

Analyzing Potential Stormwater Management Projects in Charles County, MD Using Python



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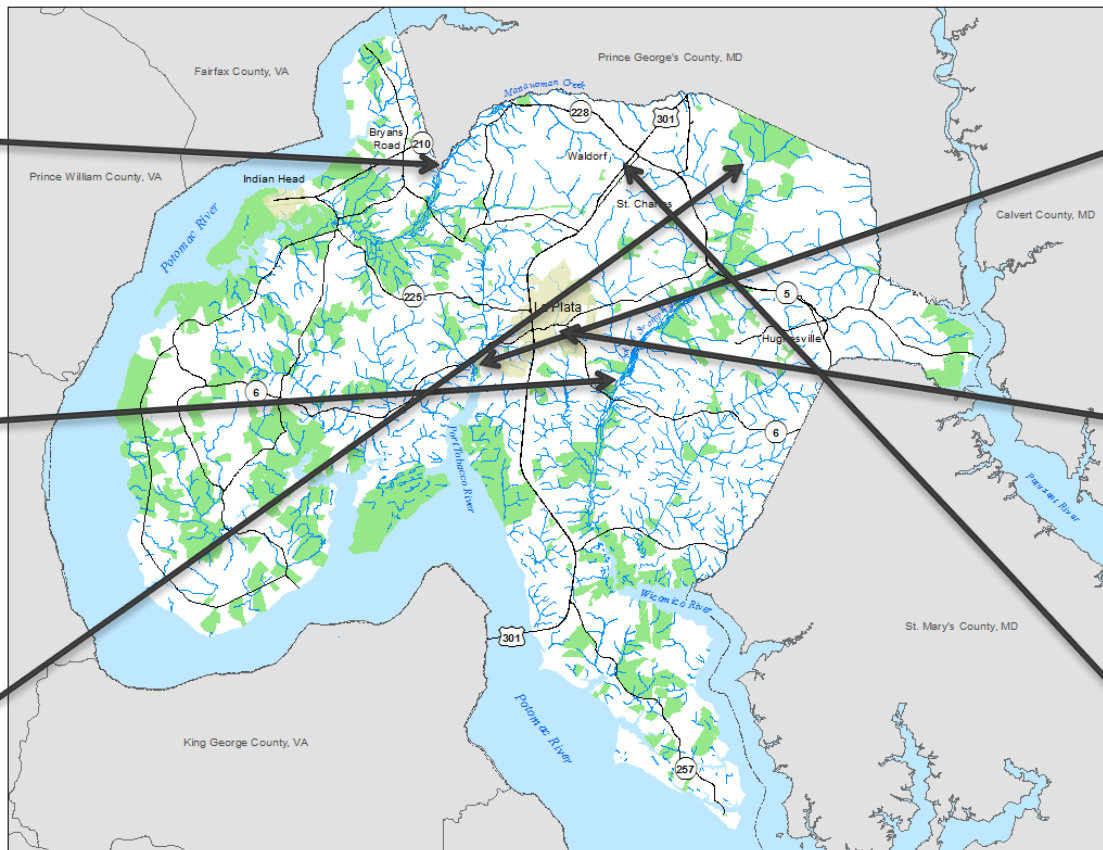
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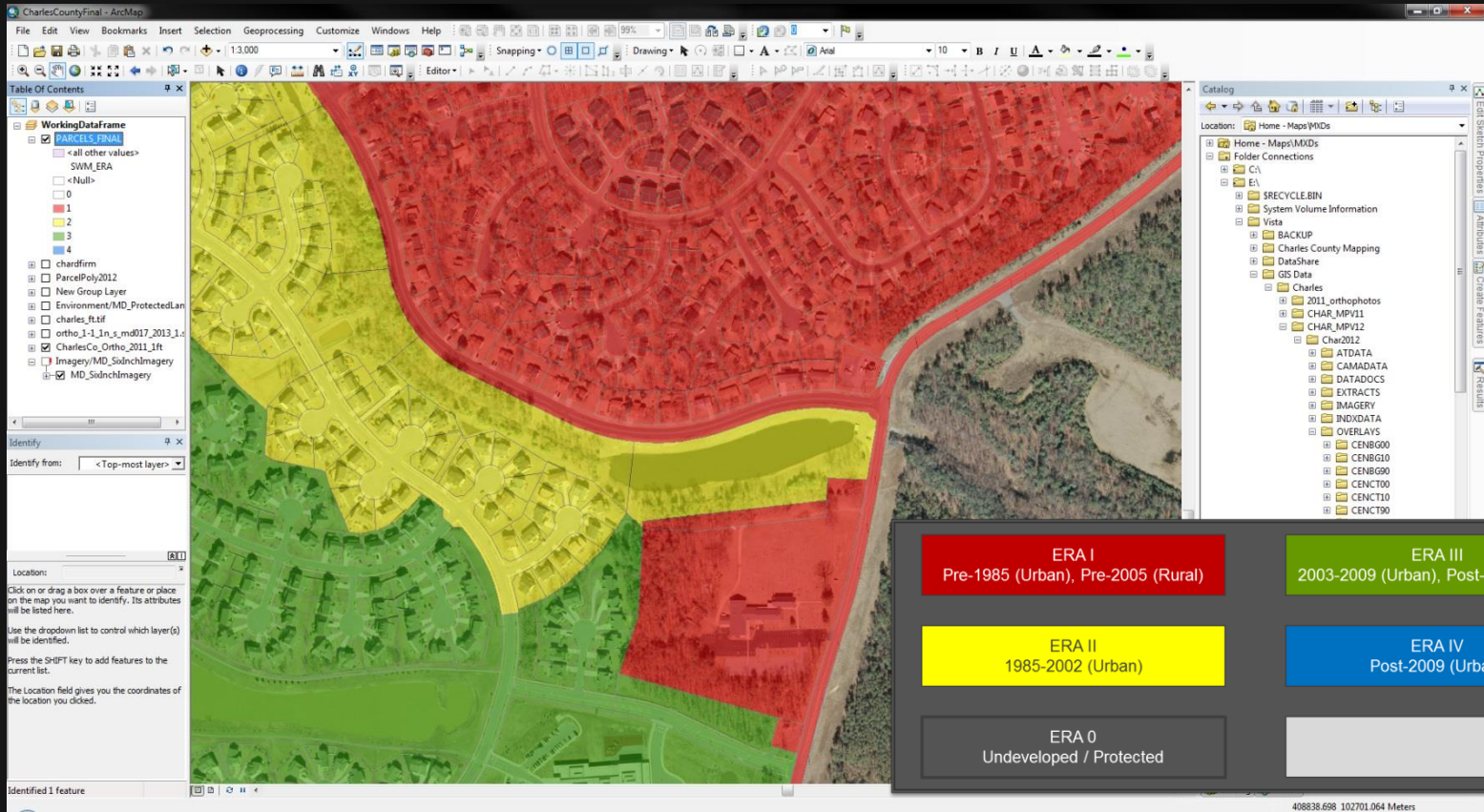
Maryland



