

The Delaware River Basin Project

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Workshop agenda

Introductions

Project Background

Watershed characteristics

Lunch

Scenario Development



Delaware River Basin (DRB)

35,000 sq.km (13,500 sq.mi)

8.2 million residents

3.6 million jobs*

Provides water resources and ecosystem services to more than 15 million people (5% of US pop.)

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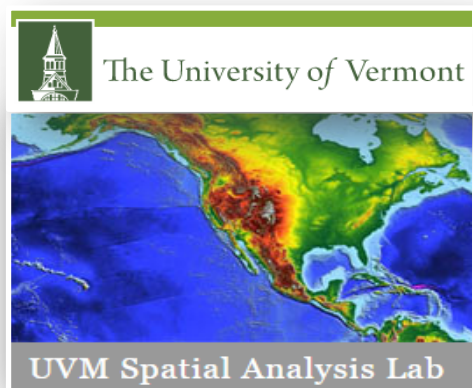


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OpenStreetMap Post Earthquake Mapping, Coquimbo, Chile

On September 27th, the Spatial Analysis Lab held its first Mapathon of the fall 2015 semester. The focus of this Mapathon was to create a detailed digital dataset of roads, buildings and open areas, in Coquimbo, Chile in response to the 8.3 magnitude earthquake that hit off of Chile's coast on September 16th. Coquimbo experienced widespread damage to infrastructure

and flooding due to the earthquake and subsequent Tsunami that swept through parts of the city. In fact, in parts of Chile the ground shifted 4.6 feet (1.4 meters) as a result of the earthquake.

Students and community members using OpenStreetMap

Coquimbo already had some data before this recent OpenStreetMap activation in its road network.



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UAS team deployed to aid in train derailment

This morning the Amtrak Vermonter train derailed in Northfield, VT. Responding to a request from the Vermont Agency of Transportation, we immediately



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Pennsylvania Statewide High-Resolution Tree Canopy

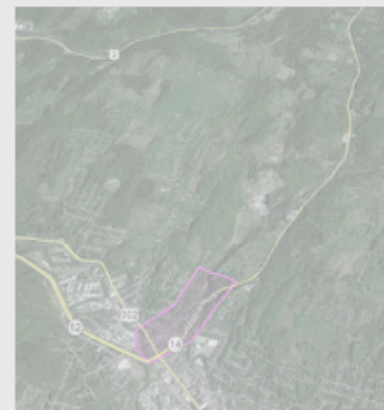
We are thrilled to announce the first public release of the Pennsylvania statewide high-



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Montgomery County MD Tree Canopy Explorer

In late spring we completed an updated mapping of Montgomery County, Maryland's land cover. The driving factor for this



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UAS Mapping of July 2015 Storm Damage in Barre, VT

The severe storm that dumped close to half a foot of rain on Central Vermont in a matter of hours on July 19, 2015 caused

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Originator: University of Vermont Spatial Analysis Laboratory

Publication Date: 2015

Abstract:

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(Technically this is the second version as the first one was for internal review). This dataset maps tree canopy for the entirety of Pennsylvania at a resolution of 1m, making it 900 times more detailed than the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD)! With our landscapes becoming increasingly fragmented and heterogeneous high-resolution datasets add precision and accuracy to any analysis. We primarily relied upon Pennsylvania's publicly available LiDAR data, which was acquired in 2006, 2007, and 2008. We supplemented the LiDAR data

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Publication Date:20140109

Abstract:

High resolution land cover dataset for the Delaware River Basin, an area comprised of parts of six counties in the state of New York and four counties in Pennsylvania. Seven land cover classes were mapped: (1) tree canopy, (2) grass/shrub, (3) bare earth, (4) water, (5) buildings, (6) roads, and (7) other paved surfaces. The minimum mapping unit for the delineation of features was set at six square meters. The primary sources used to derive this land cover layer were 2008 LiDAR data and 2010 - 2011 NAIP imagery. LiDAR coverage was complete for the Pennsylvania portion of the AOI, however, LiDAR was unavailable for large portions of the New York portion. Where LiDAR was not available, imagery was the primary data source. Ancillary data sources included GIS data (eg. such as hydrology, breakline and buildings) provided by the counties of Lackawana, Monroe, Pike and Wayne, PA, as well as the New York State GIS Clearinghouse. Some of these vector datasets were edited by the

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Modeling Urban Land Use Change in the Upper Delaware River Basin



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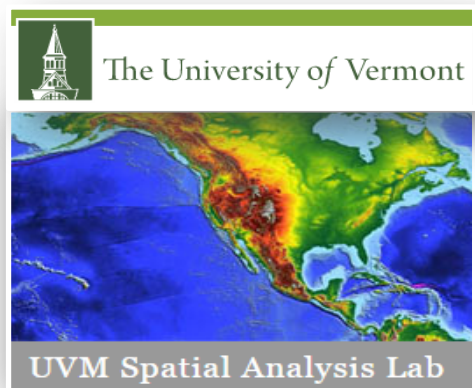


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Listen to stakeholders

Philadelphia, PA

Oct. 29, 2015

Narrowsburg, NY

Nov. 10, 2015

Phillipsburg, NJ

Dover, DE

Reading, PA

} dates to be determined



Goals for Today

Discuss current characteristics of the basin

Modified SWOT analysis

- ▶ Strengths and Weaknesses- Current
- ▶ Opportunities and Threats- Future

We need your input!

Questions?

The DRB - what do the data tell us?

Introduction: physical setting

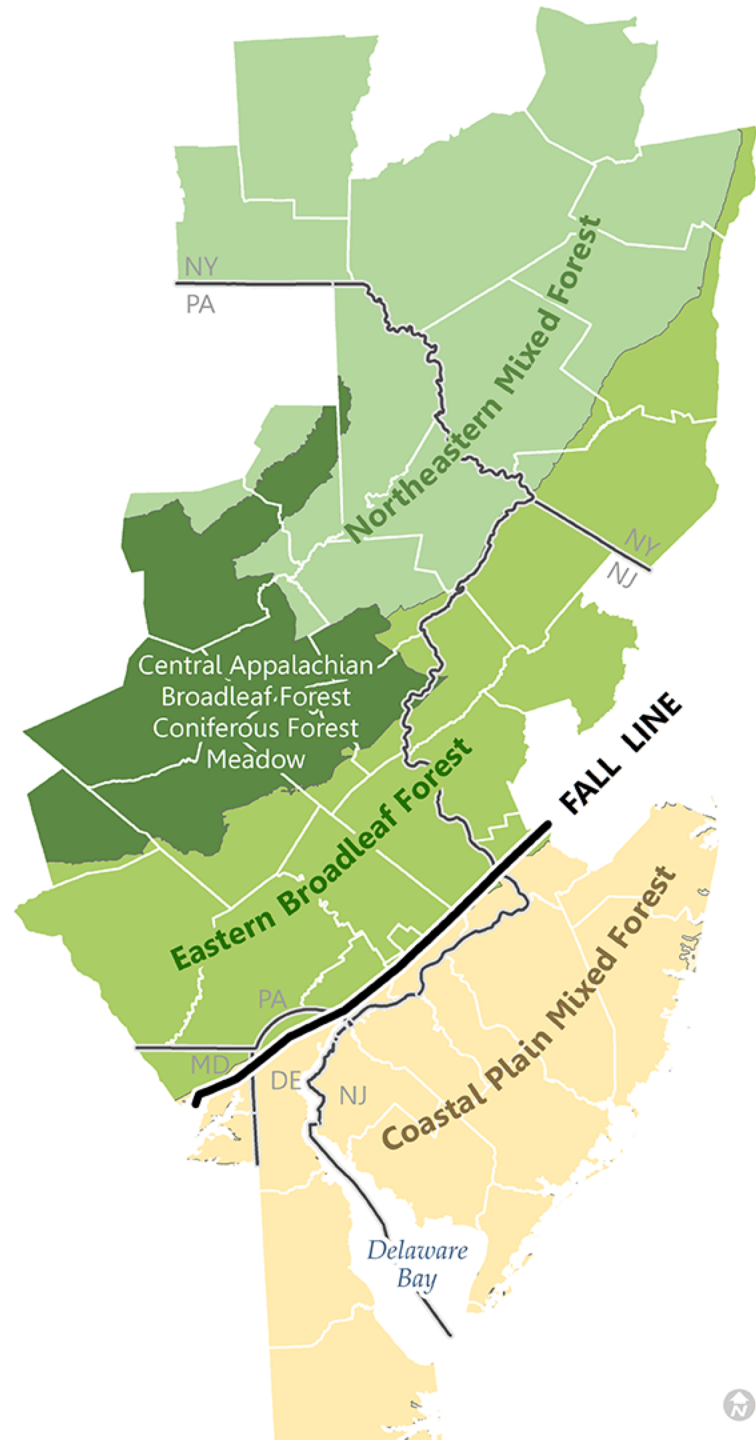
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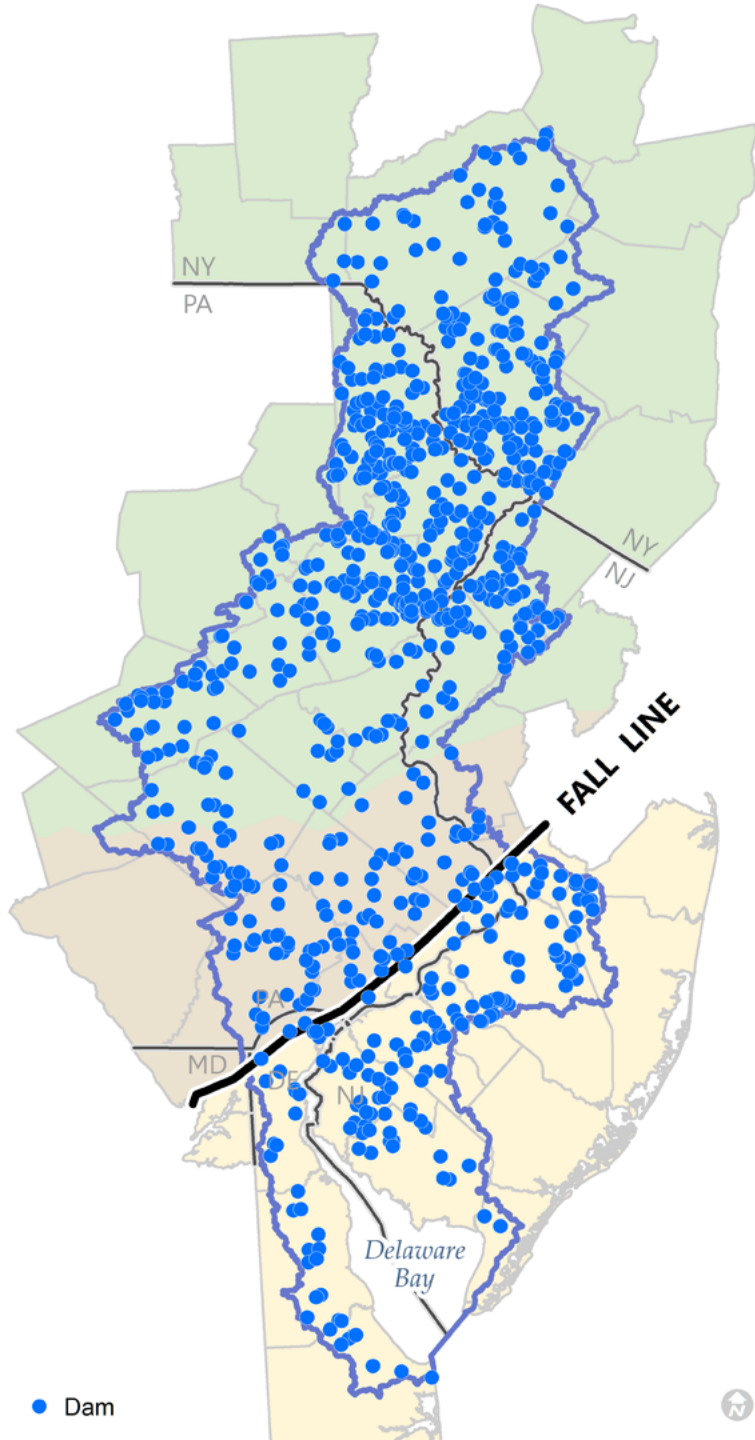
Economics & commuting patterns

