# Georges Creek Shaft Stream Restoration Project



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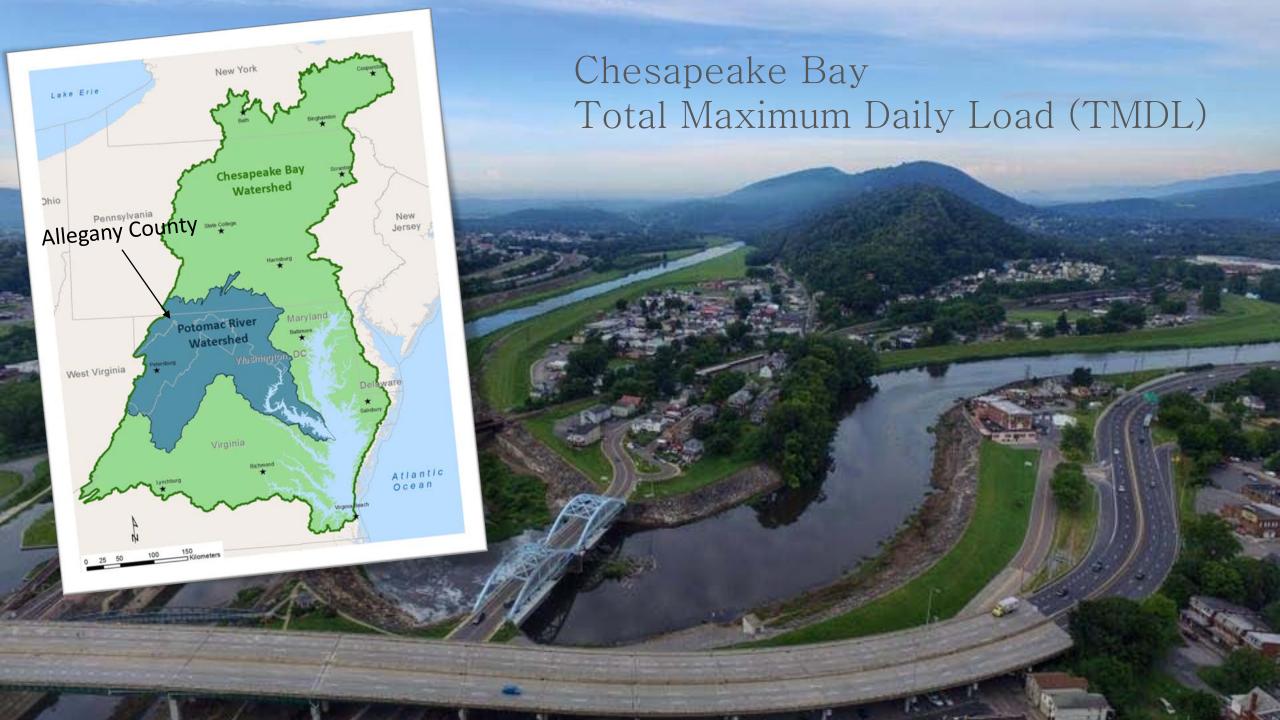
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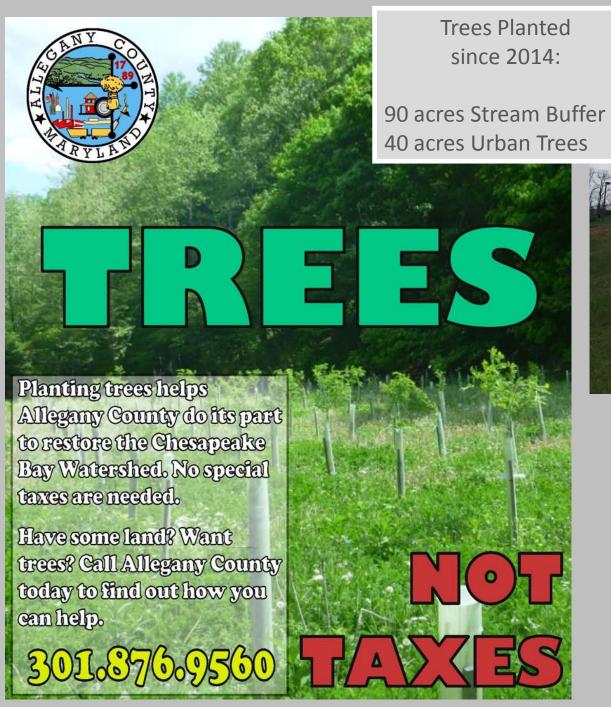
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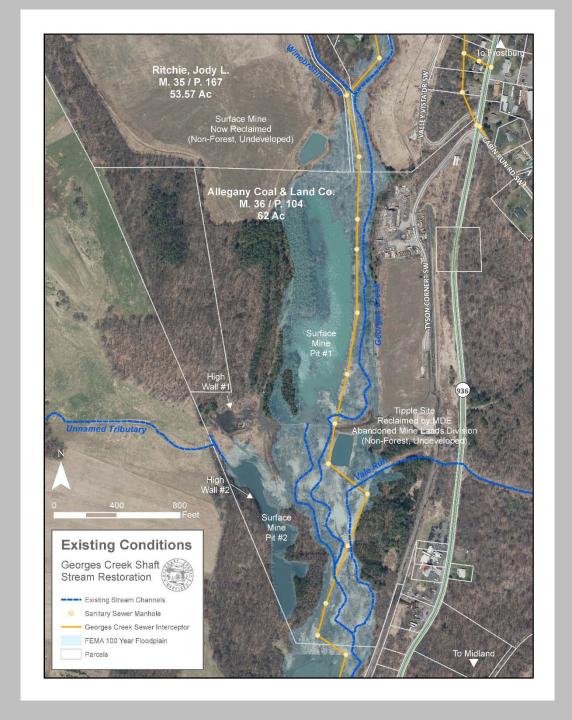


