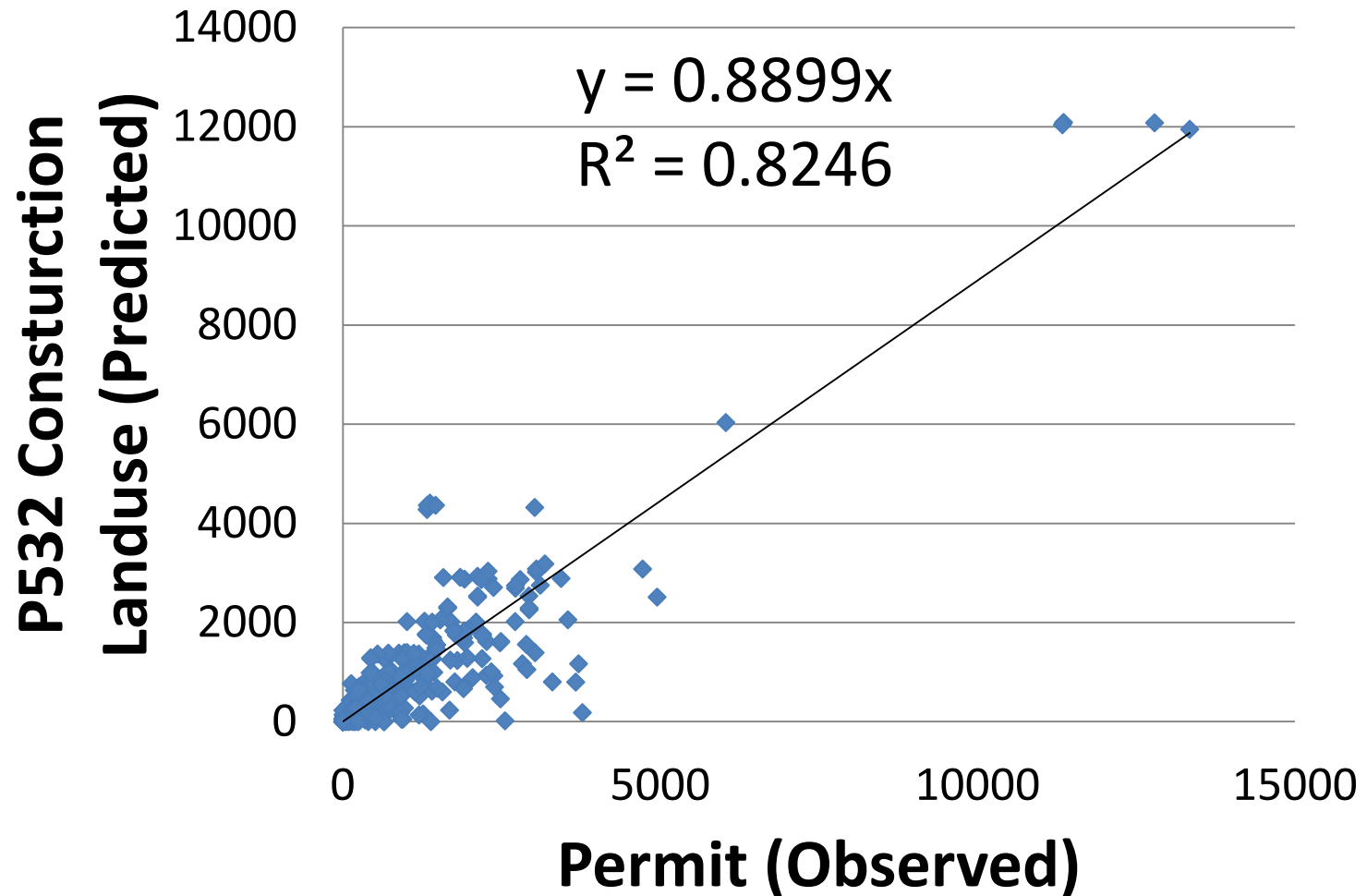
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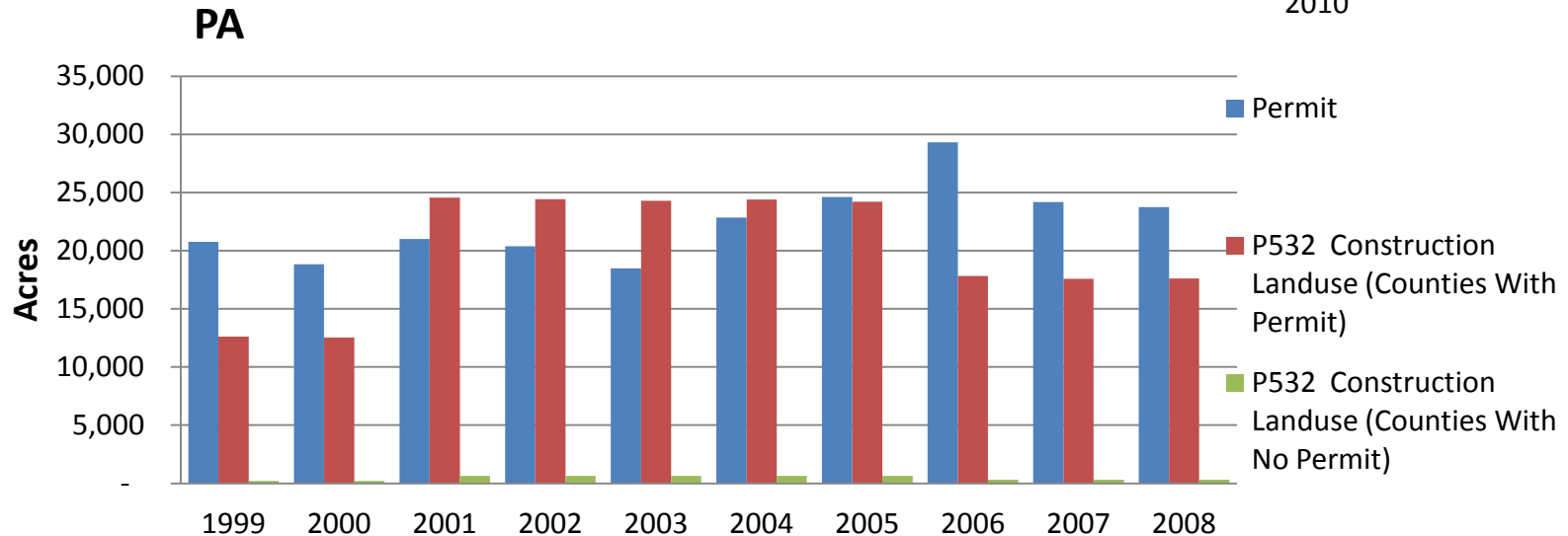
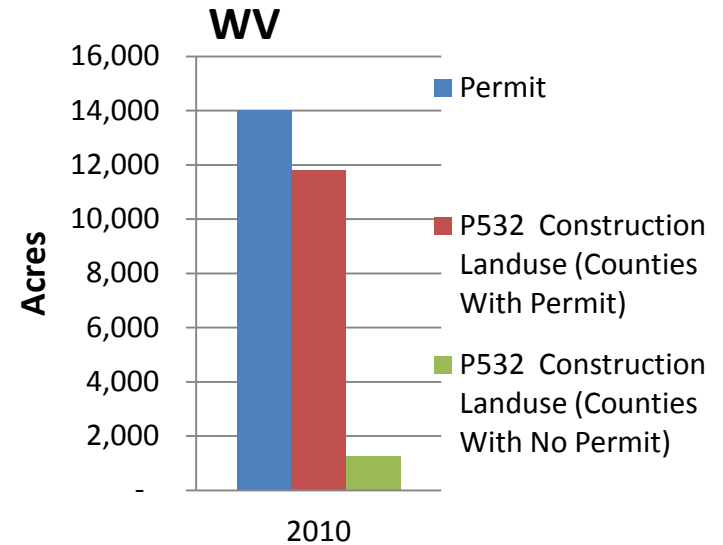