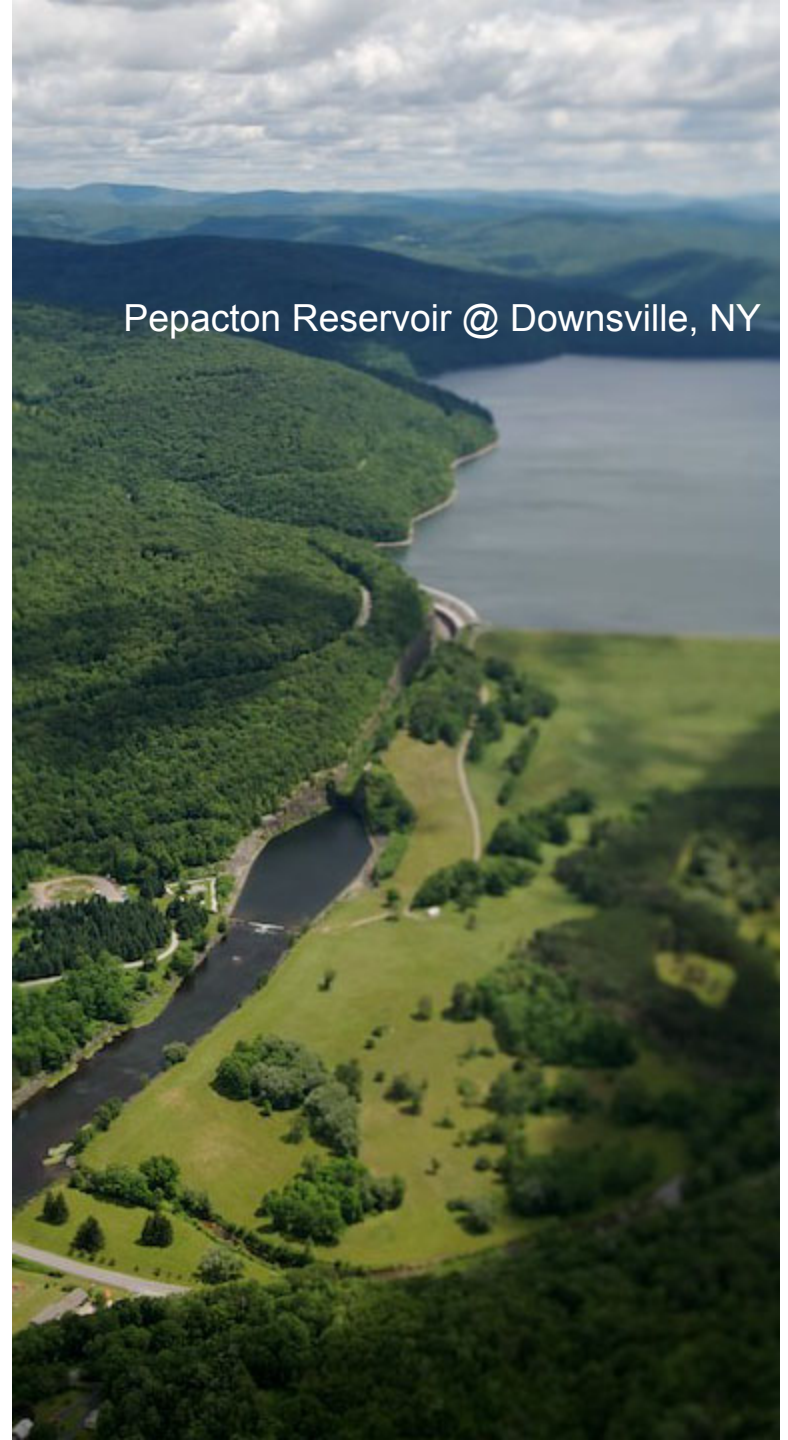
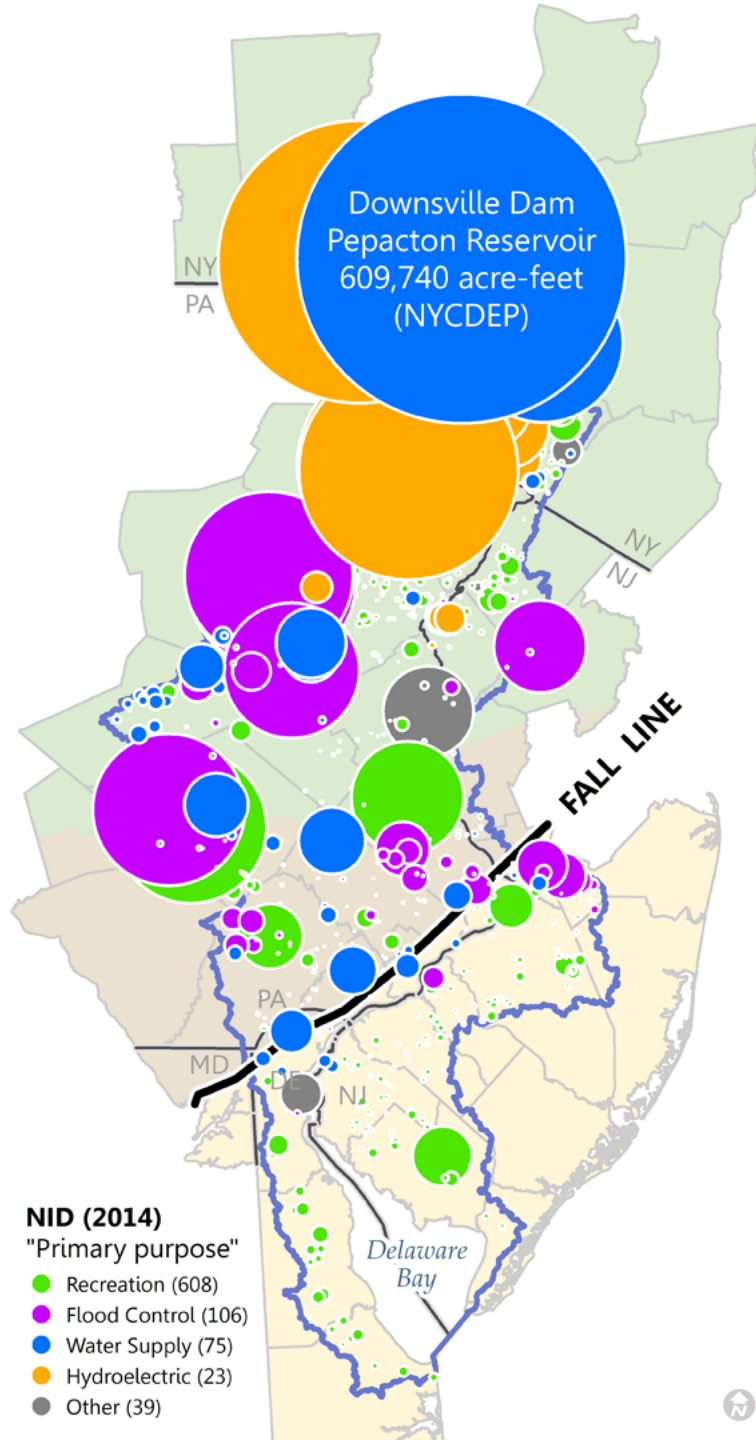
Recent land use change trends

Fragmented or cohesive
regional identity?

Watershed-wide
planning?