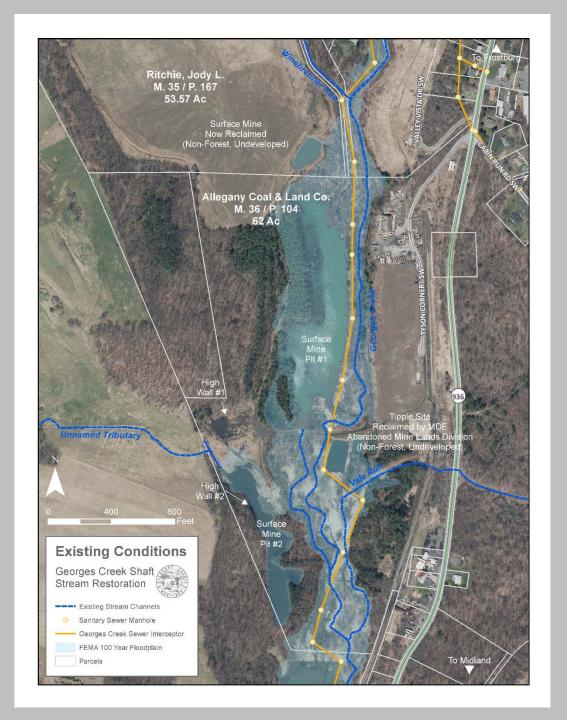


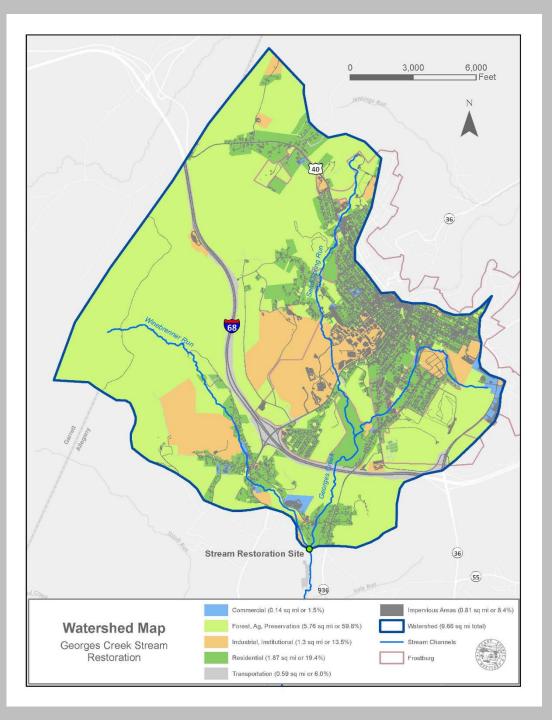
#### Why did we choose Georges Creek in Shaft?