NPDES

- Clean Water Act 1972
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES)
 - Point sources of pollution
- Water Quality Act 1987
 - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)
 - Non-point sources of pollution
- Upon NPDES permit renewal, Maryland Department of Environment's 2012 Watershed Implementation Plan requires retrofitting 20% of previously developed but currently untreated impervious surfaces

Water Quality Assessment



Water Quality Projects

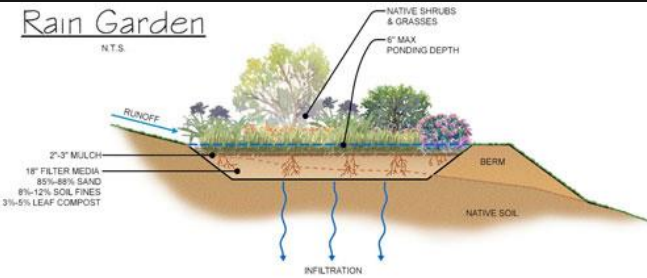
- Large amount of capital expenditure
- Time-consuming
- Environmental Benefits
- Local impacts

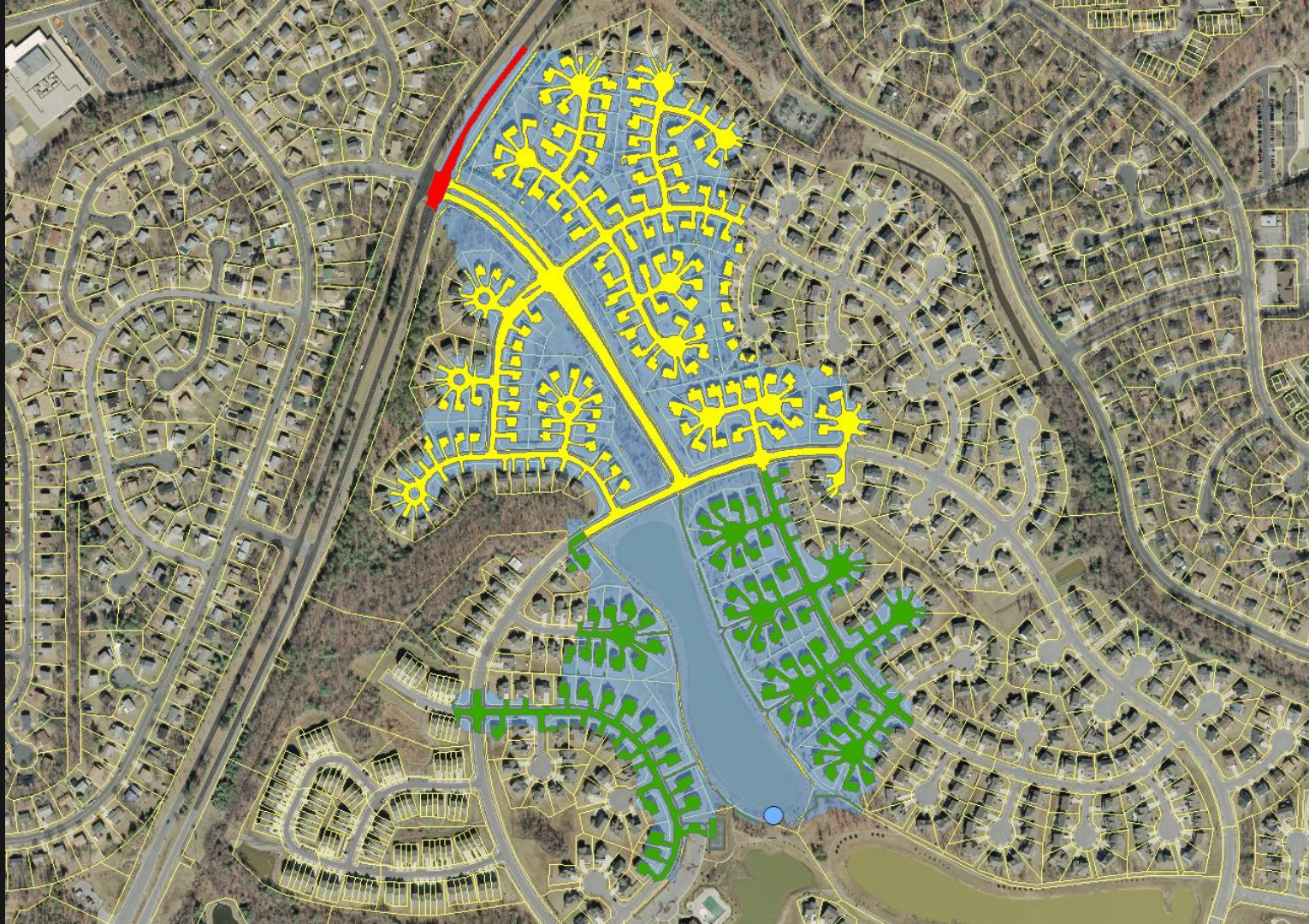


Construction of Terre Arch Stormwater Retention System Beneath Future Water Quality Park