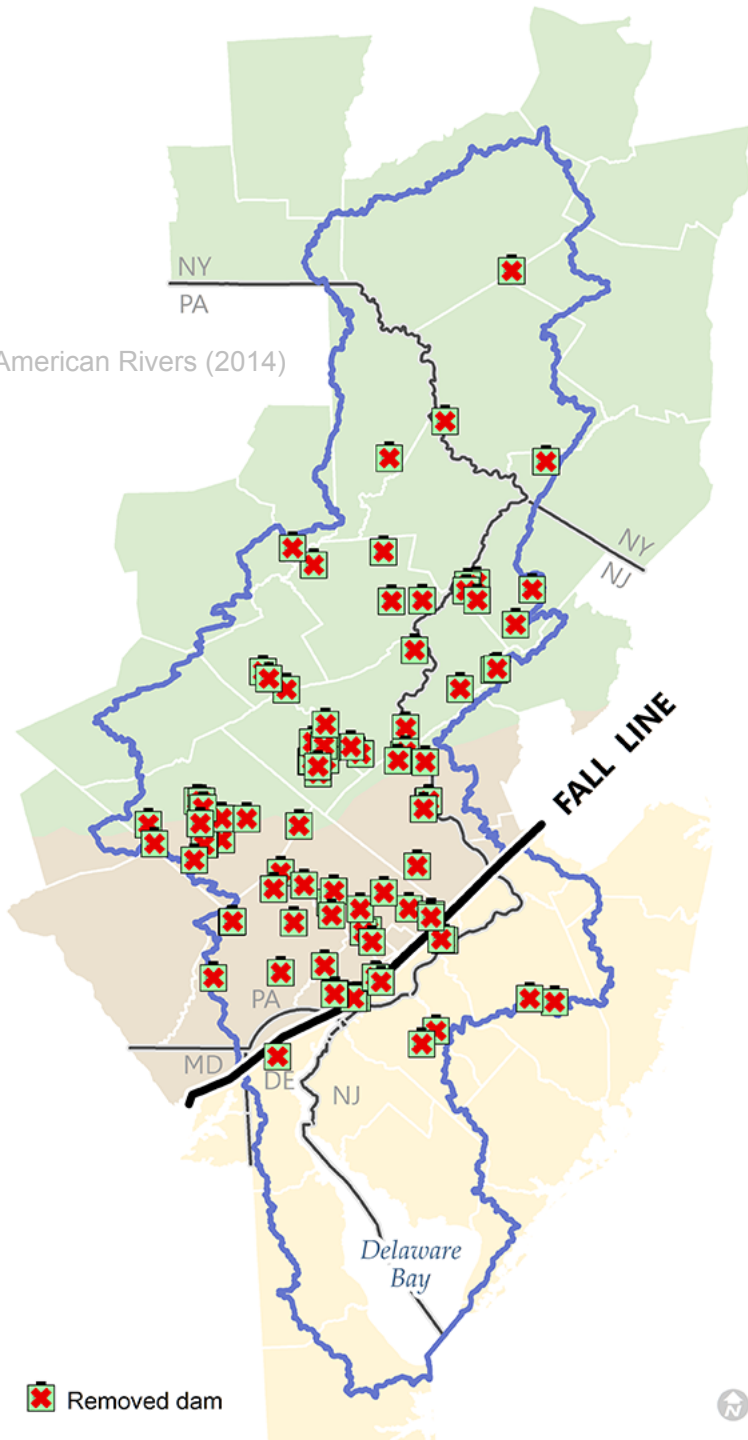


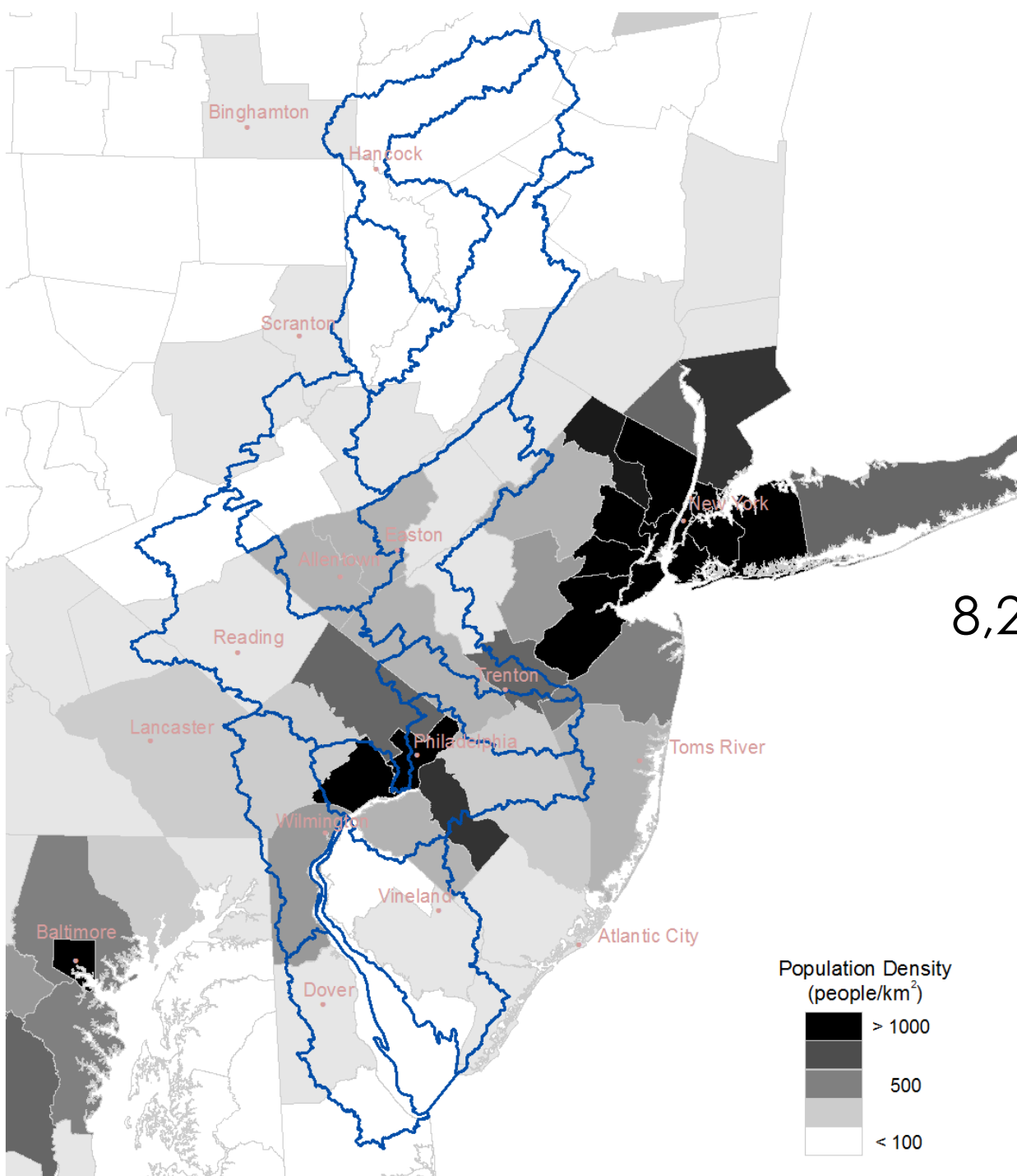


Huntington Pike Dam Removal, 2007
@ Pennypack Creek

Primary purpose of dam	Count	Avg. age (yrs)	Storage (acre-ft)
Recreation	608	82	585930
Flood control	103	41	847630
Water supply	75	95	926350
Hydroelectric	23	68	1128900
Other	17	62	59170
Fire protection, stock, fish pond	13	50	960
Fish & wildlife pond	4	95	5770
Irrigation	3	56	340
Tailings	2	35	1330
Source: USACE NID (2014) and our calculations	851	76	3,556,400

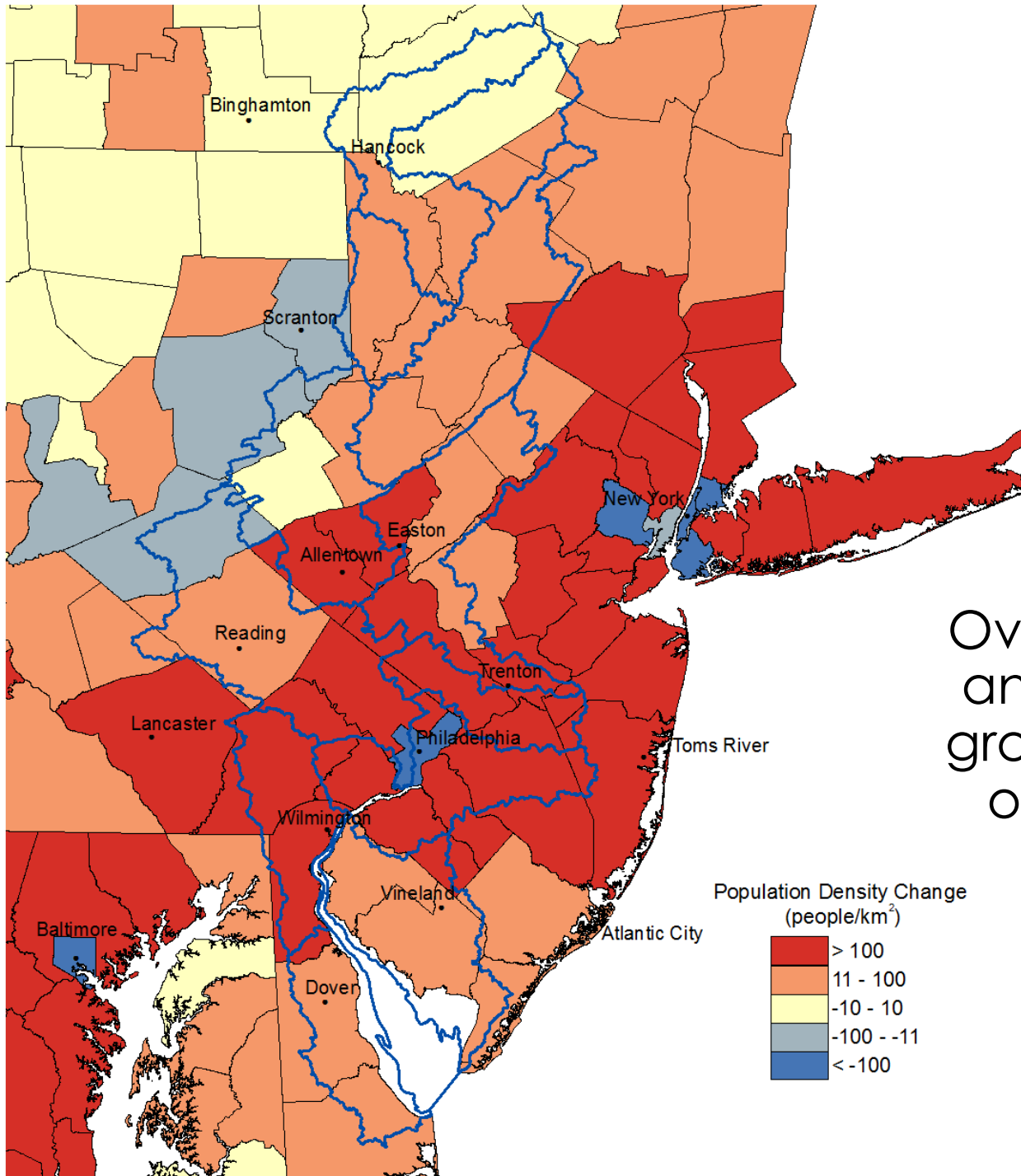
Source: American Rivers (2014)