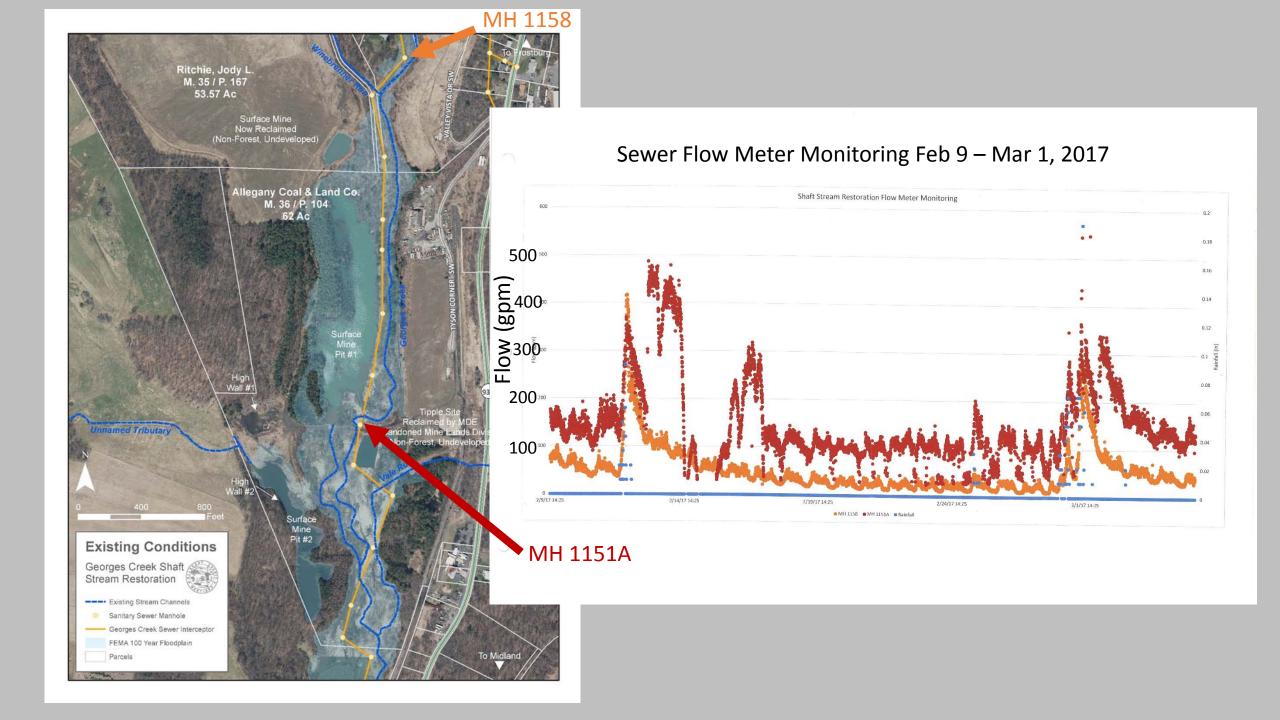
#### "Co-Benefits"

- Abandoned Surface Mine Pit
  - Water Quality: Interfering with stream channel; missing nutrient processing opportunity
  - Water Quantity: Loss of surface water into Hoffman Drainage Tunnel; redirecting flow to Braddock Run watershed
- Sewer Interceptor
  - Maintenance Access
  - Inflow & Infiltration overtaxes sewer line, contributes to sewer overflows











