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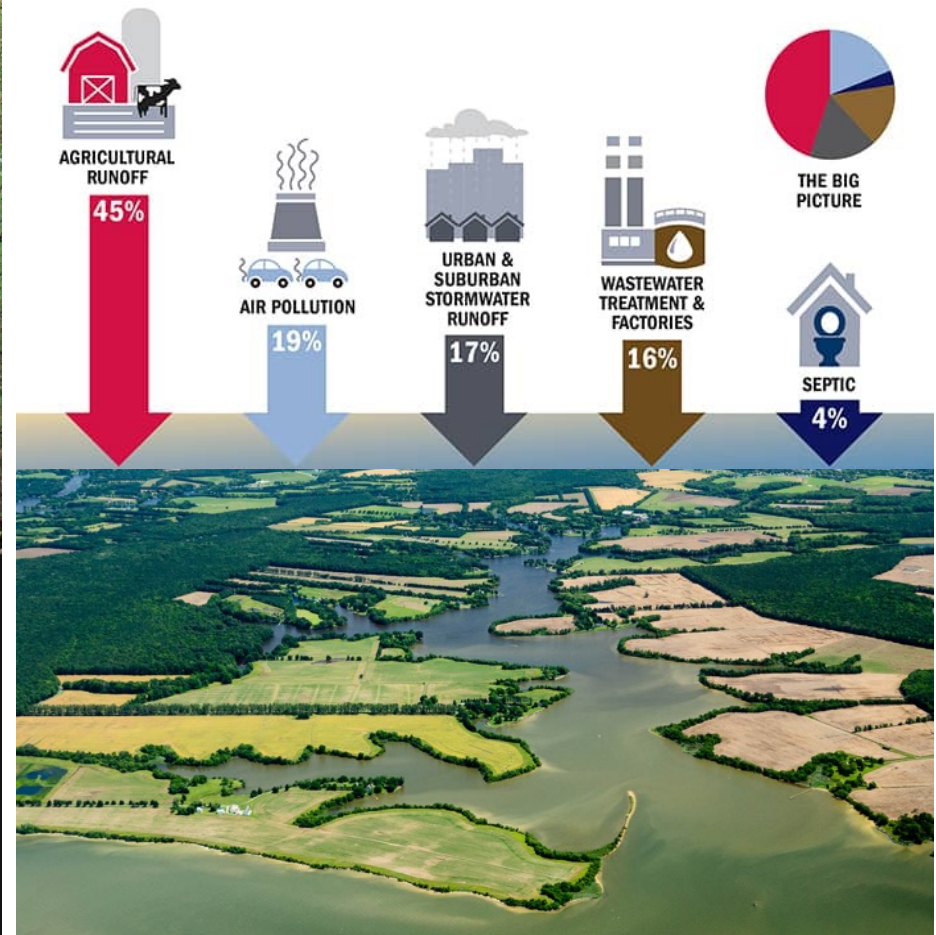
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# THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED IS LARGE AND COMPLEX, WITH MANY SOURCES OF NUTRIENT POLLUTION

