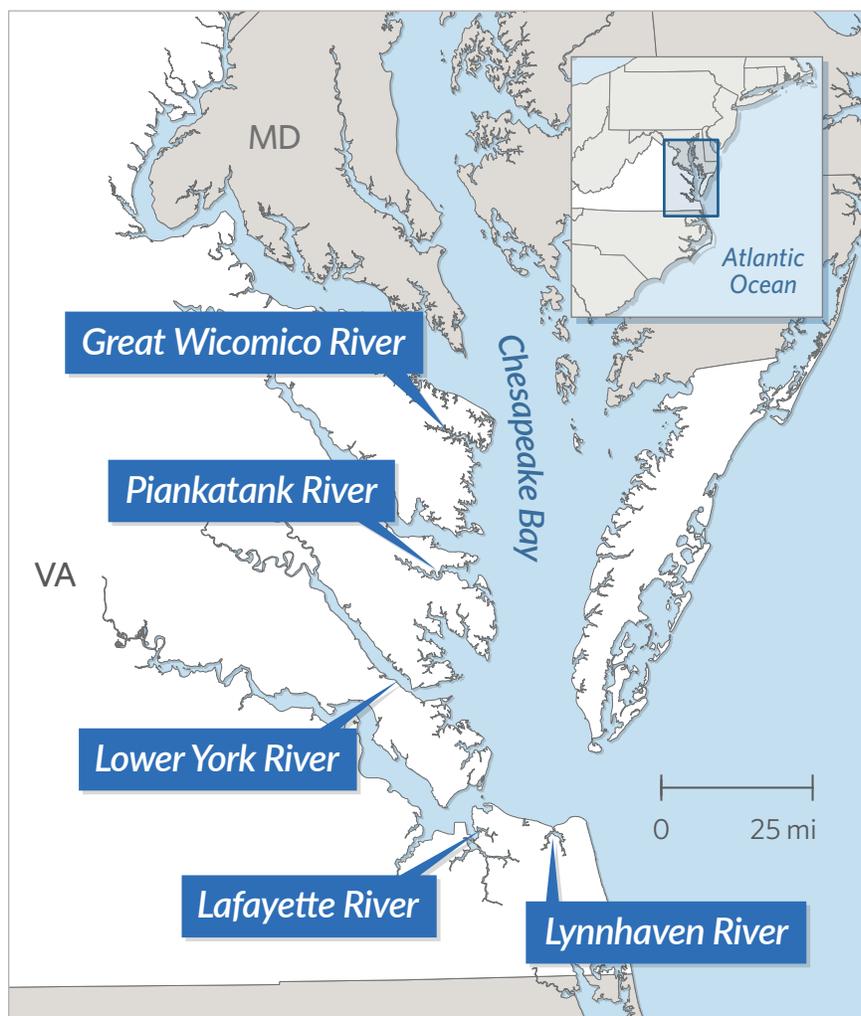


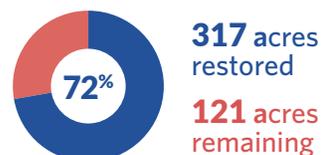
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Progress on reefs in 5 Chesapeake Bay tributaries through 2019

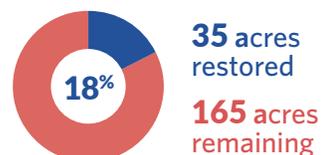
With steady investments over the past decade, Virginia and a broad coalition have created the world's largest oyster restoration project, which has driven ecological recovery in the Chesapeake Bay. By appropriating the proposed fiscal year 2020 funding, including a one-time capital expense, the commonwealth can stay on track toward its goal of restoring native oysters by 2025.



Piankatank River



Lower York River



Lafayette River



Lynnhaven River



Great Wicomico River



Sources: S.R. Westby, oyster restoration program director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, email to The Pew Charitable Trusts, Feb. 11, 2020; Virginia Geographic Information Network; USGS; GADM

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