#### Hoffman Drainage Tunnel

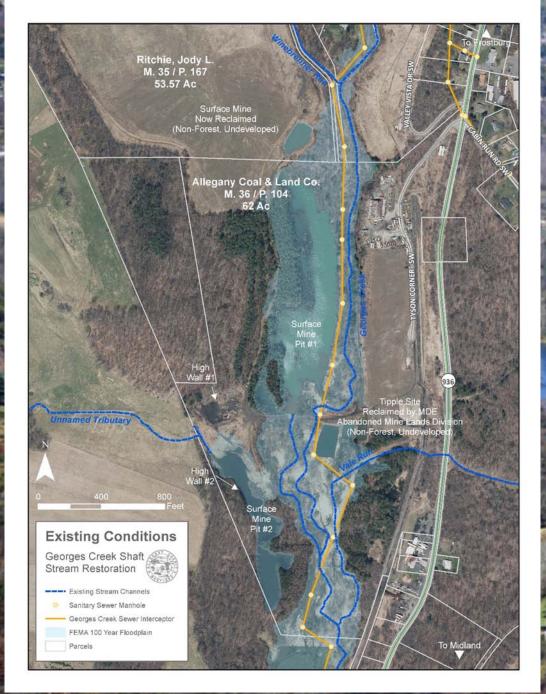
Redirects Georges Creek
 watershed to Braddock Run





### Timeline

2012	Stream Restoration Priority List – Phase II WIP Milestone Goals
2014	Awarded Chesapeake Bay Trust Watershed Assistance 2-Year Milestone Support Grant \$60K (administered by MDE)
2015	Completed Alternatives Analysis / Preliminary Engineering – Conceptual Design to fill and seal pit and realign Georges Creek
2017	Awarded Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund – Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grant \$786K (administered by DNR)
2017	MOA with MDE Abandoned Mine Lands Division, Mining Remediation Program \$1.2M
2018	Contract Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) for Final Design/Permitting \$202K
2020	Goal: Construction Complete





#### Project Goals

- Fill and Seal Surface Mine Pits #1 and #2
- Restore Georges Creek Channel and Floodplain
  - Maximize connectivity, habitat diversity, flood storage, riparian buffer
- Separate stream and sewer
- Reclaim High Walls #1 and #2
- Reconstruct stream crossing
- Construct public-use recreation pond



#### **Permits Required**



State Clearinghouse Review by Maryland Department of Planning

MDE – consistent with plans, programs & objectives

MDP – consistent with plans, programs & objectives

DNR Wildlife & Heritage – no comments re: species; support for project

DNR Fisheries Service – no comments re: species; support for project

DNR Chesapeake & Coastal Service – no comments re: species; support for project

MHT – "no effect" on historic properties

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Nationwide Permit 27 - Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Establishment Activities

Maryland Department of the Environment

Non-tidal Wetlands and Waterways Construction Permit

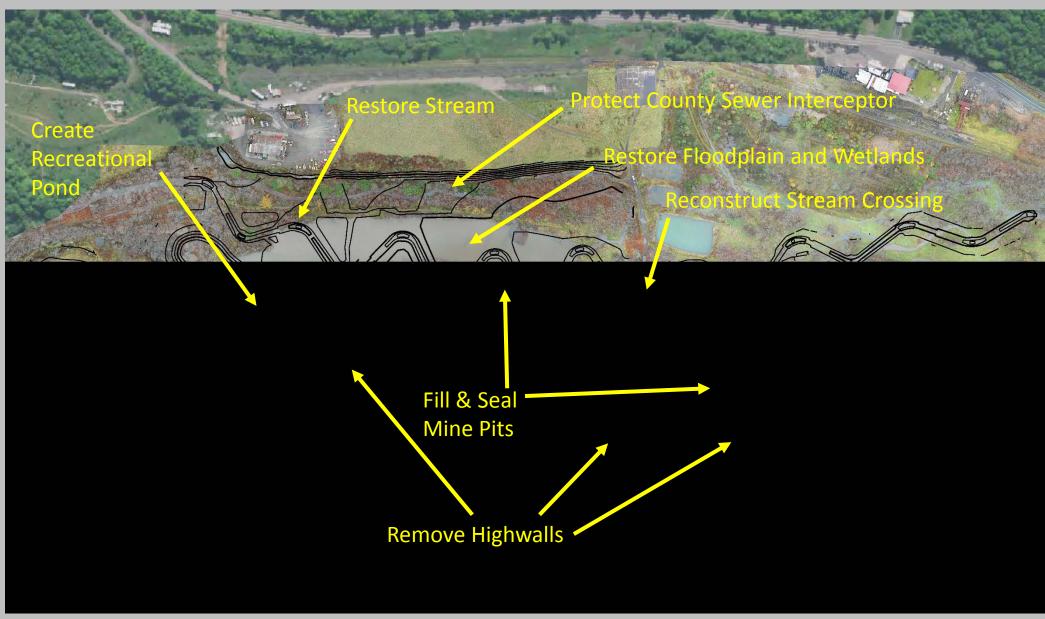
Maryland Department of the Environment

NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity

**Allegany County** 

Grading Permit (Sediment and Erosion Control, Stormwater Management)

