

# Eastern Bay Habitat

Oyster Coalition Workgroup - Meeting #6

December 4, 2024



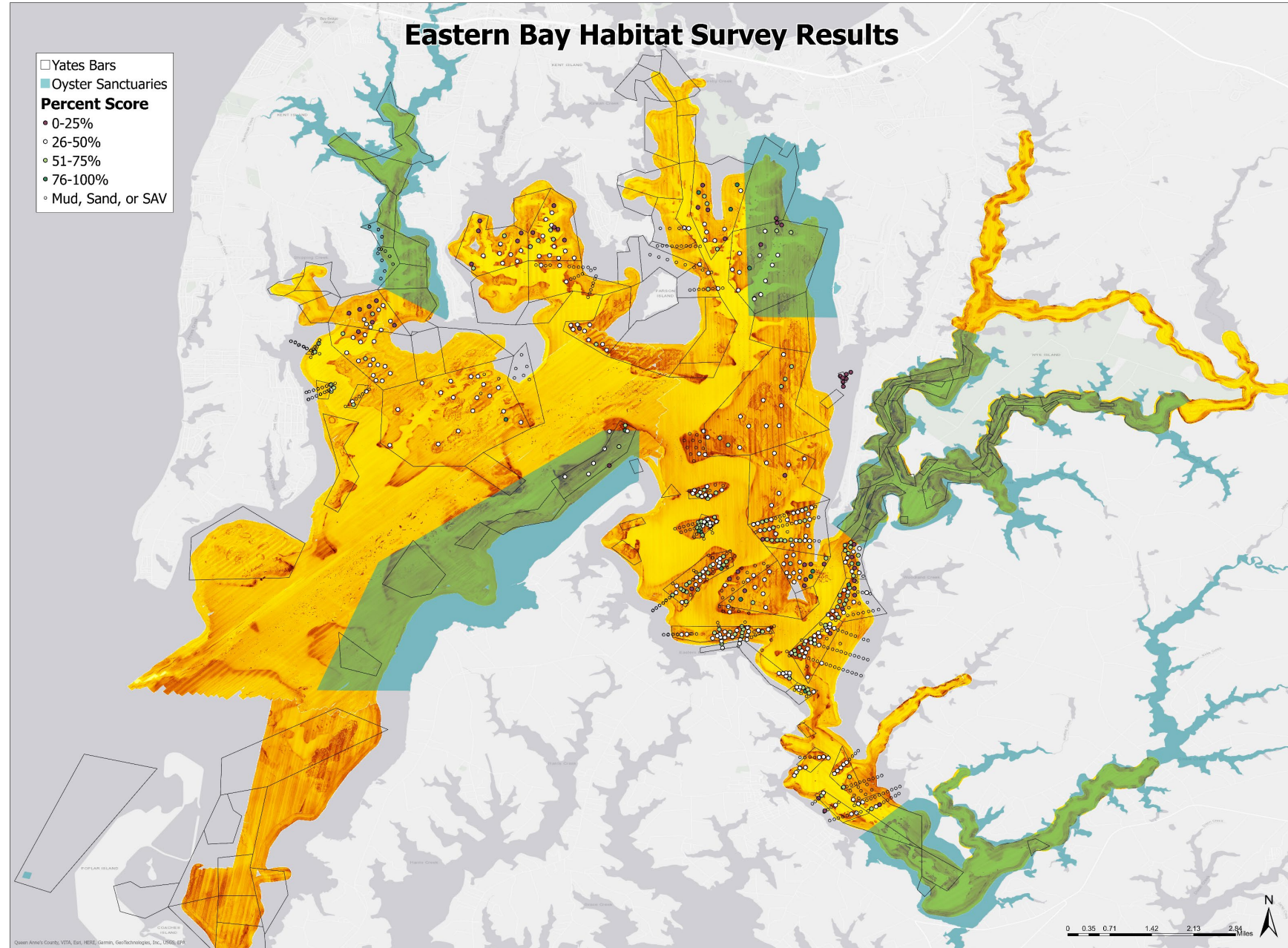
# Habitat Survey Results

## > 25% = Areas that can support enhancement

- Few oysters
- Sufficient cultch
- Some areas require more investment
- 5,800 acres (68% surveyed area)