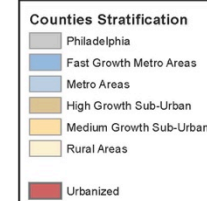
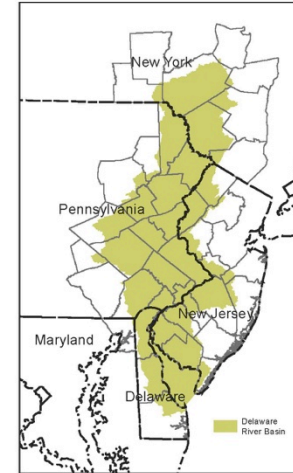
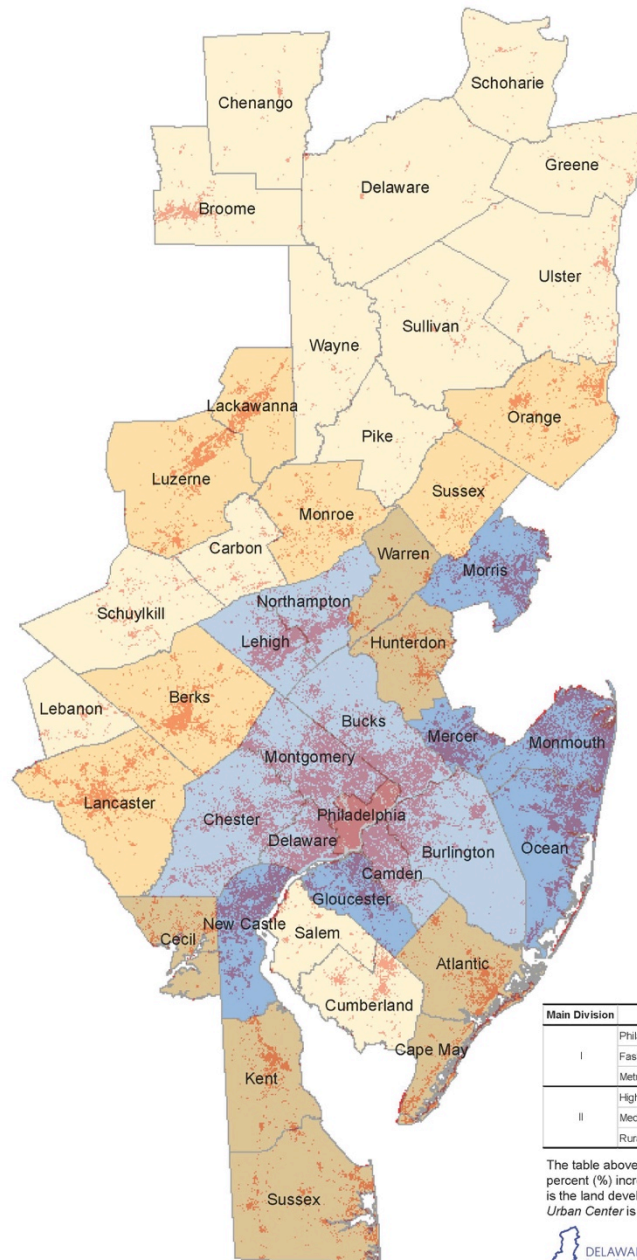
8,268,500 people call
somewhere in the
DRB 'home'.

3,625,600 workers*
work somewhere
in the DRB.



Over the last 50 years and despite regional growth, a lesser share of people live in the DRB's largest city.

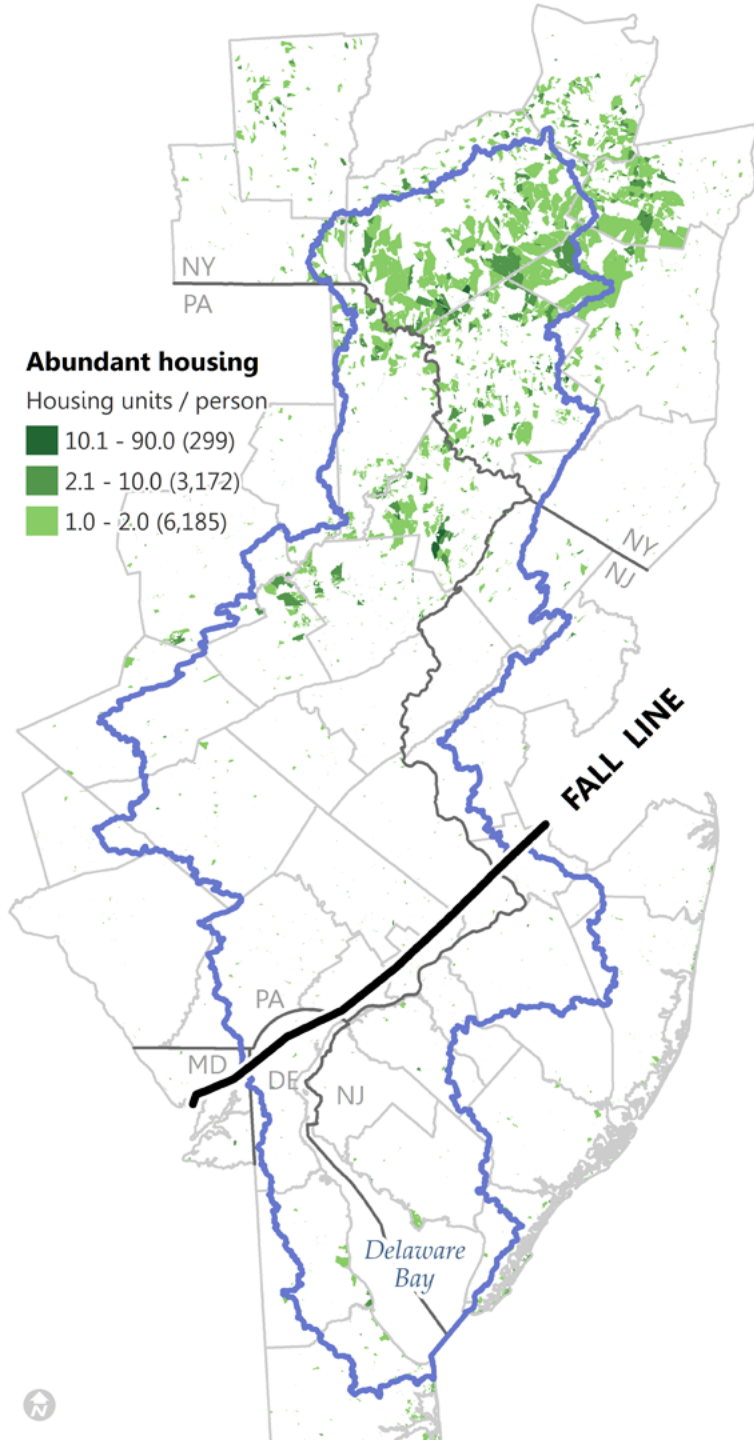
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COUNTY CLASSIFICATION BASED ON URBAN GROWTH AND URBANIZATION DEGREE