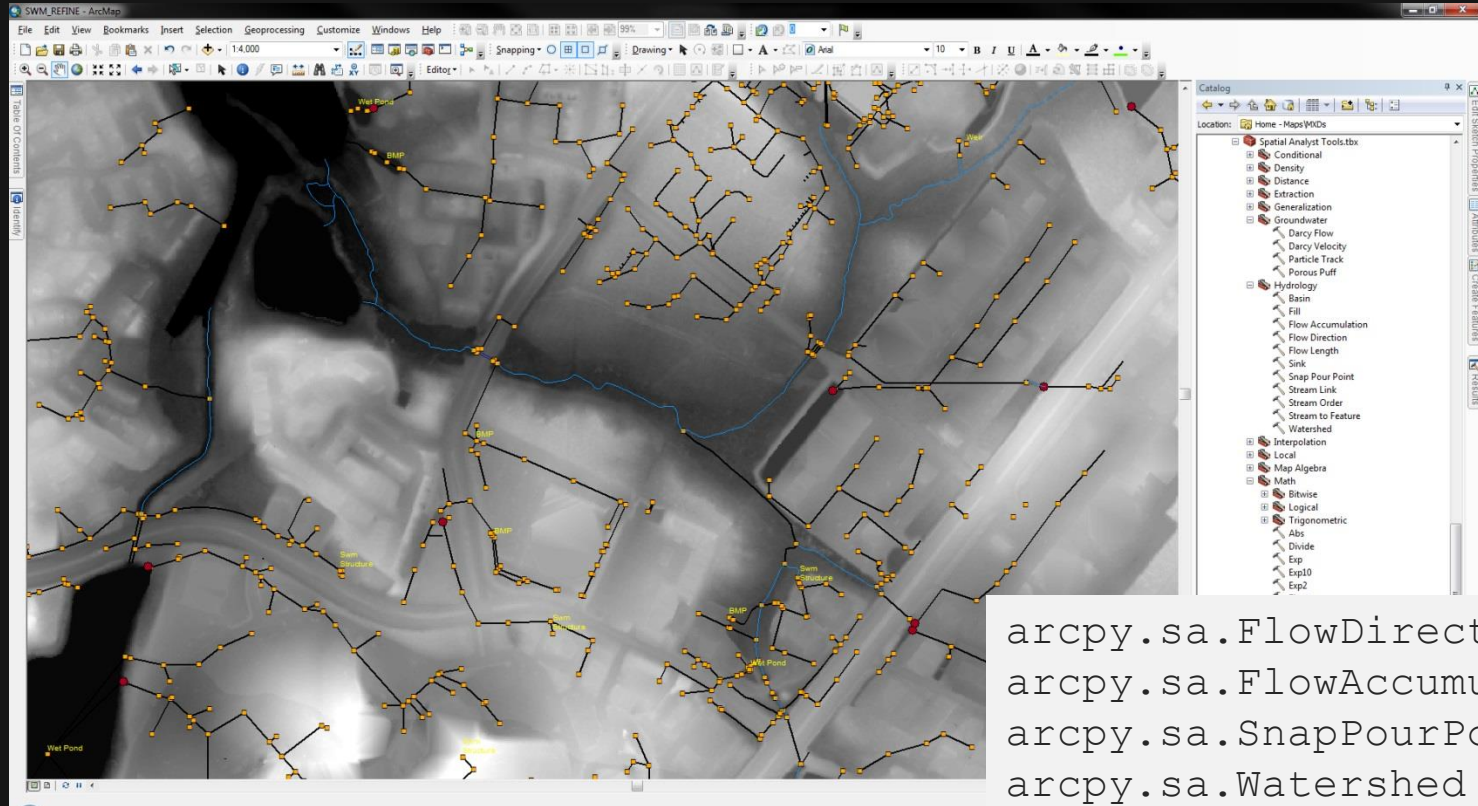


Completed Water Quality Park with Underground Terre Arch Stormwater Retention System





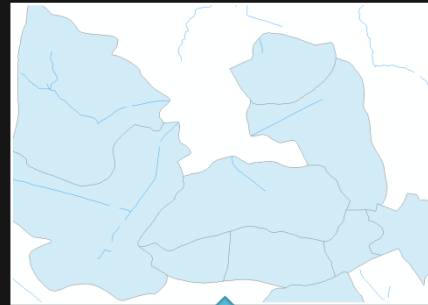
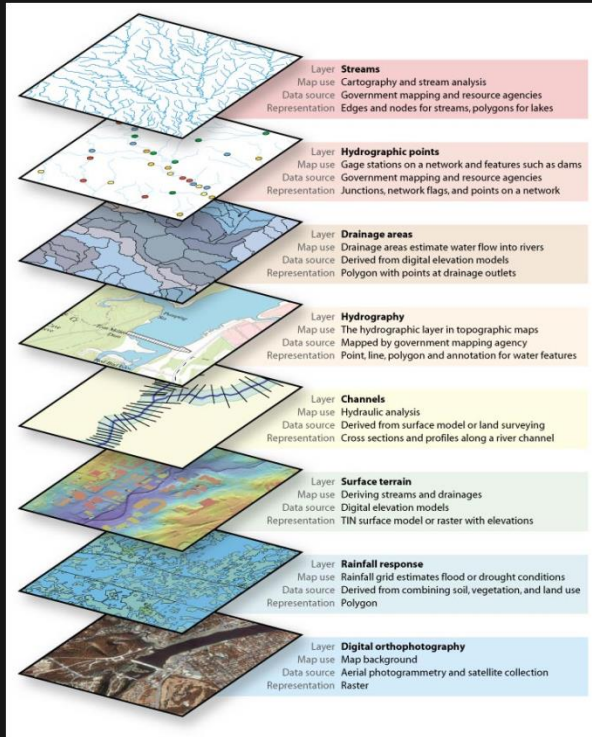
Problem: Watershed Analysis



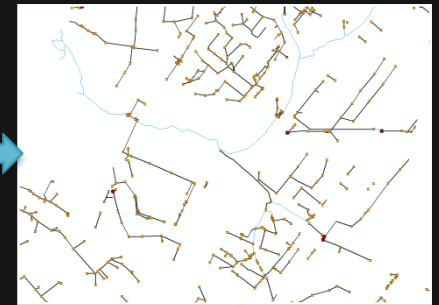
The image shows a screenshot of the ArcMap software interface. The main map area displays a grayscale aerial photograph of a city street grid. Overlaid on the map is a complex network of black lines representing a stream network, with numerous yellow square markers indicating stream segments and red circular markers indicating stream junctions or pour points. A blue line represents a main stream channel. Labels like 'Wet Pond' and 'Sum' are visible on the map. The top of the window shows the standard ArcMap menu bar and toolbar. On the right side, the 'Catalog' pane is open, showing a tree view of toolboxes. The 'Spatial Analyst Tools' toolbox is expanded, and the 'Hydrology' sub-toolbox is selected, listing various hydrological analysis tools. A semi-transparent text box in the bottom right corner of the screenshot contains a list of Python tool names.

```
arcpy.sa.FlowDirection
arcpy.sa.FlowAccumulation
arcpy.sa.SnapPourPoint
arcpy.sa.Watershed
```


Solution: ArcHydro



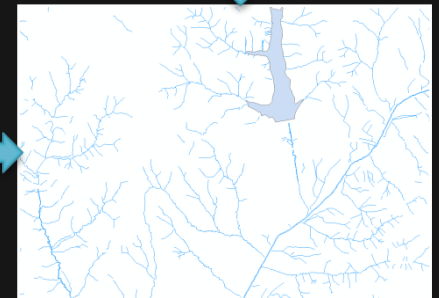
Drainage



Network



Topography



Hydrography



Problem: Time Constraints

- sa.Watershed
 - RasterToPolygon_conversion
 - AddField_management
 - CalculateField_management (x4)

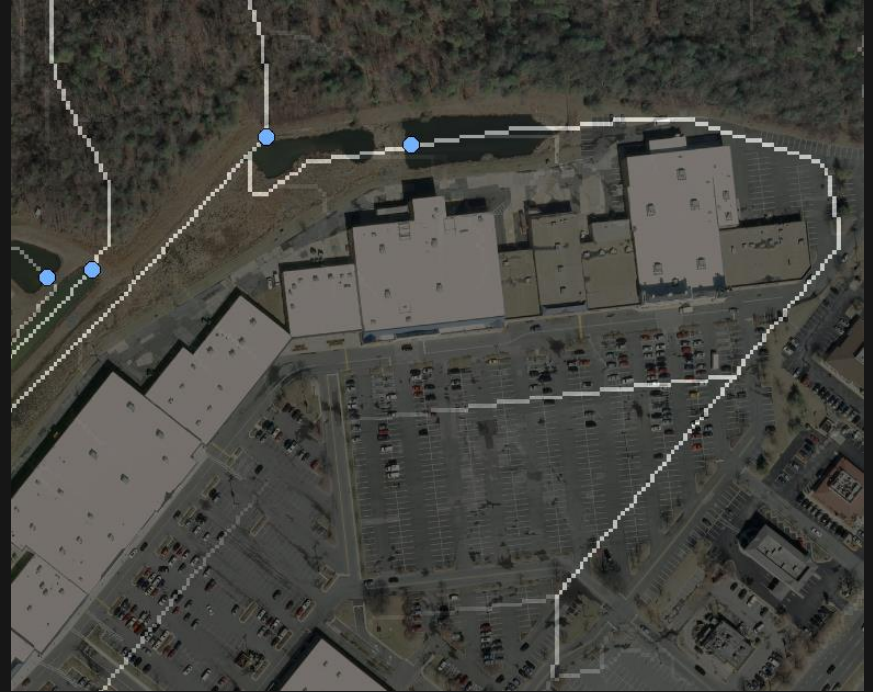
 - Merge_management
 - Dissolve_management