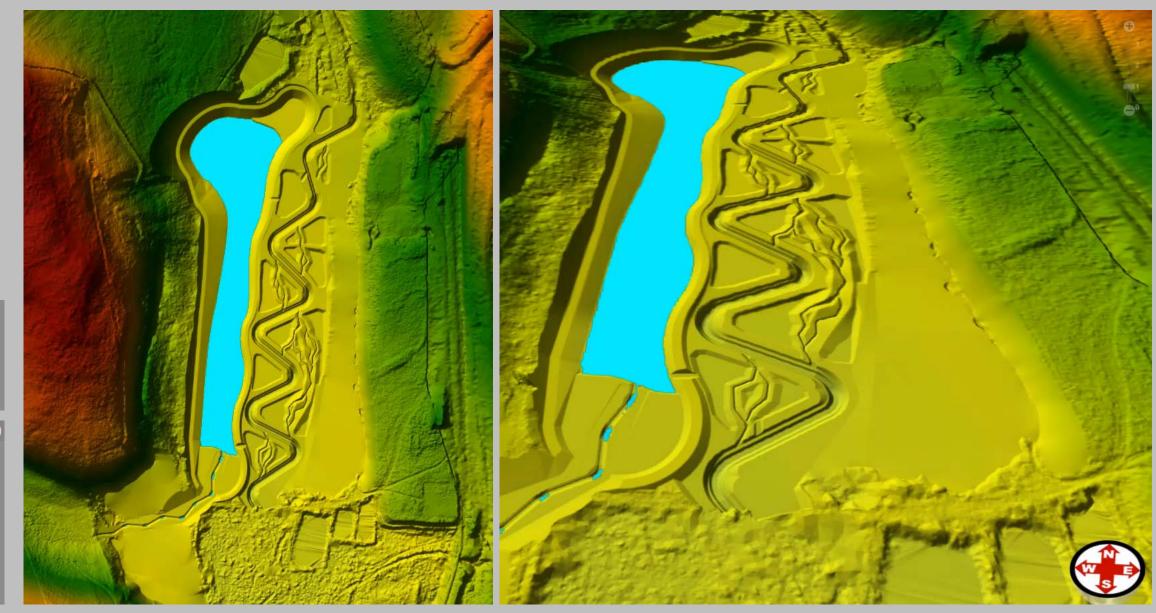
# Initial Restoration Design



### **Stream Restoration Design Criteria**

Georges Creek Design Criteria		
Design Parameter	Value	
Drainage Area (mi²)	10.2	
Bankfull Discharge (cfs)	158	
Bankfull Cross-sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	66.5	
Bankfull Width (ft)	33.7	
Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.0	
Bankfull slope (ft/ft)	0.009	
Width to depth ratio (ft/ft)	17	
Bankfull Shear Stress (lb/ft²)	1.0	

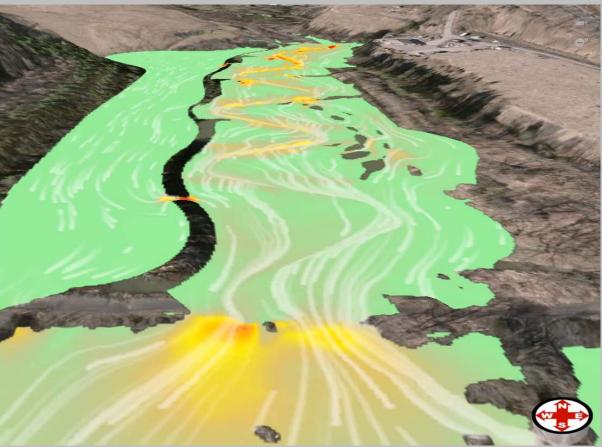
### GeoHECRAS Model of Flood Depth for 2-Year Flood