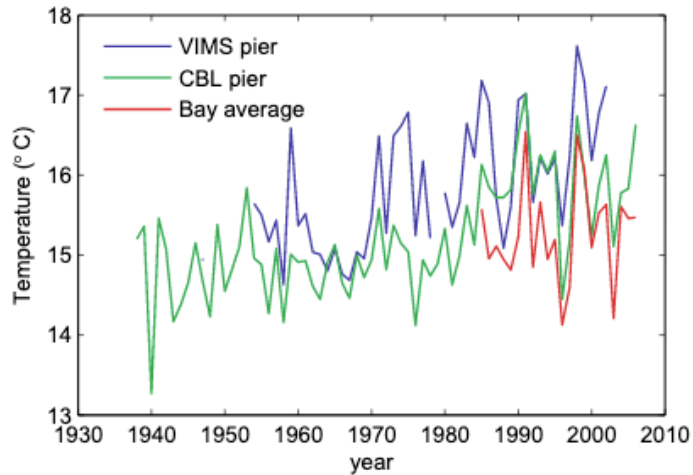


## SOURCES OF NITROGEN POLLUTION IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

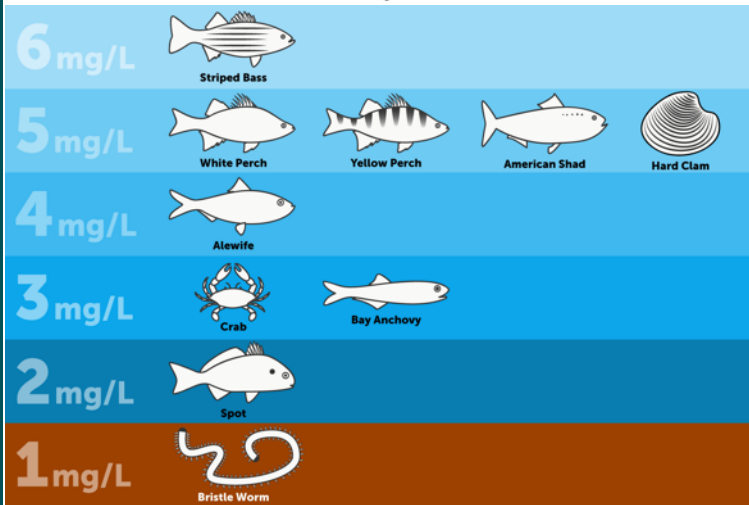
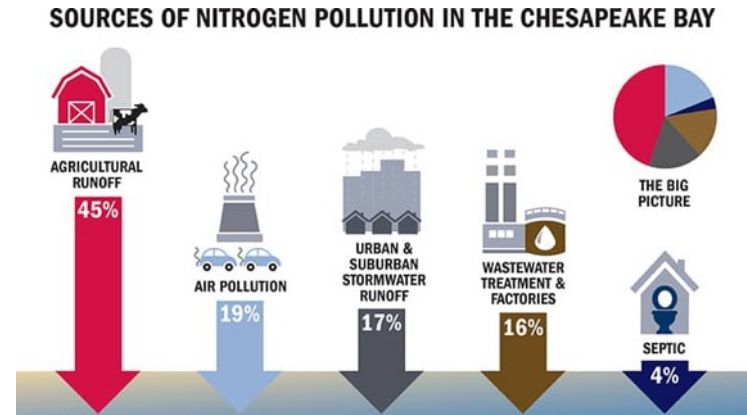


[chesapeakebay.net](http://chesapeakebay.net) & [cbf.org](http://cbf.org)

# NUTRIENT POLLUTION AND RISING TEMPERATURES ARE DANGEROUS TO THE AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM



Rising  
temperatures  
&  
nutrient  
pollution



contribute to

low oxygen  
&  
harmful algae



cbf.org & chesapeakebay.net & Najjar et al 2010 [doi:10.1016/j.ecss.2009.09.026](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecss.2009.09.026)



# HARNESSING CITIZEN SCIENCE TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON WATER QUALITY

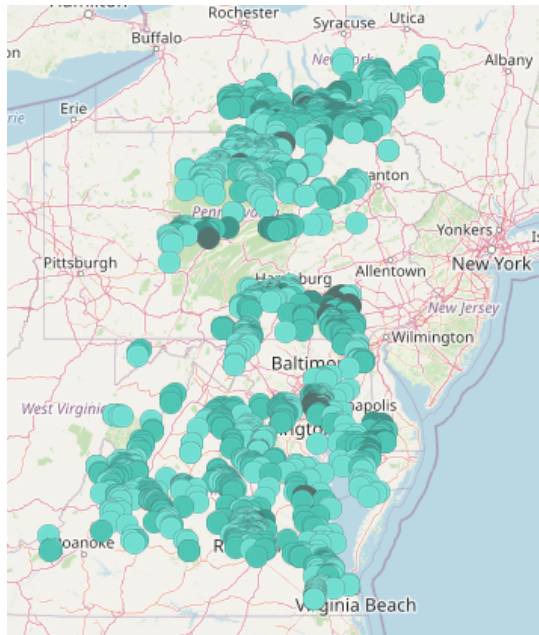
## Citizen Science *Water Quality*



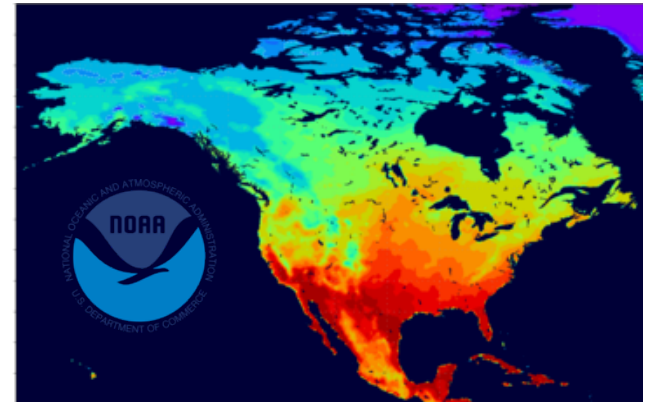
## Local Gov't Agencies *Water Quality*



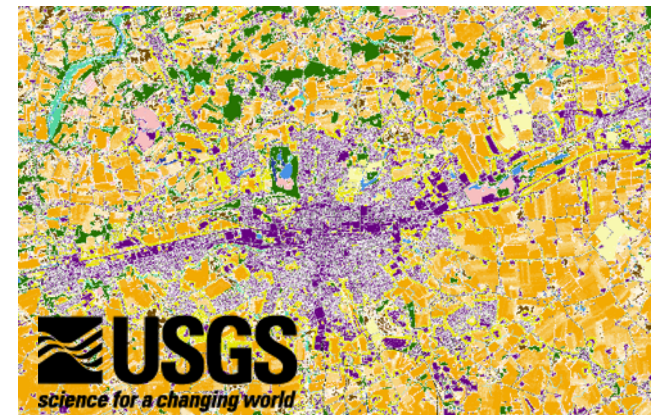
Chesapeake Bay Program  
*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*