 - Clip_analysis
 - Dissolve_management (x2)
 - Intersect_analysis
 - AddField_management (x2)
 - CalculateField_management (x2)

 - Merge_management
 - AddField_management

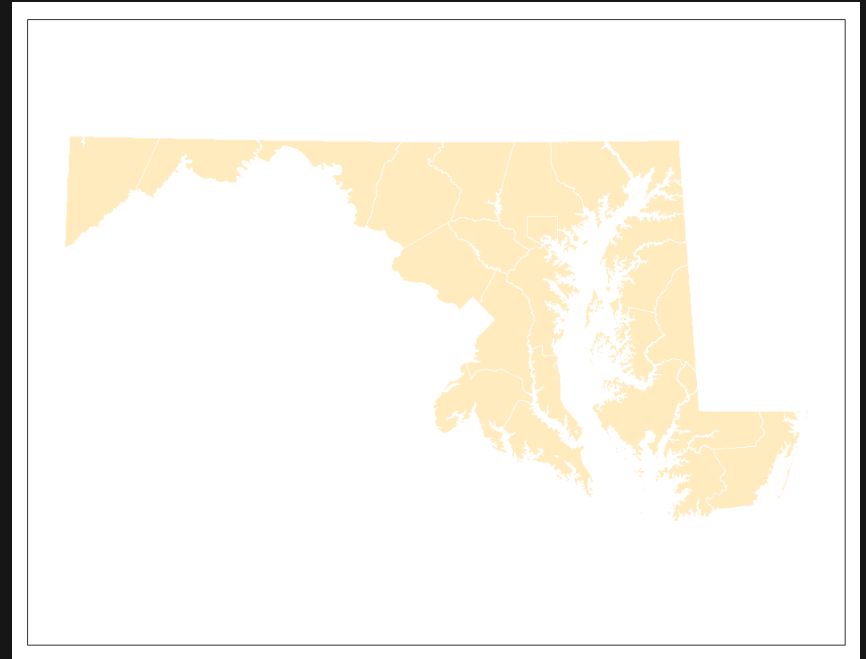
 - SelectLayerByAttribute_managment (x3)
 - CalculateField_management (x2)
 - TableToDBASE_conversion
- For each study point:
 - 25 geoprocessing functions.
 - Minimum of 23 minutes per point to perform preliminary watershed analysis.
 - Assuming 190 study points, it would take at least 73 hours to complete this analysis.
 - Imperfect analysis methodology (human error).

Problem: Flexibility & Extensibility



Solution: Python Scripting

- `arcpy.da.SearchCursor`
- `arcpy.Intersect_analysis([
Imperv_Merged,tempParcelER
A], outputScratch + "x_" +
str(row.Name) + ".shp",
"ALL")`
- `import glob`
- `import xlrd`
- `import time`



Code

```
• #Set up environments and directories
• print "***Starting Script!***"
• import os
• import arcpy
• import glob
• import time
• arcpy.CheckOutExtension("spatial")
• import arcpy.sa
• print "Imports complete."
• ###Change featName to change subdirectory folder###
• featName = "county"
• arcpy.env.workspace = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\outputs"
• arcpy.env.scratchWorkspace = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\scratch"
• outputScratch = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\scratch\\"
• outputFolder = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\outputs\\"
• out_w_Merged = "merged\\w_mergedWatersheds.shp"
• scratch_Merged = "w_mergedWatersheds.shp"
• print "Workspaces setup."
• arcpy.env.overwriteOutput = True
• arcpy.env.outputCoordinateSystem = arcpy.SpatialReference(102685)
• flowDir = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\inputs\\dir"
• ###Change pointInput to change input points###
• pointInput = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\countyPoint.shp"
• print "Inputs received."
```


Code

```
• #Check to see if watershed process has already been run.
• #If not, run the batch watersheds for each point, calculating acreages
• c = int(arcpy.GetCount_management(pointInput).getOutput(0))
• pointRow = arcpy.SearchCursor(pointInput)
• print ""
• print "***Starting Watershed Creation Process***"
• print ""
• if arcpy.Exists(out_w_Merged) == False:
•     for row in pointRow:
•         feat = row.Shape
•         flowDir = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\inputs\\dir"
•         print "Creating watershed for " + str(row.Name) + "..."
•         water_r = arcpy.sa.Watershed(flowDir,feat)
•         print "Converting to polygon..."
•         watershed = arcpy.RasterToPolygon_conversion(water_r, outputFolder + "w_" + str(row.Name) + ".shp", "SIMPLIFY")
•         arcpy.AddField_management(watershed,"Name","LONG","","","")
•         arcpy.CalculateField_management(watershed,"Name",row.Name, "PYTHON", "")
•         print "Calculating acreage..."
•         arcpy.AddField_management(watershed,"W_ACRES","DOUBLE","","","")
•         arcpy.CalculateField_management(watershed,"W_ACRES","!" + arcpy.Describe(watershed).shapefieldname + ".AREA@ACRES!", "PYTHON", "")
•         c -= 1
•         print "Watershed analysis for " + str(row.Name) + " complete!"
•         print "There are " + str(c) + " points remaining."
•         print ""
•     else:
•         print "Watersheds already exist!"
•         print ""
```

Code

```
• #Verify and prepare environments and directories
• print "***All watersheds have been created.***"
• print ""
• arcpy.env.workspace = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\outputs"
• arcpy.env.scratchWorkspace = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\scratch"
• outputScratch = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\scratch\\"
• outputFolder = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\outputs\\"
• ParcelsFinal = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\inputs\\ParcelsFINAL.shp"
• Imperv_Merged = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\inputs\\Imperv_Merged.shp"
• flist = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses()
• print "Merging watersheds..."
• print ""

• #Check to see if watersheds have already been merged. If not, merge them and dissolve by Name.
• if arcpy.Exists(outputFolder + out_w_Merged) == False:
•     tempMerge = arcpy.Merge_management(flist, outputScratch + scratch_Merged)
•     mergeSHP = arcpy.Dissolve_management(tempMerge, outputFolder + out_w_Merged, "Name", "W_ACRES
SUM", "MULTI_PART", "DISSOLVE_LINES")
•     print "***All watersheds have been merged!***"
• else:
•     mergeSHP = outputFolder + out_w_Merged
•     print "Merged watersheds already exist!"
•     print ""
```