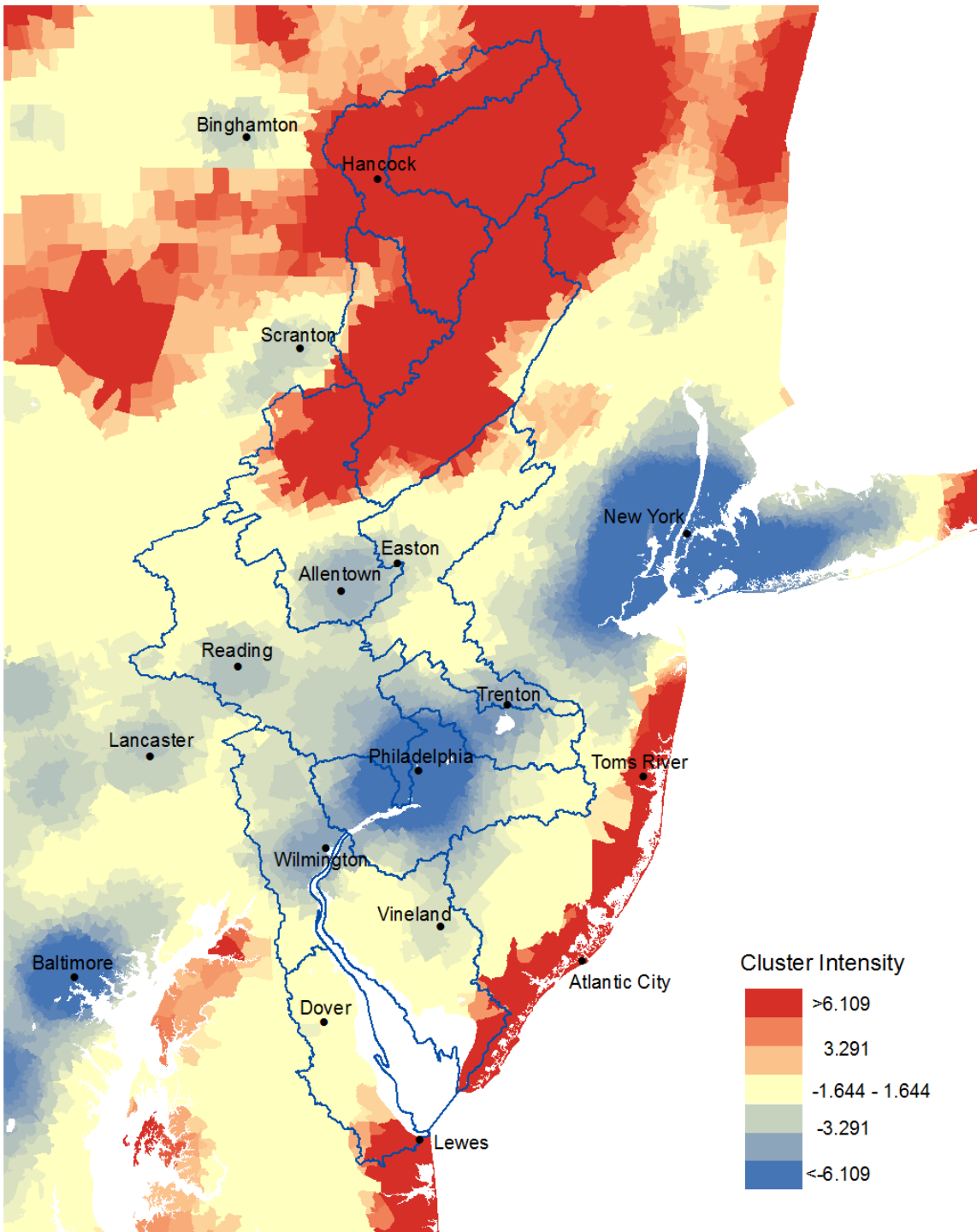


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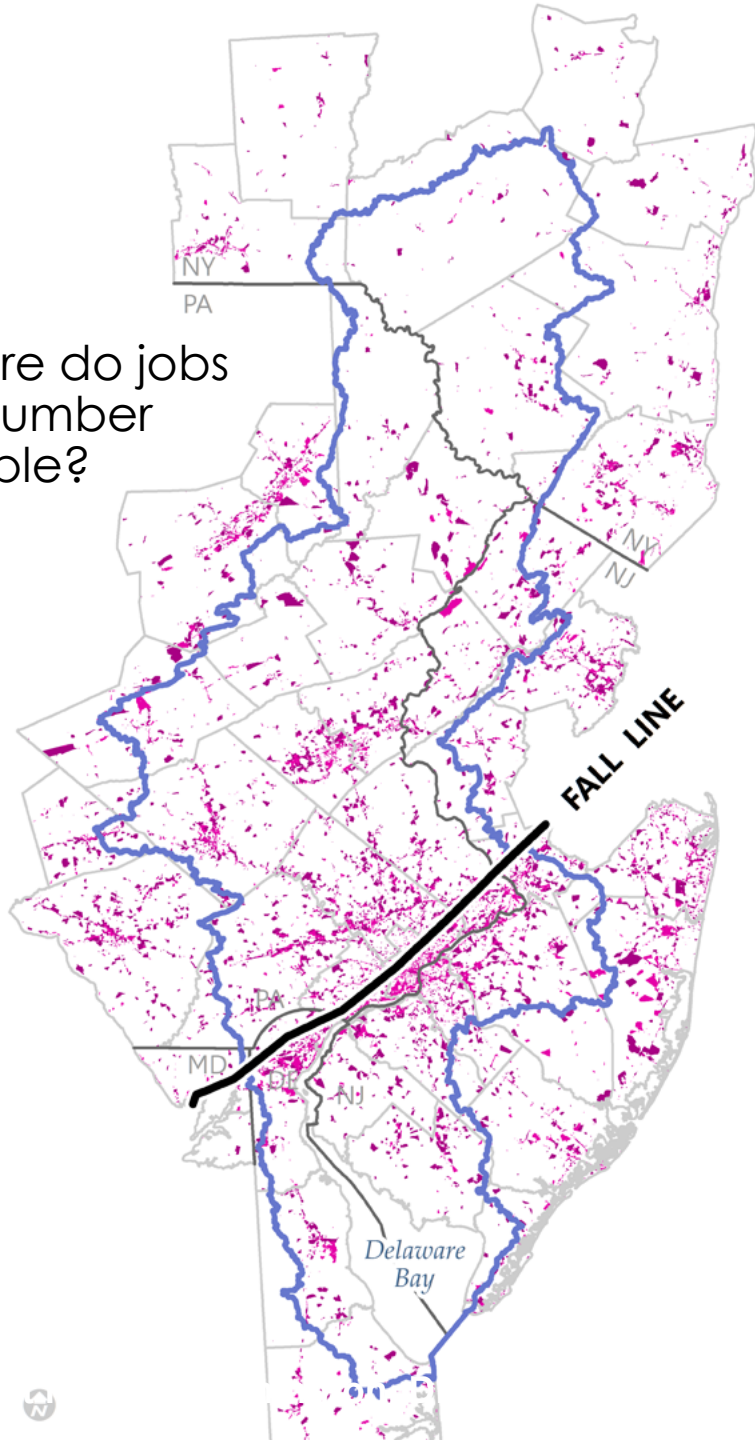
Main Division	Groups	Total Growth	Urban Area	Largest Urban Center
I	Philadelphia	12.05	83.07	304.81
	Fast Growth Metro Areas	2.55	30.78	196.35
	Metro Areas	1.15	32.95	221.99
II	High Growth Sub-Urban	0.55	9.95	32.29
	Medium Growth Sub-Urban	0.31	9.45	67.93
	Rural Areas	0.09	3.17	14.41

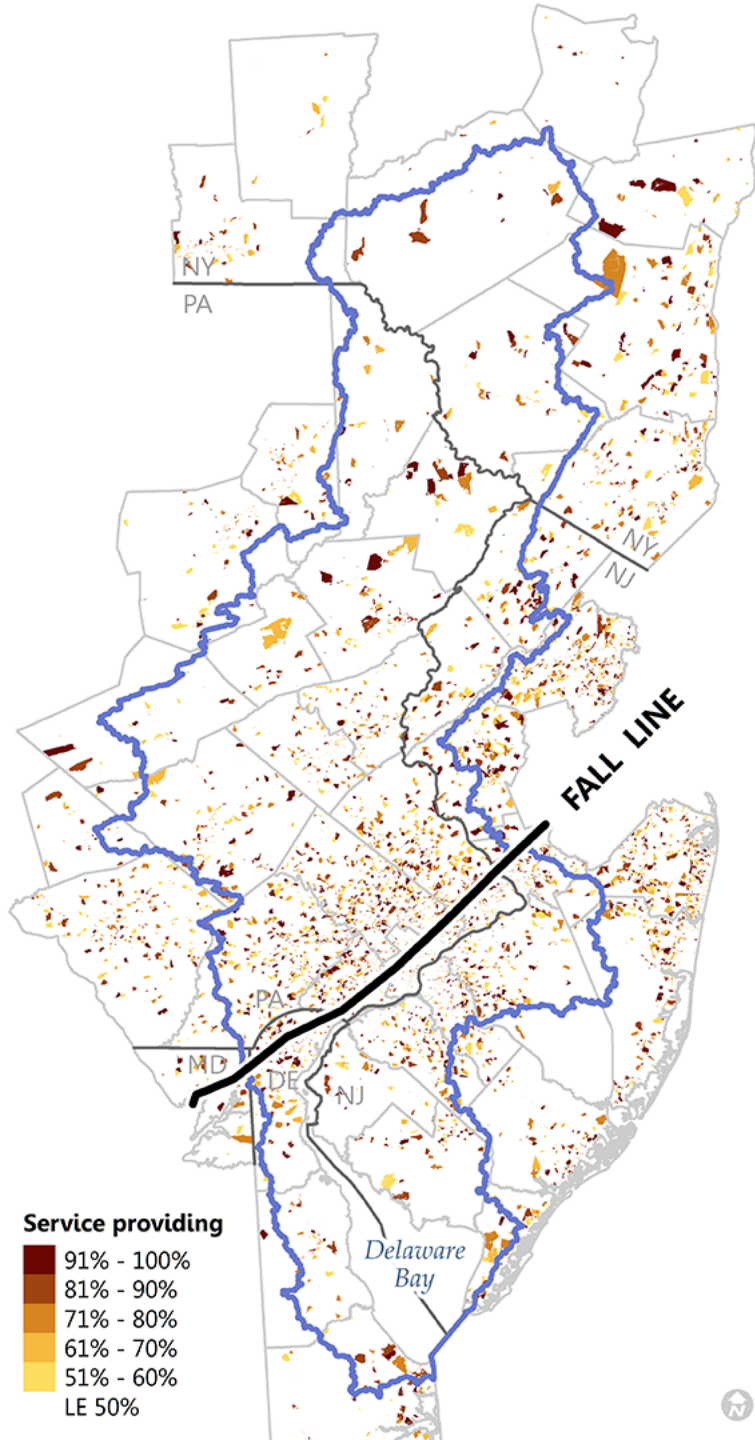
The table above shows the mean value within each group. *Total Growth* is the percent (%) increase of urban area during the period (1996-2010). *Urban Area* is the land developed out of the available land in each county (%). *Largest Urban Center* is measured in square kilometers (km²).

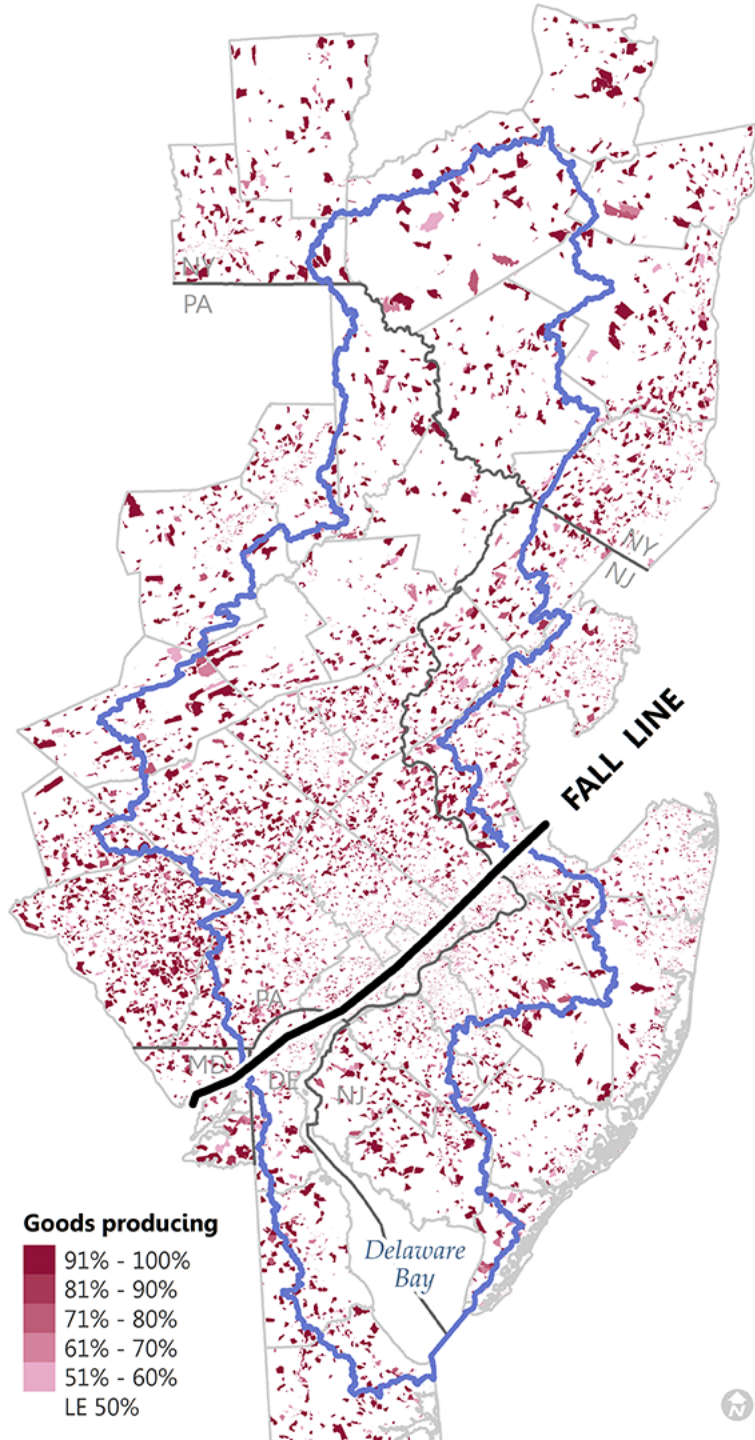




Where do jobs
outnumber
people?