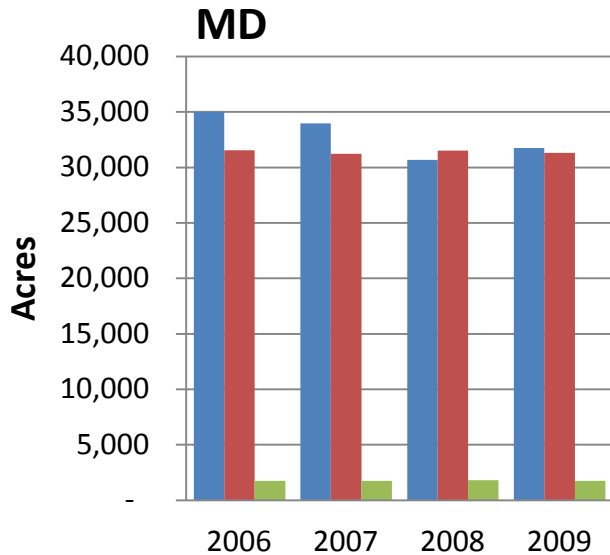
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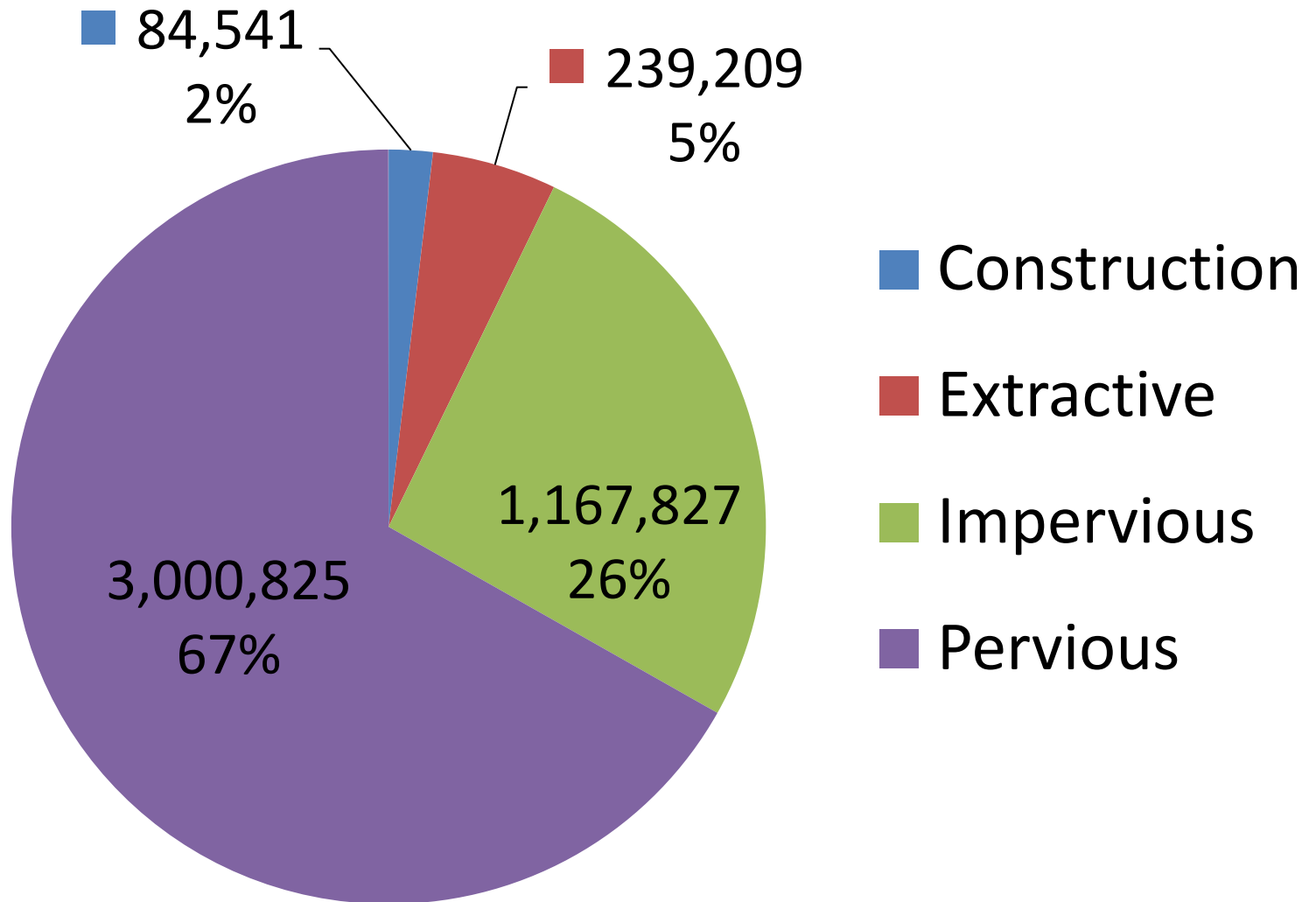
Predicted Construction Landuse (MD, PA and WV only)