Code

```
• #Run the impervious surface assessment (by ERA) for each watershed, calculating acreages for each.
• f = int(arcpy.GetCount_management(mergeSHP).getOutput(0))
• polyRow = arcpy.SearchCursor(mergeSHP)
• print ""
• print "***Starting Impervious Surface Assessment***"
• print ""

• for row in polyRow:
•     feat = row.Shape
•     print "Clipping & dissolving parcels..."
•     tempParcelClip = arcpy.Clip_analysis(ParcelsFinal,feat,outputScratch + "p_" + str(row.Name) + ".shp")
•     tempParcelERA = arcpy.Dissolve_management(tempParcelClip, outputScratch + "d_" + str(row.Name) + ".shp", "SWM_ERA", "", "MULTI_PART",
"DISSOLVE_LINES")
•     print "Intersecting & dissolving impervious surfaces..."
•     tempIntersect = arcpy.Intersect_analysis([Imperv_Merged,tempParcelERA], outputScratch + "x_" + str(row.Name) + ".shp", "ALL")
•     ImpervERA = arcpy.Dissolve_management(tempIntersect, outputFolder + "i_" + str(row.Name) + ".shp", "SWM_ERA", "", "MULTI_PART",
"DISSOLVE_LINES")
•     arcpy.AddField_management(ImpervERA,"Name","LONG","","","")
•     arcpy.CalculateField_management(ImpervERA,"Name",row.Name, "PYTHON", "")
•     print "Calculating acreage..."
•     arcpy.AddField_management(ImpervERA, "I_ACRES", "DOUBLE", "", "", "")
•     arcpy.CalculateField_management(ImpervERA, "I_ACRES", "!" + arcpy.Describe(ImpervERA).shapefieldname + ".AREA@ACRES!", "PYTHON", "")
•
•
•     f -= 1
•     print "Impervious Surface Assessment for " + str(row.Name) + " complete!"
•     print "There are " + str(f) + " watersheds remaining."
•     print ""
```


Code

```
• #Merge all feature classes (including watersheds) and export table for use in excel.
• arcpy.env.workspace = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\outputs"
• flist = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses()
• finalMerge = arcpy.Merge_management(flist, outputFolder + "merged\\all_Merged.shp")
• arcpy.AddField_management(finalMerge, "CALC_ACRES", "DOUBLE", "", "", "")
• print "Merged watershed polygon is found in " + str(finalMerge) + "."

• #Make table view and calculate impervious acres based on 1", 1/2" and 0" treatment levels
• tableView = arcpy.MakeTableView_management(finalMerge, "table_View")
• arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(tableView, "NEW_SELECTION", ' "SWM_ERA" = 1 ')
• arcpy.CalculateField_management(tableView, "CALC_ACRES", '!I_ACRES!', "PYTHON", "")
• arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(tableView, "NEW_SELECTION", ' "SWM_ERA" = 2 ')
• arcpy.CalculateField_management(tableView, "CALC_ACRES", '!I_ACRES! / 2', "PYTHON", "")
• arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(tableView, "CLEAR_SELECTION")
• arcpy.TableToDBASE_conversion(tableView, outputFolder + "merged\\")
• print "Watershed analysis table is found in " + outputFolder + "merged\\".
```

Code

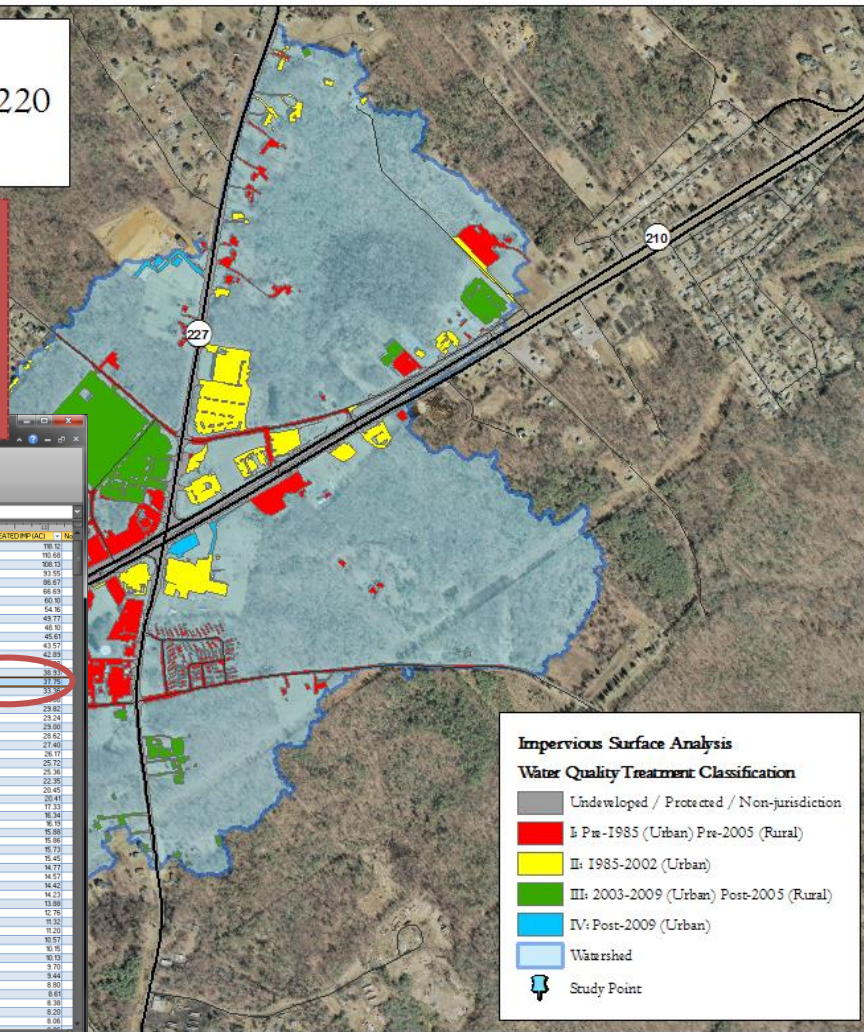
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• #Delete files in the scratch folder.
• time.sleep(120)
• print ""
• print "Cleaning up scratch folder..."
• outputScratchFolder = "C:\\Users\\sadkins\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\" + featName + "\\scratch"
• for the_file in os.listdir(outputScratchFolder):
•     file_path = os.path.join(outputScratchFolder, the_file)
•     try:
•         if os.path.isfile(file_path):
•             os.unlink(file_path)
•     except Exception, e:
•         print e
• files = glob.glob(outputScratchFolder)
• try:
•     for f in files:
•         os.remove(f)
• except Exception, e:
•     print e
• print "Scratch folder cleaned up!"

• print ""
• print "***Watershed Analysis complete!!!"
• print ""
• print "Shutting down..."