## < 25% = No existing oyster habitat

- No cultch
- 2,700 acres (32% surveyed area)

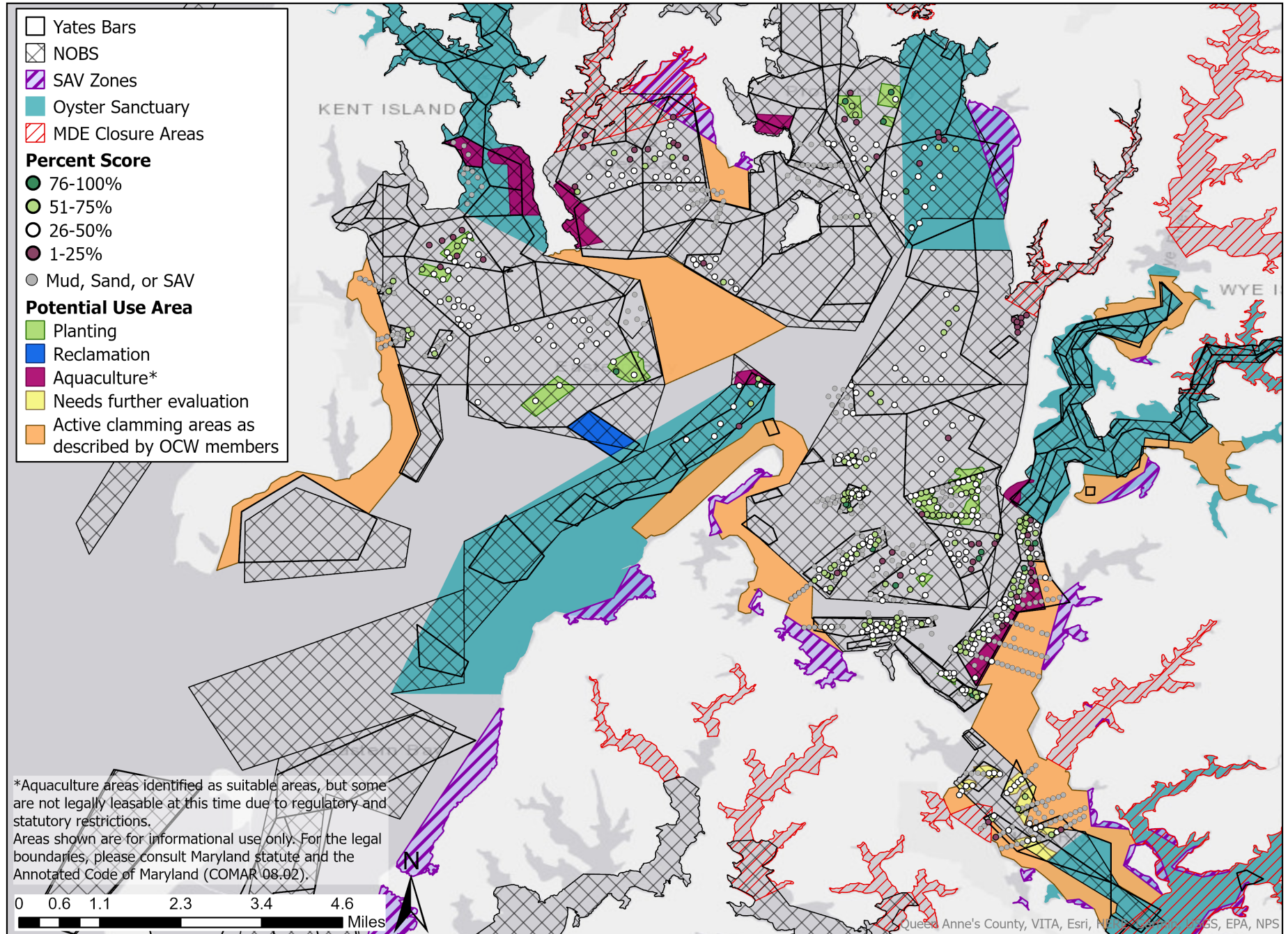