## N. American Regional Reanalysis *Climate*



## Chesapeake Bay Phase 6 *Land Use*



# NOTEBOOKS: DATA LOAD, ANALYSIS, MODEL

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**repo: [DatabricksHackathon](#)**

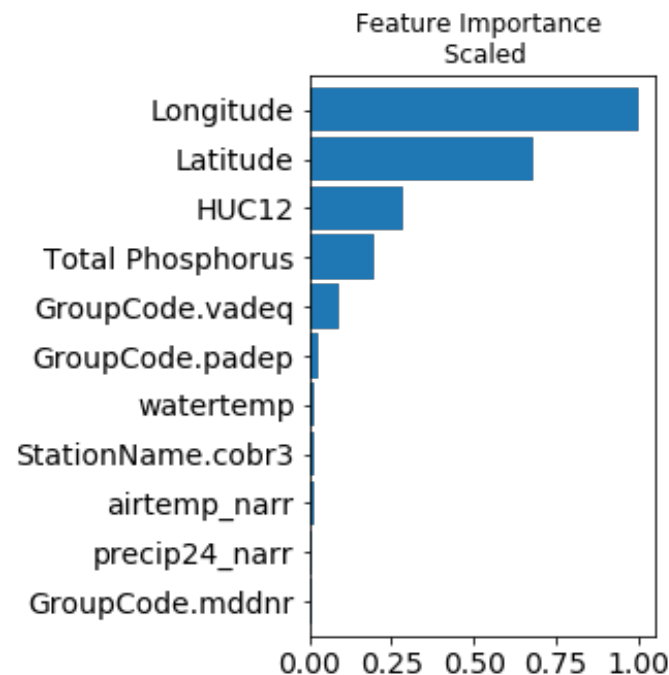
# NITROGEN CONCENTRATIONS ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON LOCATION

**Features:** Latitude Longitude Group HUC12 Time Month Year Dissolved Oxygen Total Phosphorus Water Temperature Air Temperature Precipitation Wind Speed

**Target:** Total Nitrogen



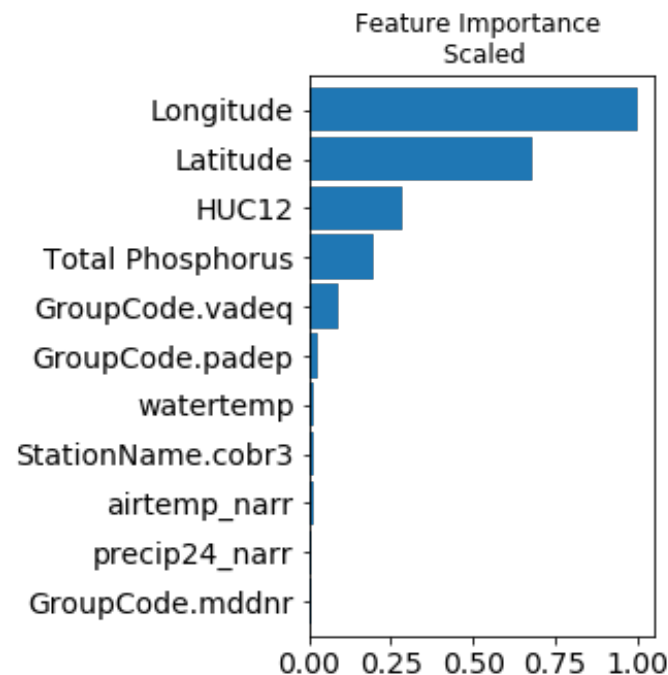
Model	RMSE	R <sup>2</sup>
Linear Regression (baseline)	1.34	0.33
GBT	0.96	0.66
Random Forest	0.77	0.78
XGBoost	0.78	0.80
H2O Auto ML XGBoost	0.69	0.84
H2O Auto ML Regression GLM Stacked Ensemble (train; cv)	0.50; 0.69	0.93; 0.84
H2O Auto ML Regression GLM Stacked Ensemble (test)	0.48	0.91



# Watershed communities can mitigate negative climate change impacts on Chesapeake Bay water quality by reducing location and land-use specific nutrient pollution sources



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