• time.sleep(60)
• #Shutdown the computer once complete.
• import subprocess
• subprocess.call(["shutdown.exe", "-f", "-s"])
```

Charles County, MD Watershed Study Point #2010220 (Bryans Road)

Watershed = 433.05 ac
(Untreated) Impervious = 37.75 ac



| Parcel # | Ownership | Neighbors | Access | Wetlands | Other | Unsewered | Area of BMP | Total Paving | IMPVIOUS | EASTING | DRAINAGE AREA | UNTREATED IMPVIOUS |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| 2010245 | 0 | 1812 | 0 | 1812 | 124336.5171 | 3445.9276 | 47.84 | 1812 | 47.84 | 1812 | 0 | 1812 |
| 2010236 | 0 | 1865 | 0 | 1865 | 127977.5744 | 33705.8177 | 1955.04 | 1865 | 1955.04 | 1865 | 0 | 1865 |
| 2010201 | 0 | 1813 | 0 | 1813 | 126238.2636 | 33887.4266 | 1603.37 | 1813 | 1603.37 | 1813 | 0 | 1813 |
| 2010607 | 0 | 3395 | 0 | 3395 | 133260.6851 | 34731.6526 | 431.23 | 3395 | 431.23 | 3395 | 0 | 3395 |
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| 2010326 | 0 | 6669 | 0 | 6669 | 124884.4876 | 36060.5078 | 533.13 | 6669 | 533.13 | 6669 | 0 | 6669 |
| 2010095 | 0 | 6670 | 0 | 6670 | 124765.5562 | 35936.8786 | 723.89 | 6670 | 723.89 | 6670 | 0 | 6670 |
| 2010004 | 0 | 5478 | 0 | 5478 | 124616.1969 | 29246.8644 | 547.26 | 5478 | 547.26 | 5478 | 0 | 5478 |
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| 2010004 | 0 | 4978 | 0 | 4978 | 132742.2658 | 34754.4326 | 270.65 | 4978 | 270.65 | 4978 | 0 | 4978 |
| 2010078 | 0 | 4561 | 0 | 4561 | 132841.3236 | 34396.4886 | 263.72 | 4561 | 263.72 | 4561 | 0 | 4561 |
| 2010051 | 0 | 4357 | 0 | 4357 | 133378.7626 | 34754.7526 | 125.45 | 4357 | 125.45 | 4357 | 0 | 4357 |
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| 2010002 | 0 | 2982 | 0 | 2982 | 124954.8834 | 34863.7268 | 89.82 | 2982 | 89.82 | 2982 | 0 | 2982 |
