### UVA Bay Game

#### Systems Thinking and Sustainable Business

- Game Setup
- Introduction to the UVA Bay Game
- Game Play
- Debrief



TIMETABLE

- Select a role, login and acquaint yourself with game materials (15 min)
- Introduction to the UVA Bay Game (10 min)
- Enter Life Balance Goals (5 min)
- Game play (7 rounds; 90 min)
  Regulators go first
  - Other players make decisions
- Gamemaster advances round
- Debrief (30 min)



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# Introduction to the UVA Bay Game



### Chesapeake Bay Watershed

- Six states, 64,000 square miles
- 17 million human residents
- 3,600 species of plants and animals
- 500 million pounds of seafood/year; total economic value = \$1 trillion per year
- Threatened by **overfishing** and **nutrient loads** from agricultural fertilizers, animal wastes, sewage treatment plants, urban runoff and air pollution

# UVA Bay Game

- Large-scale, agent-based simulation of the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Seven regional watersheds, eight player classes
  - Game Objectives
  - Individual ... achieve "life balance"
  - Community ... "Save the Bay"

#### **Educational Objectives**

- Increase awareness of interrelationships
- Facilitate communication about complex systems
- Explore policy choices











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Developers



Animal Farmers





**Crop Farmers** 

Farming Method

- Conventional
- Sustainable
- BMP Low
- BMP High
- Land Use
- Cover crops?
- Fallow land?





**Animal Farmers** 

#### Farming Method

- Conventional
- Sustainable
- Waste Treatment
- Basic Waste Treatment
- Nutrient Removal
- Covered Waste Storage

#### Land Purchase and Development

- Greenfield Conventional
- Greenfield Sustainable
- Infill Conventional

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• Infill - Sustainable

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Sale of Developed Parcels -- (when)



Developers



#### **Chesapeake Bay**

- Catch Limits
- Length of Dredging Season
- Length of Potting Season

#### Land Development

#### **Taxes and Fees**

Conventional Development Tax

#### Incentives

- Infill Development Incentive
- Sustainable Development Incentive



Regulators





Animal Farmers





Regulators

Citizens

### Establishing "Life Balance" Goals







ECONOMIC

ENVIRONMENTAL

SOCIAL

 100 points to allocate among three important aspects of human well-being -- economic, environmental and social

- Regulators make their decisions FIRST (about 10 min at first)
- THEN, watermen, farmers and developers make their decisions (about 6 min at first)
- Countdown timers will help keep us on track; decision periods get shorter as the game progresses
- **RECORD** your observations and expectations on the <u>last page</u> of your packet
- **RECORD** your decisions and results on the <u>next-to-last page</u> of your packet

Game Play









2000 **2002** 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012













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### What did you learn ...

- ... about interrelationships?
- ... about choices?
- ... about impacts on Bay health?
- ... about working together?
- ... about who should pay to maintain a healthy ecosystem?
- ... about what it will take to restore the Chesapeake Bay?

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed		
	Virginia (James)	Maryland Pennsylvania (Potomac)
Area (000s acres)	10,130	31,042
Population (000s)	3,214	10,665
GDP (\$billions)	117	462
Unemployment (%)	2.3%	2.3%
Crop Farmers	14,758	45,240
Cattle Farmers	6,105	10,038
Land Developers	na	na
Watermen	2,500	2,500
Nutrient Runoff (million lbs)	77	248

# Not All Watersheds Are Created Equal