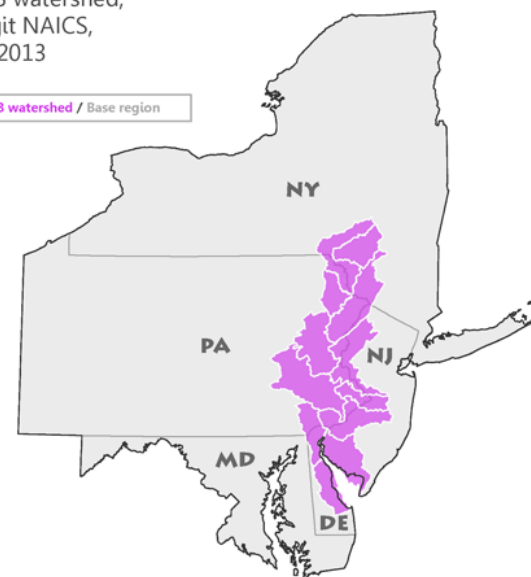




Employment concentration

by HUC8 watershed,
by 2-digit NAICS,
and for 2013

HUC8 watershed / Base region



What do the green colors mean?

Employment LQ

- 2.001 - 20.00 Concentrated
- 1.101 - 2.000
- 0.901 - 1.100 on par
- 0.501 - 0.900
- 0.060 - 0.500 Sparse

How were the LQs calculated?

$$LQ_{iwB} = \frac{SE_{iw}/TE_w}{SE_{iB}/TE_B}$$

Where:

LQ = the Location Quotient for industry sector *i* in watershed *w* and relative to the base region *B* (see map at right);

SE = Employment in sector *i*; and

TE = Total employment.

Summary

The maps at left were built using the US Census Bureau's 2013 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data, which track payroll employment by census block and by 2-digit NAICS. We aggregated the census blocks that comprise each HUC8 watershed for analysis. Note: self-employed persons are not represented by these data.

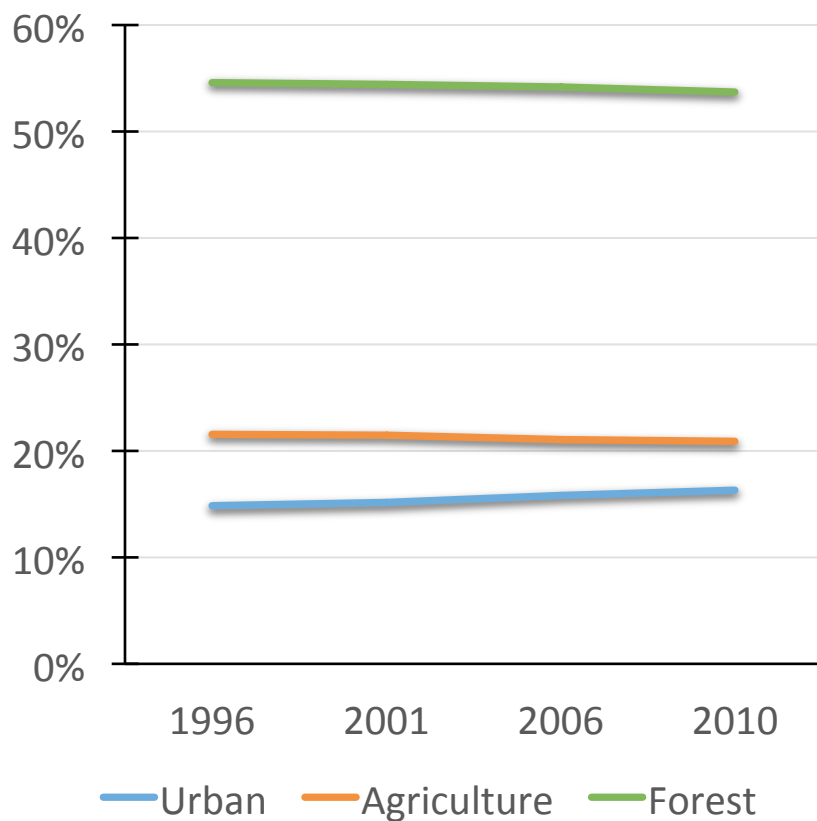
A Location Quotient (LQ) is a valuable way to quantify how employment is concentrated in a particular industry in a particular watershed relative to how much it is concentrated in the hosting base region (the map above shows the five-state base region we used). A LQ can reveal what makes a particular region unique; in this case, unique in terms of jobs.

Light grey tones indicate a watershed that hosts a smaller share of workers than the base region (e.g., the paucity of those working in the Upper Delaware and in the Finance and Insurance sector). Dark green hues indicate a watershed that hosts a share of employment that is larger than the base region share (e.g., those working in the Manufacturing sector and in watersheds containing cities like Allentown, Bethlehem and Trenton). We're interested in the dark green areas because the predominance of jobs in just one or a few sectors can influence the uniqueness - identify - of the area.

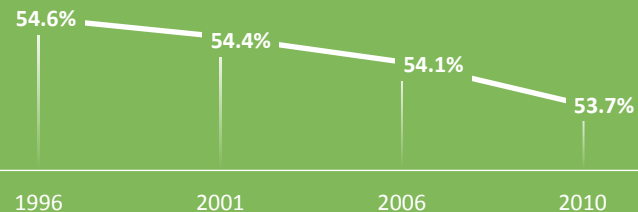


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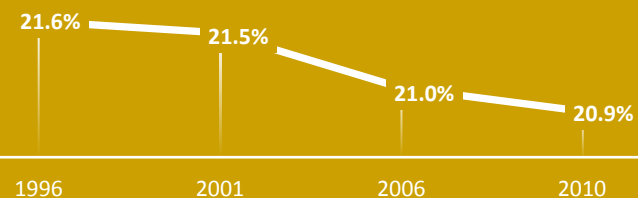
Selected Land Covers



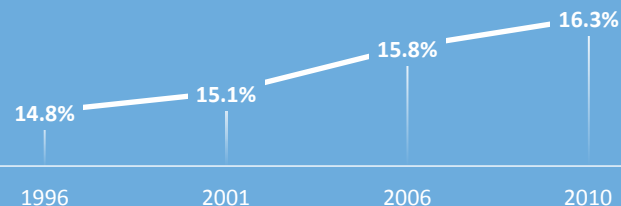
TOTAL FOREST COVER

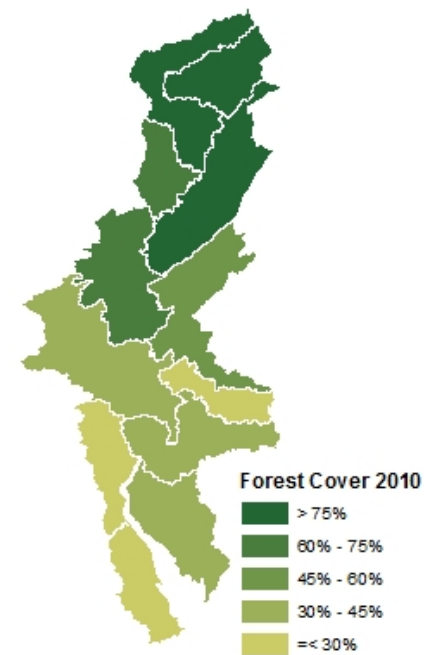
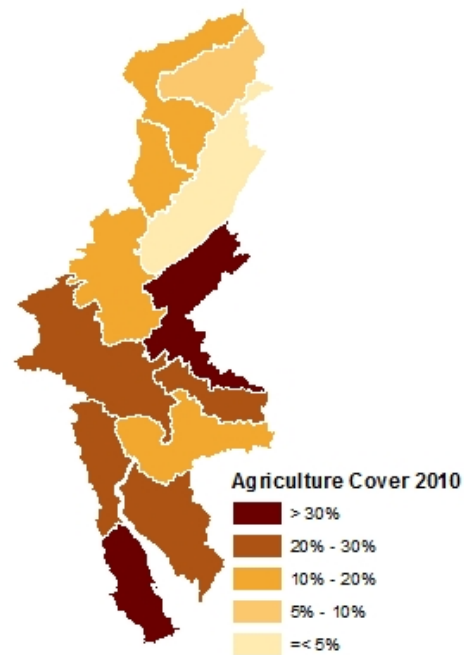
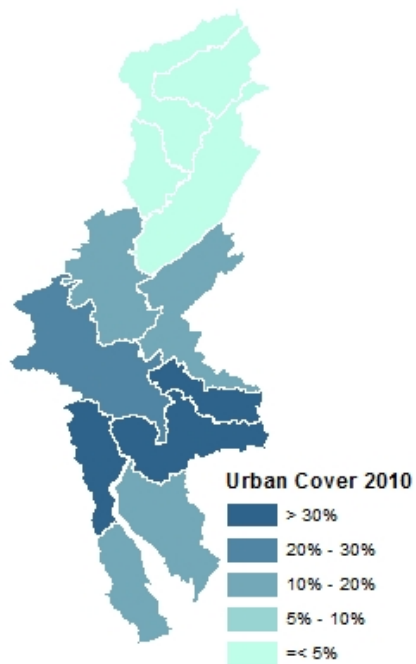