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| 2010343 | 0 | 2235 | 0 | 2235 | 133785.5884 | 34487.4424 | 14.40 | 2235 | 14.40 | 2235 | 0 | 2235 |
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| 2010381 | 0 | 2041 | 0 | 2041 | 124227.8820 | 36468.9571 | 108.3 | 2041 | 108.3 | 2041 | 0 | 2041 |
| 2010262 | 0 | 1723 | 0 | 1723 | 131863.5720 | 29553.4072 | 144.80 | 1723 | 144.80 | 1723 | 0 | 1723 |
| 2010384 | 0 | 1634 | 0 | 1634 | 131829.8862 | 29971.9556 | 41.82 | 1634 | 41.82 | 1634 | 0 | 1634 |
| 2010202 | 0 | 1619 | 0 | 1619 | 132783.5439 | 34271.8636 | 76.37 | 1619 | 76.37 | 1619 | 0 | 1619 |
| 2010477 | 0 | 1698 | 0 | 1698 | 132742.1455 | 28838.7252 | 158.79 | 1698 | 158.79 | 1698 | 0 | 1698 |
| 2010763 | 0 | 1696 | 0 | 1696 | 134700.3403 | 35512.2823 | 95.36 | 1696 | 95.36 | 1696 | 0 | 1696 |
| 2010020 | 0 | 1673 | 0 | 1673 | 133781.1978 | 34946.6876 | 73.73 | 1673 | 73.73 | 1673 | 0 | 1673 |
| 2010781 | 0 | 1545 | 0 | 1545 | 136273.1794 | 36200.5078 | 420.94 | 1545 | 420.94 | 1545 | 0 | 1545 |
| 2010789 | 0 | 1477 | 0 | 1477 | 133387.6749 | 36461.0577 | 162.51 | 1477 | 162.51 | 1477 | 0 | 1477 |
| 2010786 | 0 | 1457 | 0 | 1457 | 135501.8807 | 36934.4524 | 57.43 | 1457 | 57.43 | 1457 | 0 | 1457 |
| 2010889 | 0 | 1442 | 0 | 1442 | 132478.5466 | 36258.3486 | 142.88 | 1442 | 142.88 | 1442 | 0 | 1442 |
| 2010780 | 0 | 1423 | 0 | 1423 | 135796.1895 | 33555.4189 | 265.42 | 1423 | 265.42 | 1423 | 0 | 1423 |
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| 2010668 | 0 | 1033 | 0 | 1033 | 132064.4712 | 29596.8652 | 58.67 | 1033 | 58.67 | 1033 | 0 | 1033 |