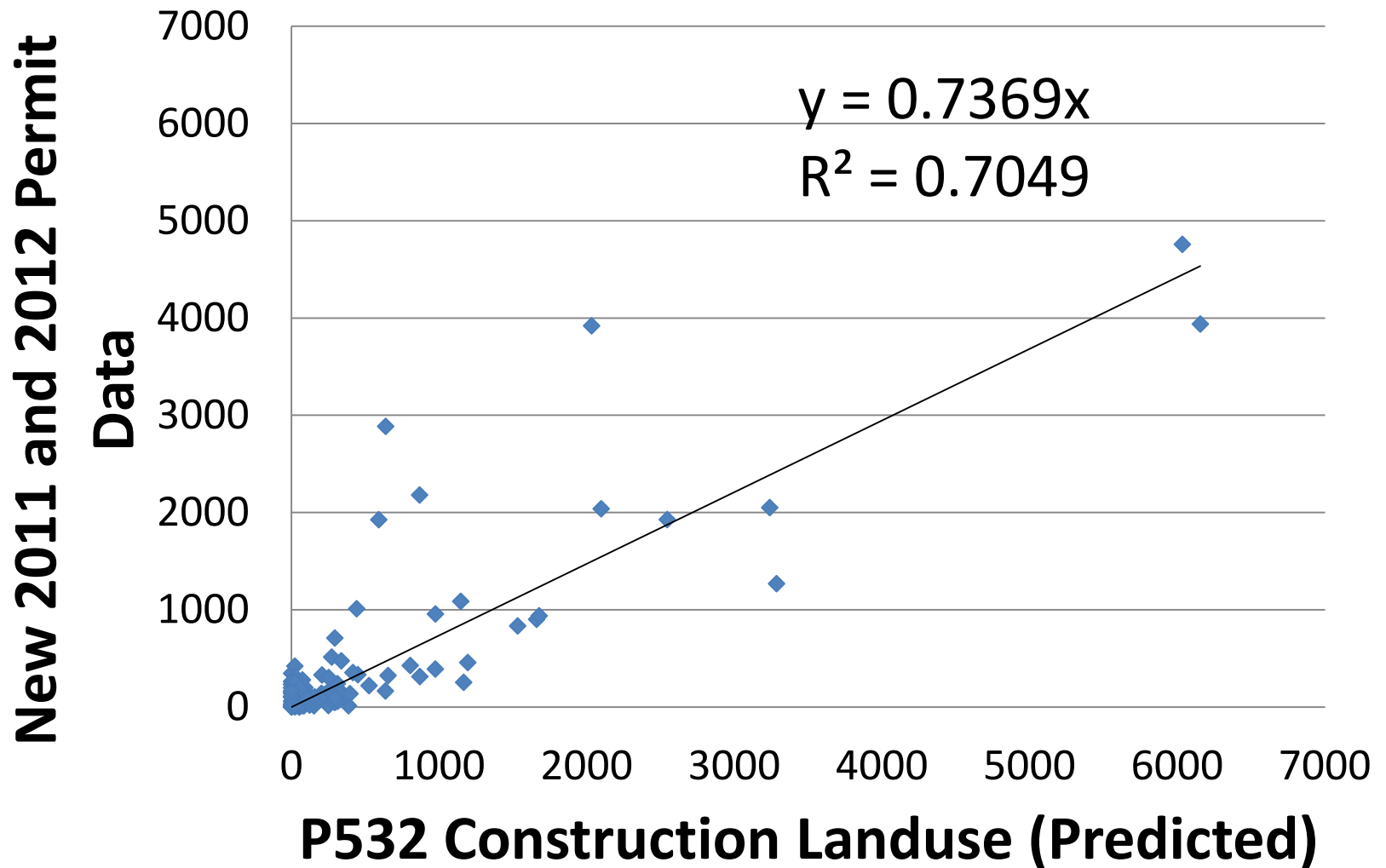
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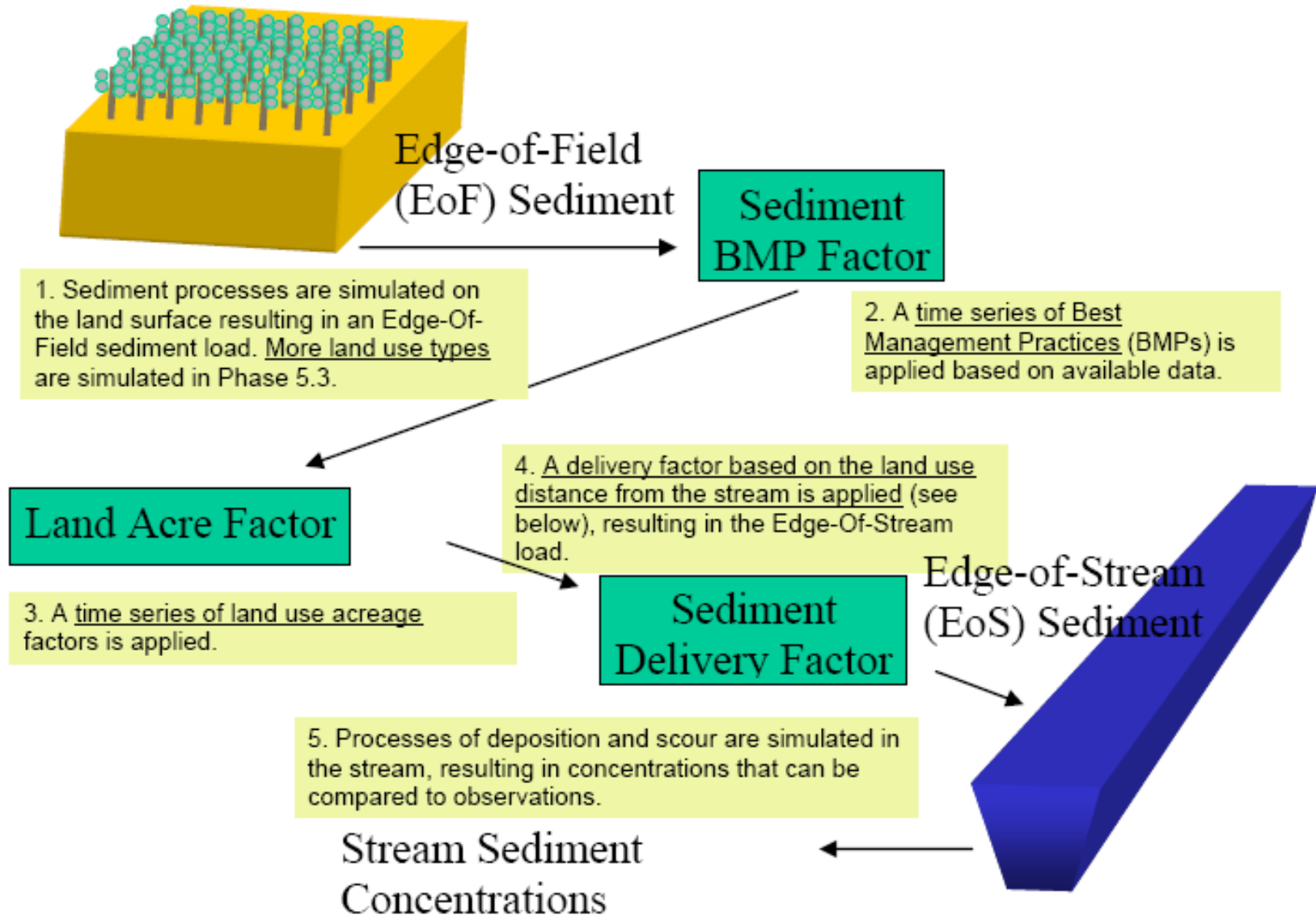
CBWM Calibration Urban Landuse (acres)



Validation (VA and WV counties only)



CBWM Sediment Simulation



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- The model is calibrated to calculate sediment loads using expected annual average edge of field erosion targets.
- The overall estimated erosion rate target for construction land is 24 tones per acre per year (Trickett, 2006).

CBWM Calibration Delivered Sediment Loads (Millions of pounds)