### **Modeled Shear Stress for 2-Year Flood**







PC 2yr Shear Stress (lb/ft²)

> 2

1.75 - 2

1.5 - 1.75

1.25 - 1.5

1 - 1.25

0.75 - 1

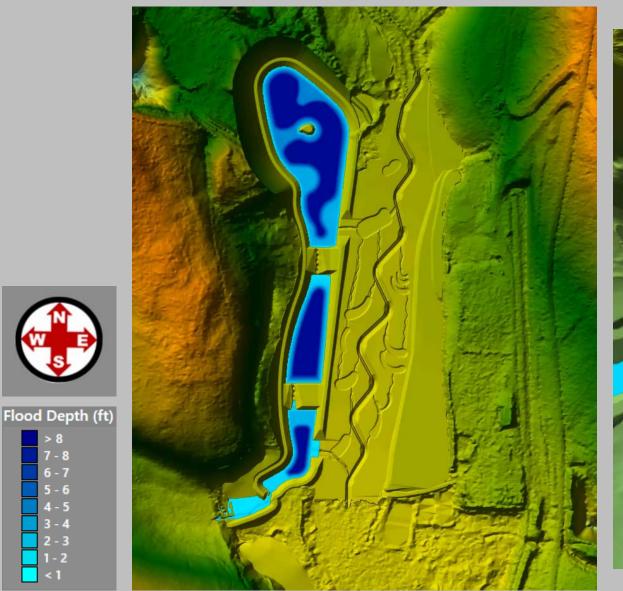
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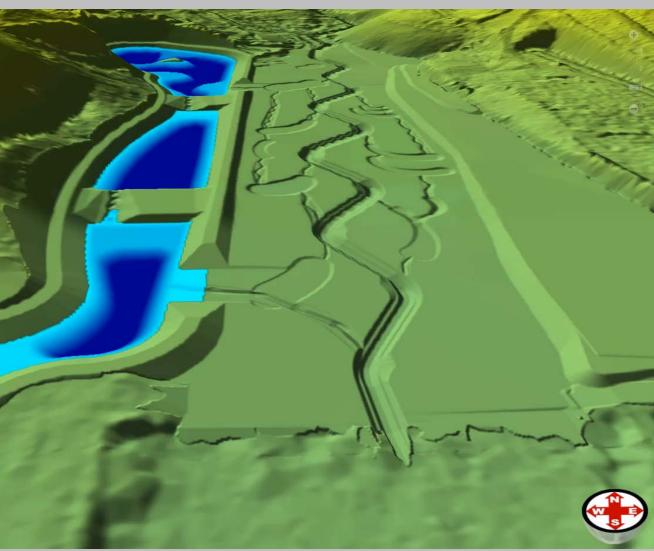
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### **Revised Restoration Design**



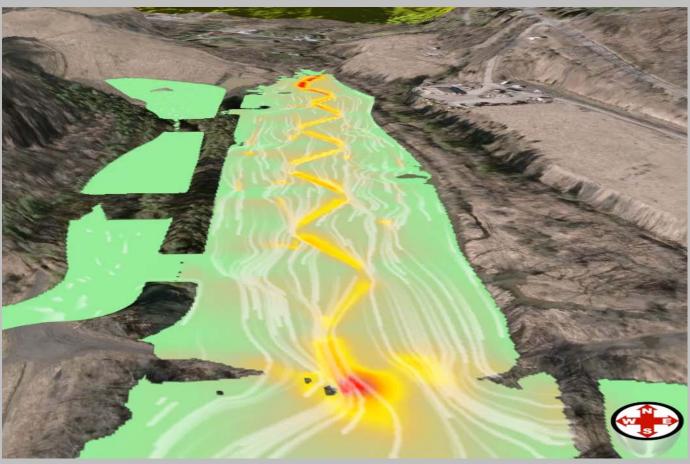
#### **GeoHECRAS Model of Flood Depth for 2-Year Flood - Revised**





#### Modeled Shear Stress for 2-Year Flood - Revised







PC 2yr Shear Stress (lb/ft²)

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0.75 - 1 0.5 - 0.75

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# **Your Thoughts and Questions**

