

BMP Verification: Ensuring a Return on the Billions of \$ Invested in Restoring Chesapeake Bay

Chesapeake Bay Committee

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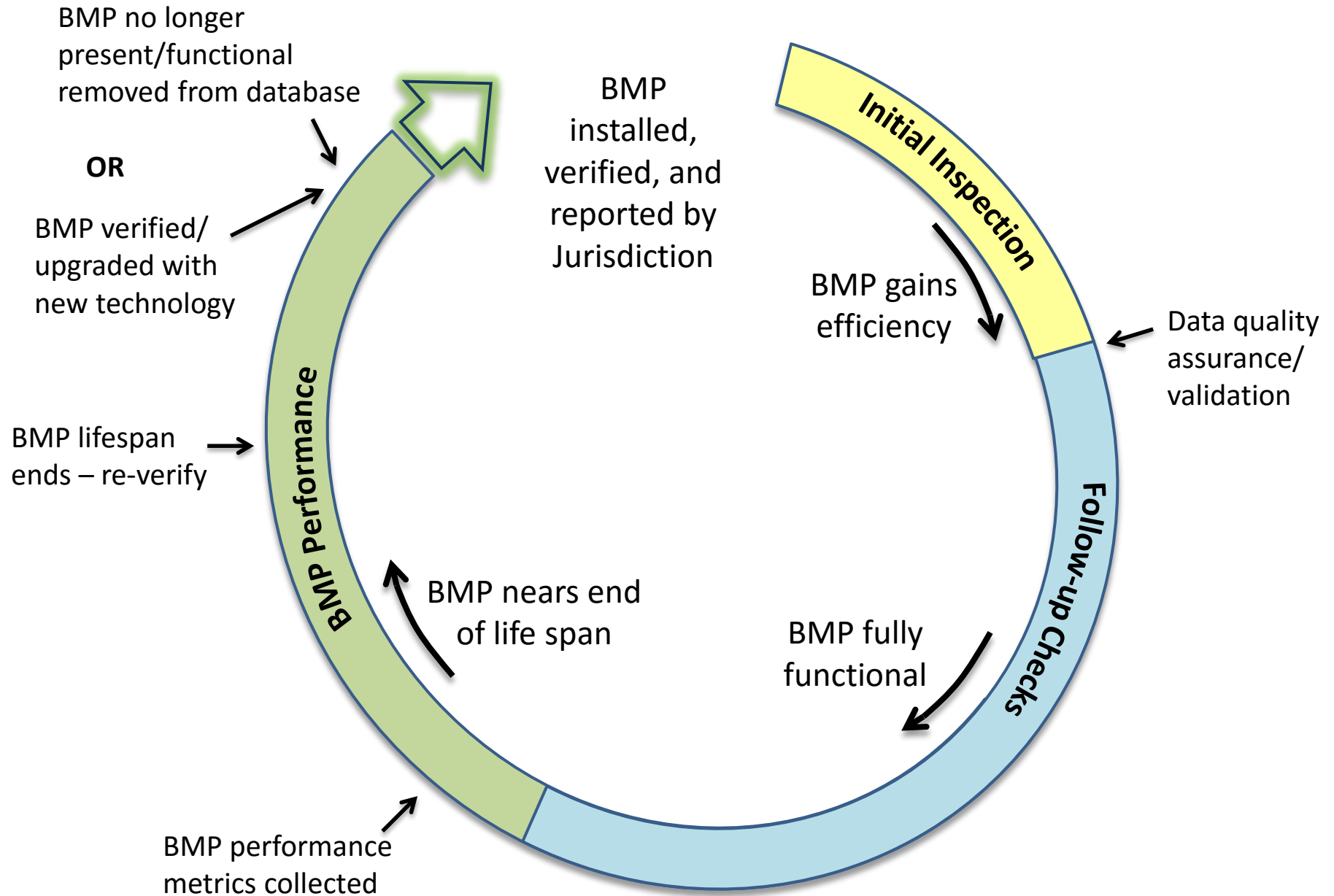


Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership

“Verification: the process through which agency partners ensure practices, treatments, and technologies resulting in reductions of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollutant loads are implemented and operating correctly.”

Verification: ensuring the hard work and out of pocket dollars paid by farmers, city engineers, organizations, homeowners, volunteers and many, many others will result in real progress toward cleaner streams, safer drinking water, more recreation opportunities and a healthier Bay

BMP Verification Life Cycle



Partnership's Independent Review Panel Feedback on States' Draft BMP Verification Plans – August 2015

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Forestry							
Stream Restoration							
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What's Down the Road

- **November 15th**: jurisdictions submit their revised BMP verification program plans to EPA
- **December 15th**: EPA approves the jurisdictions' BMP verification program plans or requests specific changes prior to approval
- **2016-2017**: two year 'ramp-up' period
- **2018**: only verified practices will be credited in the future

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