TOTAL AGRICULTURE AREA

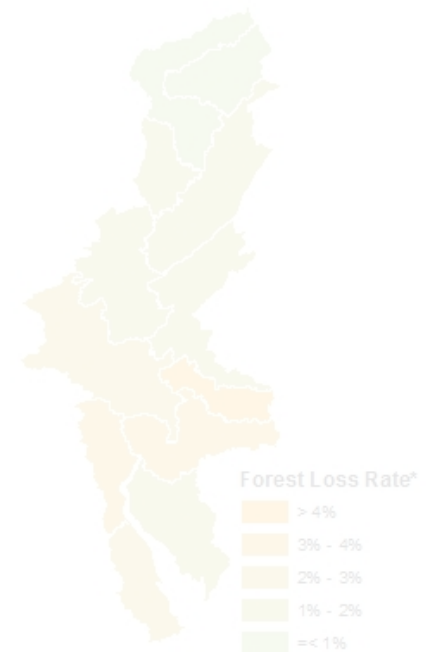
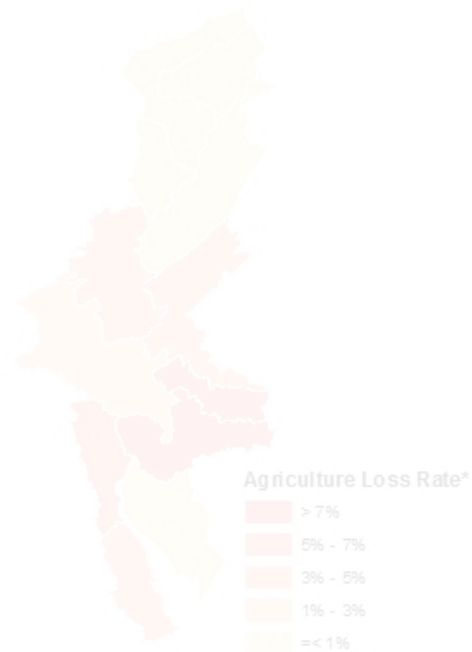
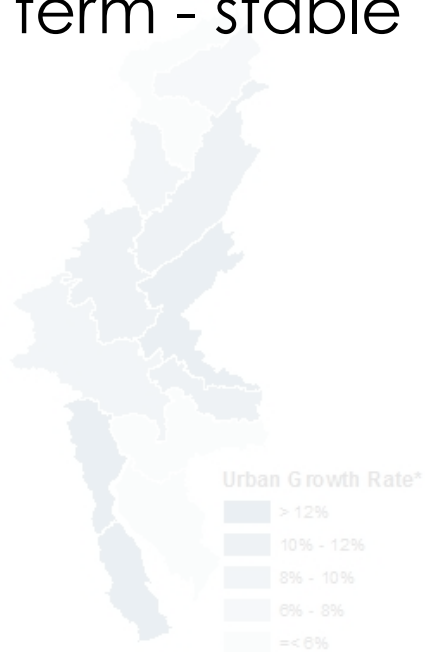


TOTAL URBAN AREA

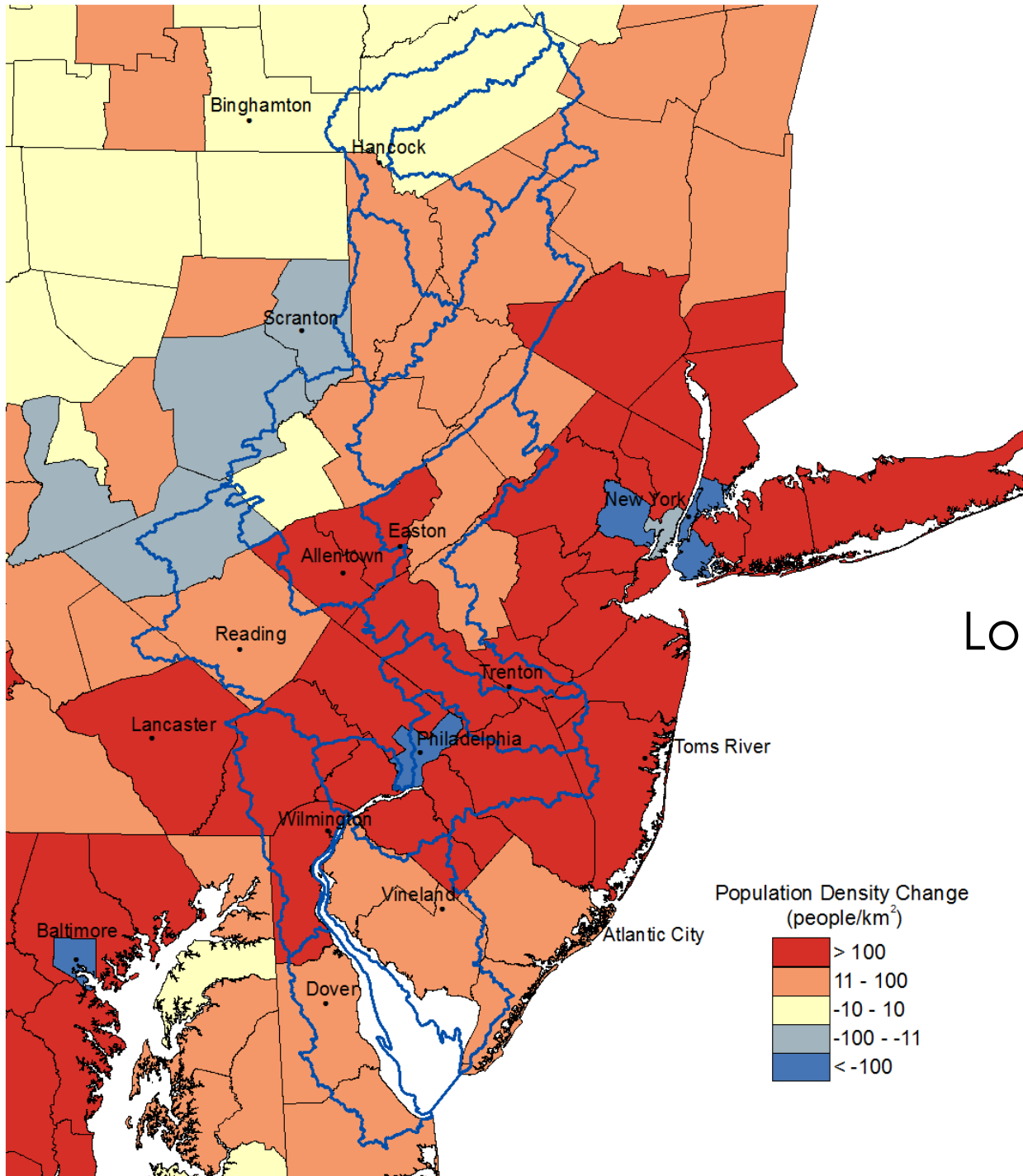




Short term - stable



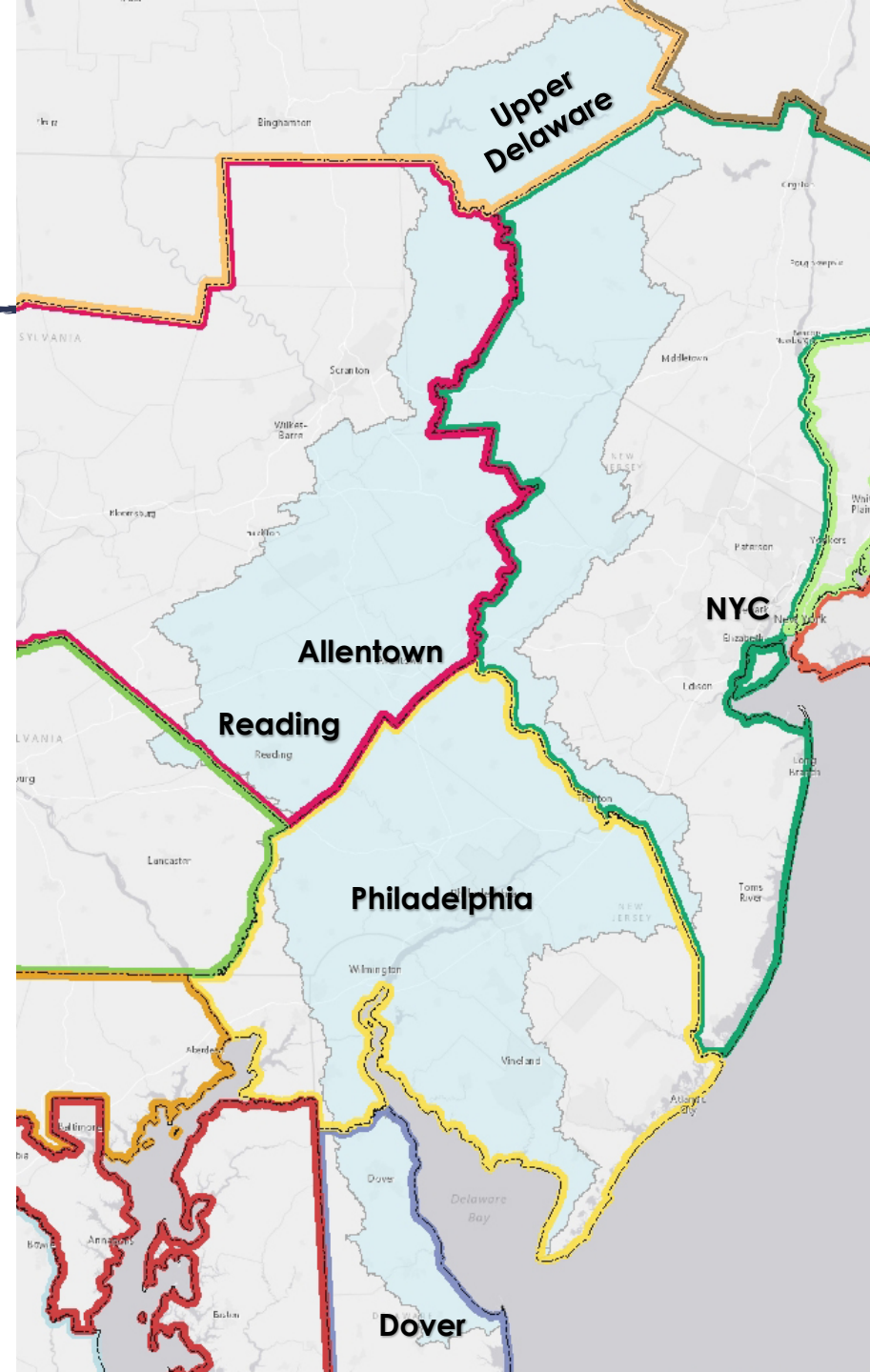
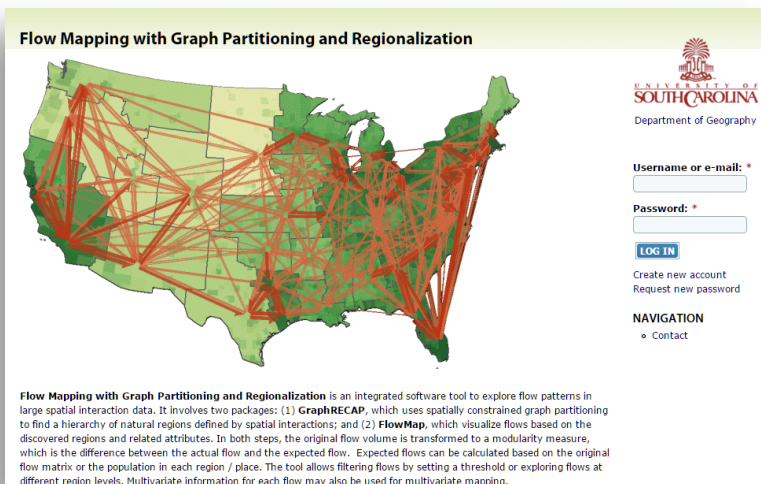
*period of analysis from 1996 to 2010



Long term - dynamic

Watershed identity

Does the DRB have a cohesive regional identity or many fragmented identities?