| 2010668 | 0 | 1057 | 0 | 1057 | 133778.8885 | 34578.7584 | 134.88 | 1057 | 134.88 | 1057 | 0 | 1057 |
| 2010031 | 0 | 1018 | 0 | 1018 | 135613.8899 | 29254.1807 | 223.48 | 1018 | 223.48 | 1018 | 0 | 1018 |
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| 2010044 | 0 | 970 | 0 | 970 | 133400.5294 | 33904.2040 | 139.84 | 970 | 139.84 | 970 | 0 | 970 |
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| 2010047 | 0 | 807 | 0 | 807 | 126497.0386 | 34467.8286 | 253.57 | 807 | 253.57 | 807 | 0 | 807 |
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Impervious Surface Analysis

Water Quality Treatment Classification

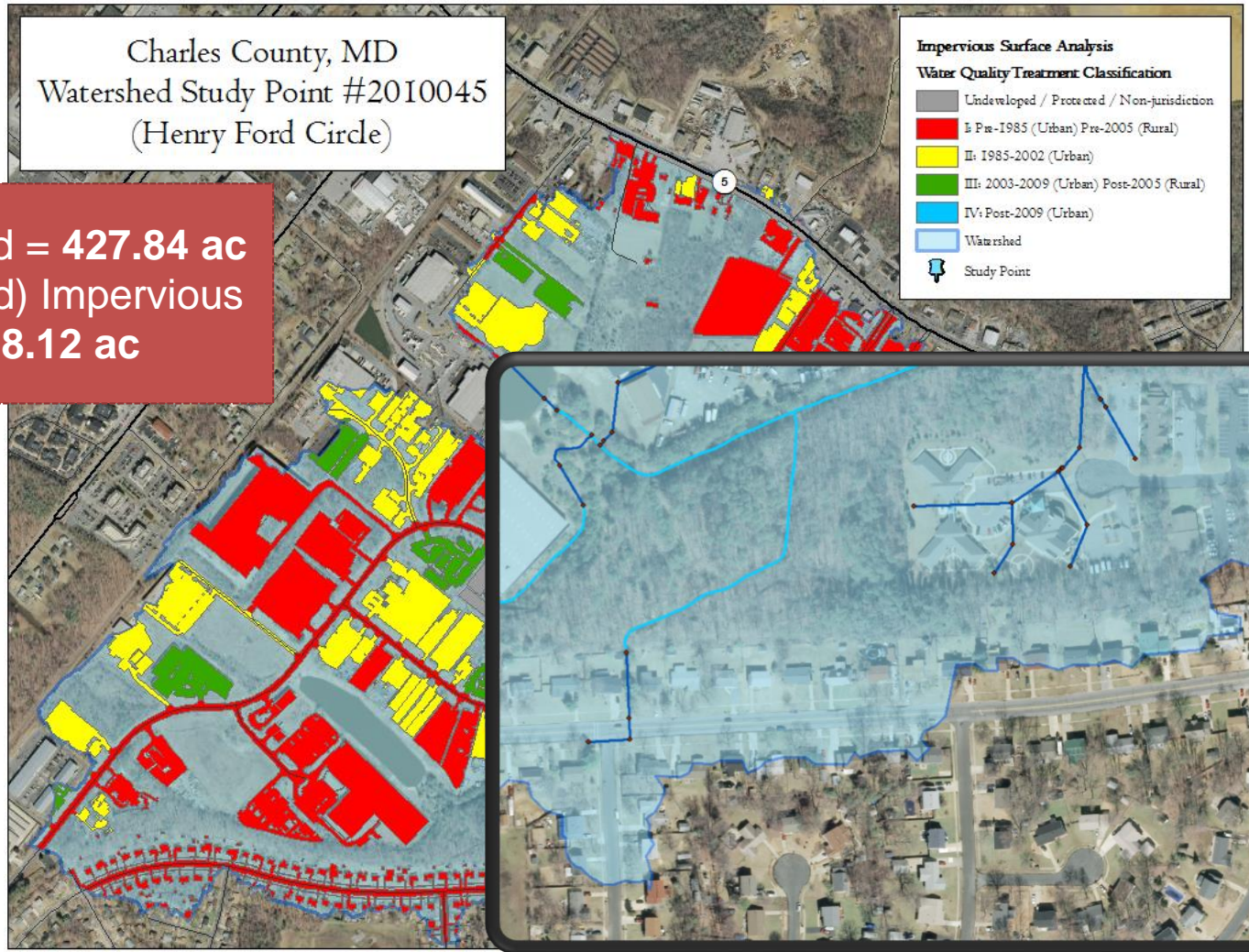
- Undeveloped / Protected / Non-jurisdiction
- I: Pre-1985 (Urban) Pre-2005 (Rural)
- II: 1985-2002 (Urban)
- III: 2003-2009 (Urban) Post-2005 (Rural)
- IV: Post-2009 (Urban)
- Watershed
- Study Point

Charles County, MD
Watershed Study Point #2010045
(Henry Ford Circle)

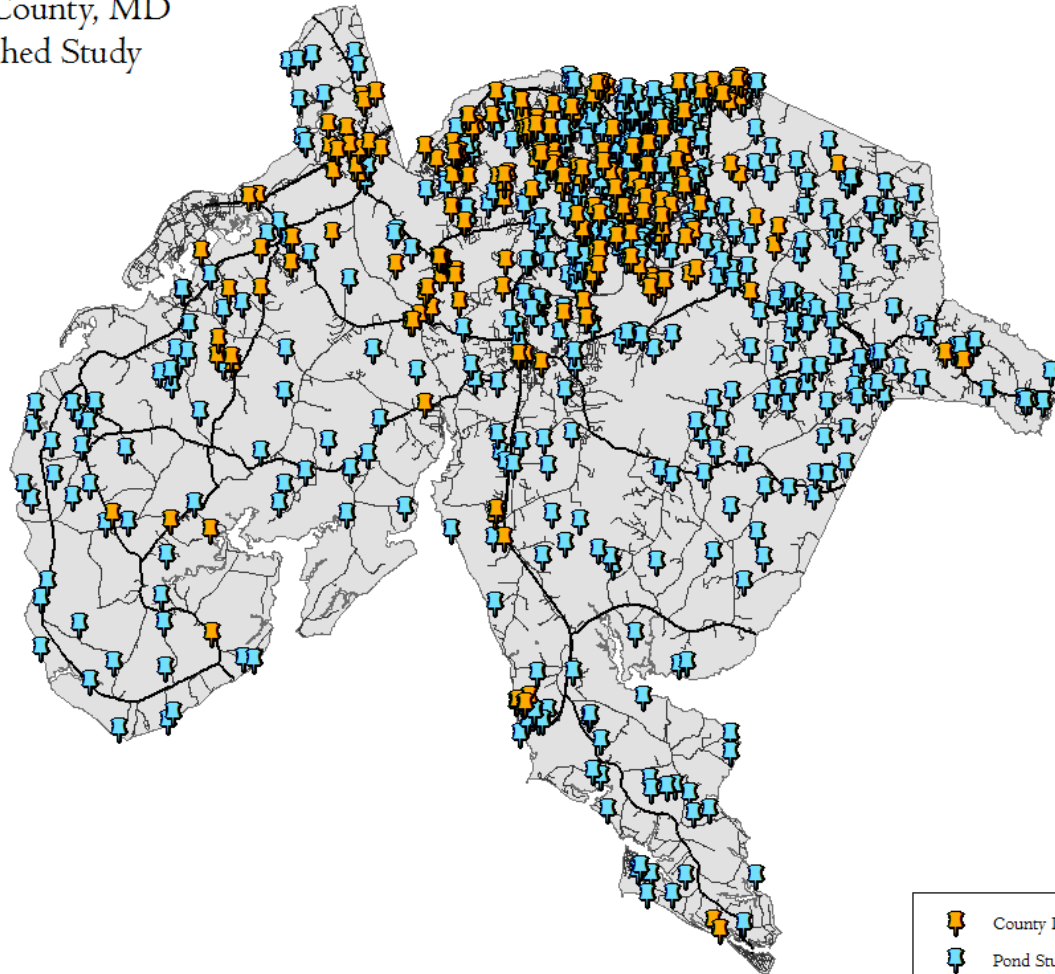
Watershed = 427.84 ac
(Untreated) Impervious
= 118.12 ac



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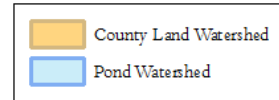
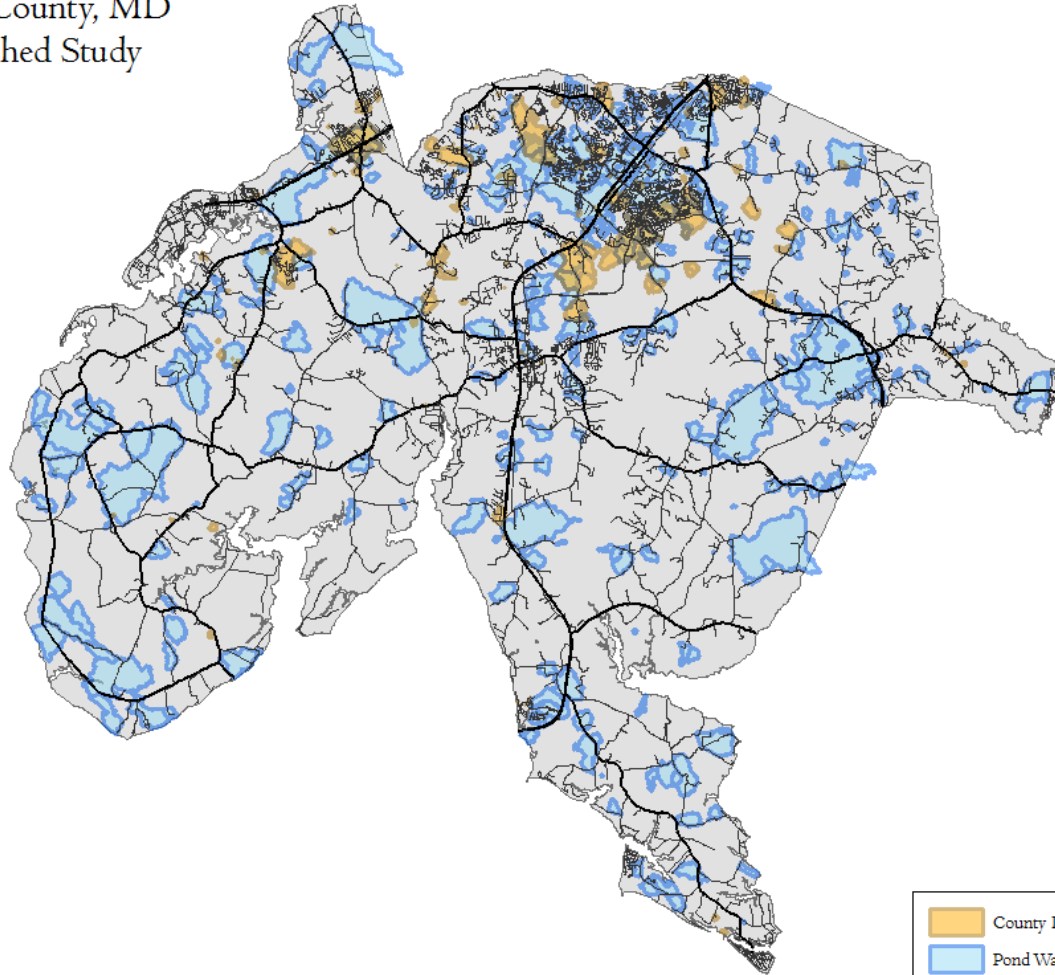


Charles County, MD
Watershed Study



-  County Land Study Point
-  Pond Study Point

Charles County, MD
Watershed Study



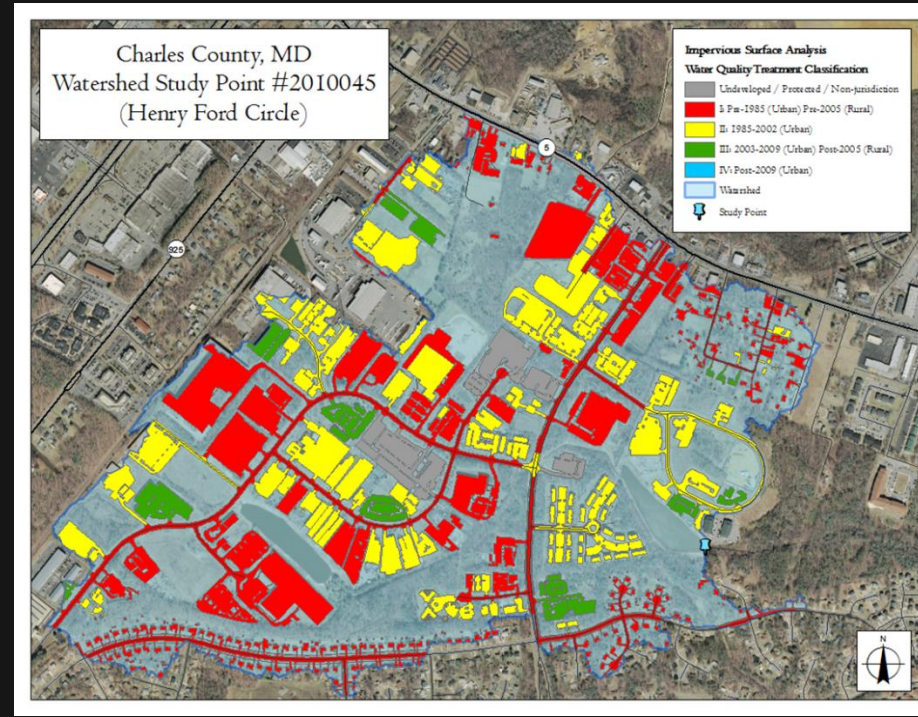
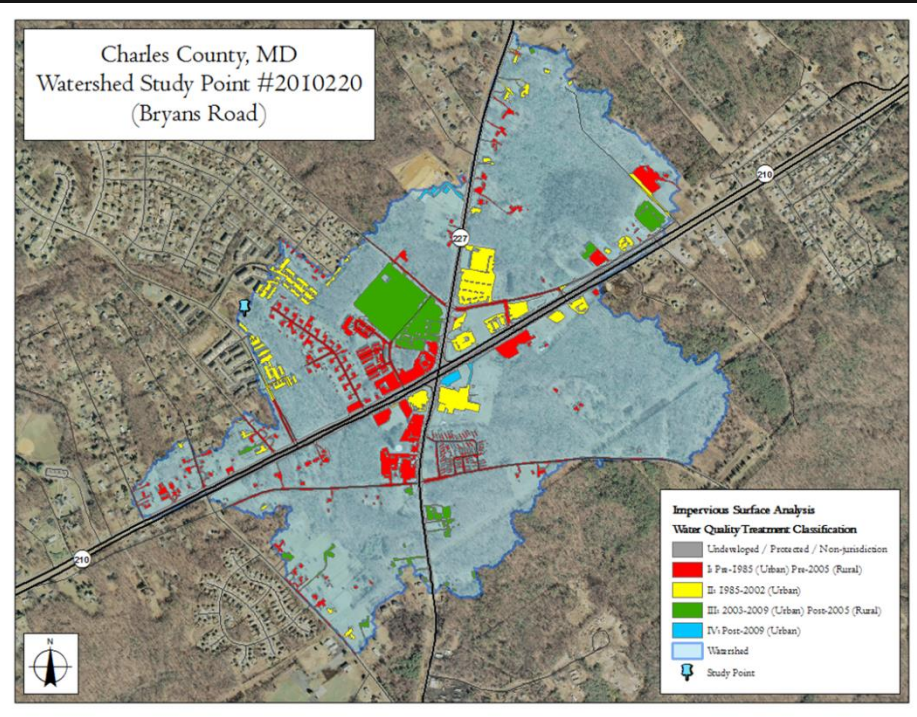
Conclusion

- Time Savings
- Accuracy
- High Quality Analysis
- Save client \$\$
- Applicable to any jurisdiction

Future?

- Higher resolution LiDAR data
- More complete LiDAR dataset
- More complete SWM network
- Cleaner code & pivot table functionality
- Help other jurisdictions with their MS4

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