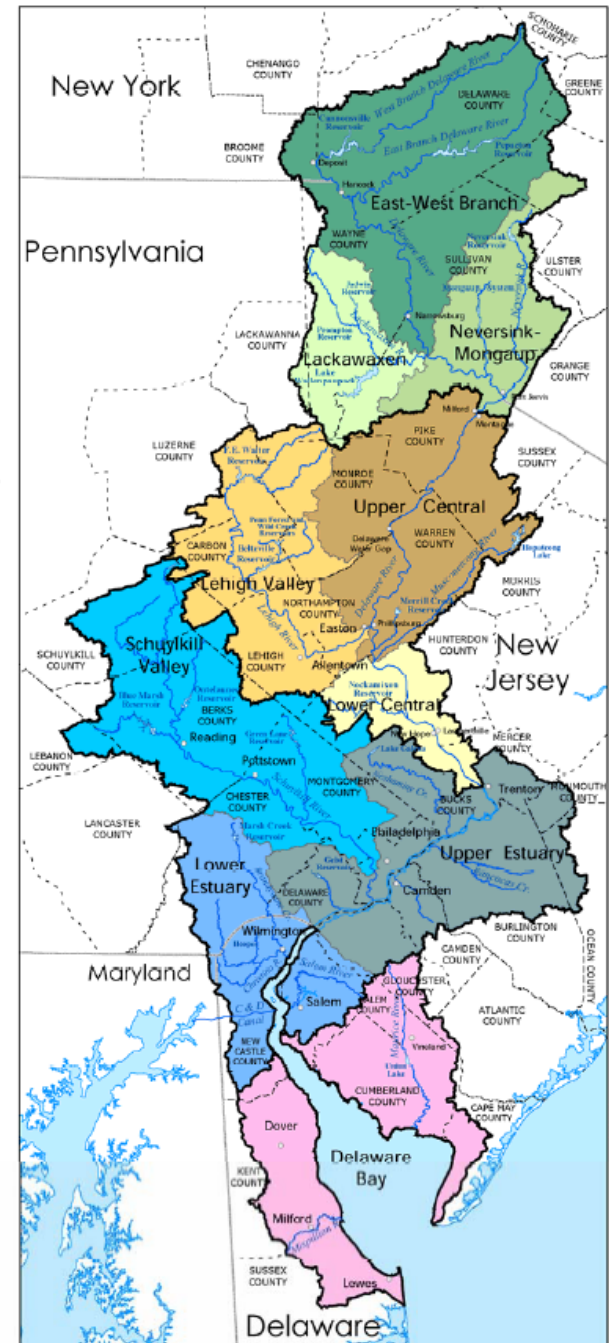


Watershed planning

How important is it to plan for the future by thinking about the whole watershed?

Watersheds of the Delaware River Basin

- East-West Branch Watersheds
- Lackawaxen Watersheds
- Neversink-Mongaup Watersheds
- Upper Central Watersheds
- Lower Central Watersheds
- Lehigh Valley
- Schuylkill Valley
- Upper Estuary Watersheds
- Lower Estuary Watersheds
- Delaware Bay Watersheds



The Watershed in 2070

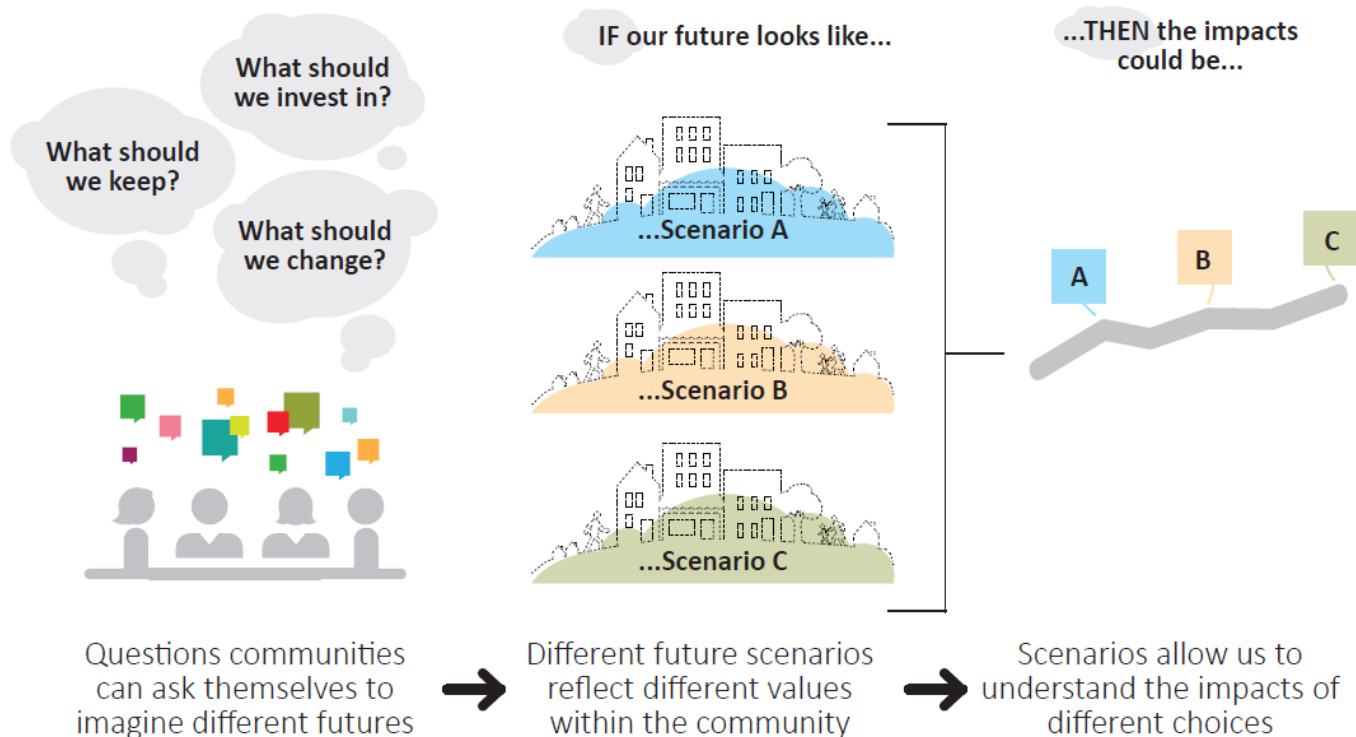
Our approach to forecasting land use change

- ▶ Community driven
 - ▶ What do you value?
 - ▶ Iterative
- ▶ Data driven
 - ▶ Reflect current trends
 - ▶ Best available forecast data
- ▶ Use scenarios

The Watershed in 2070



Scenarios are plausible stories about the possible futures and range of changes that could occur



Let's get to work

Session 1

- ▶ What do you value? What would you like to preserve? What are the current challenges & opportunities?
- ▶ Report back

Session 2

- ▶ What would you like to change? What are future challenges & opportunities?
- ▶ Report back

Draw

Make lists

Point

Discuss

Annotate



Severity
Demographics

Lots of beautiful spots in the West

Ag Land

Great Restaurants

Philadelphia suburbs

Extreme weather events
Drought/Flood

Sea level

Sea Level rise


Climate Change
Baby Drill
Technology
Through reservoirs
moving from FL due to water issues
- continuing economic growth
- communities of color etc. - more suburbs
- Less urbanization
- Less energy use
- Sea level rise - vulnerable populations
- Flooding? (upstream too)
- relocate
- high energy prices

Beautiful spots
- Brandywine Valley - gardens, etc.
- AT
- Railroads
- DE Gap
- Forests in upper
- Delaware Bay

What's next



More workshops coming up



The map shows the Delaware River Basin watershed, which spans parts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Yellow stars indicate the locations of the workshops: Allentown, PA; Reading, PA; Philadelphia, PA; and Narrowsburg, NY. Major cities like New York, Newark, and Philadelphia are also labeled.

Delaware River Basin

Watershed Identity and Scenario Development Workshops

10:30 - 3:00

October 29, 2015: Philadelphia, PA
November 10, 2015: Narrowsburg, NY
January and February, 2016:
*Phillipsburg, NJ; Dover, DE; Reading, PA**

* Final meeting dates and locations TBD for 2016

www.drbproject.org/workshops

What's next

On-line survey (coming in winter 2016)

- ▶ A chance for you to contribute individually
- ▶ A chance for others to contribute

Draft scenario storylines (coming in spring 2016)

- ▶ Incorporate best data and findings from workshops and survey
- ▶ We'll be asking for your feedback

Final scenario storylines (summer 2016)

Scenario forecasts (fall/winter 2016)



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Welcome to the Delaware River Basin Project!



A watershed of over 13,000 square miles, the Delaware River Basin (DRB) provides water resources for roughly 5% of the US population. This 2-year project based at Shippensburg University aims to develop a land cover mapping, modeling, and monitoring system for the Delaware River Basin in support of maintaining and restoring water resources.

Thank you for your interest!

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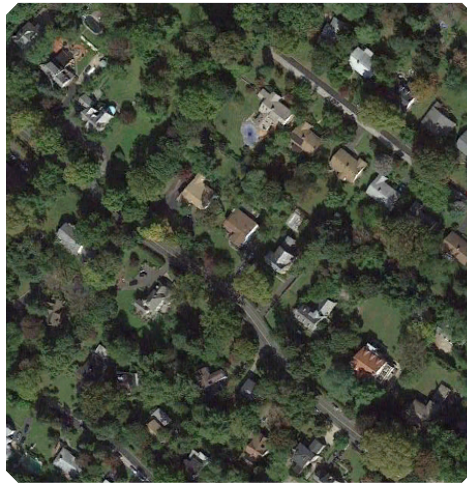
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