# EASTERN BAY HABITAT SURVEY RESULTS & OPTIONS

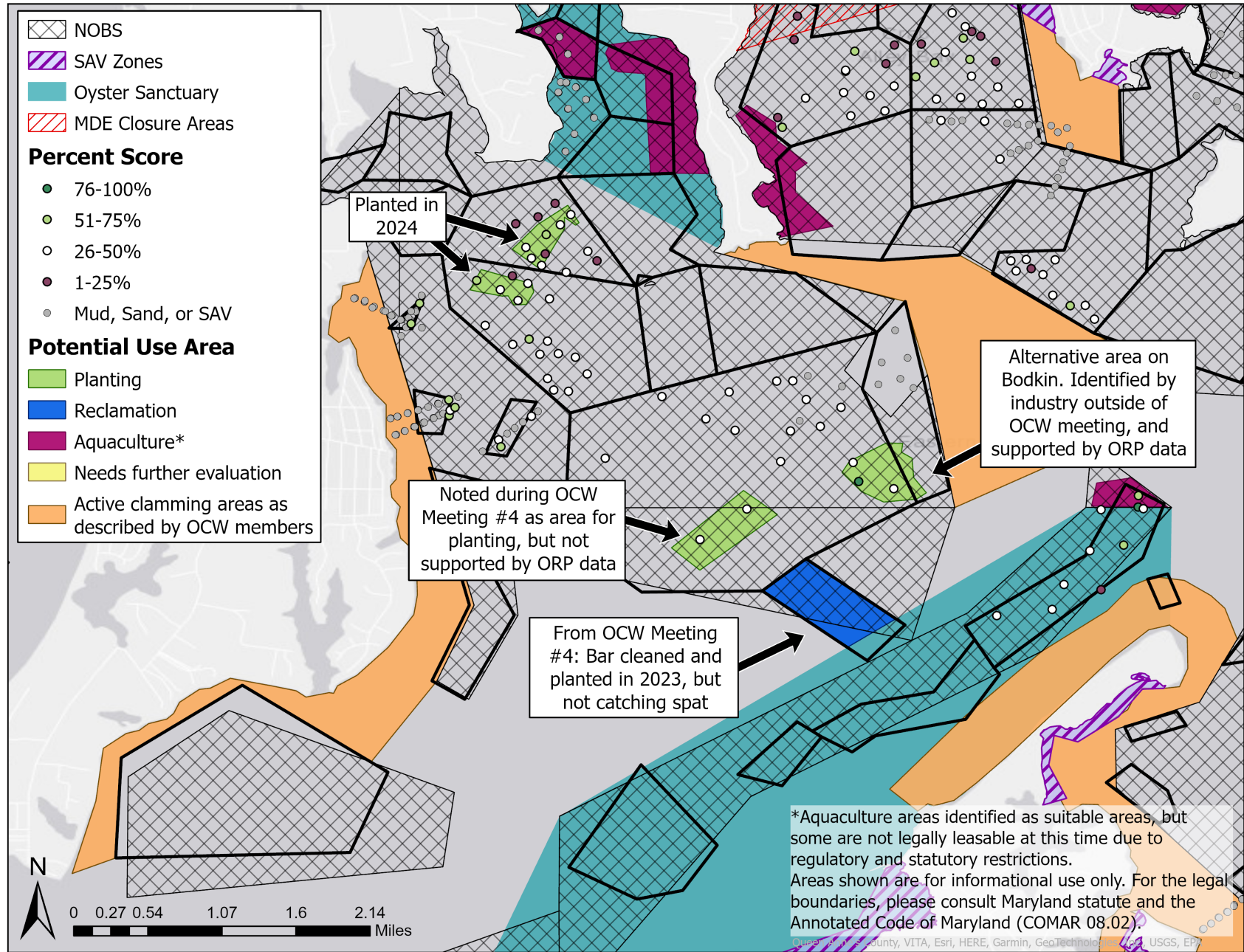
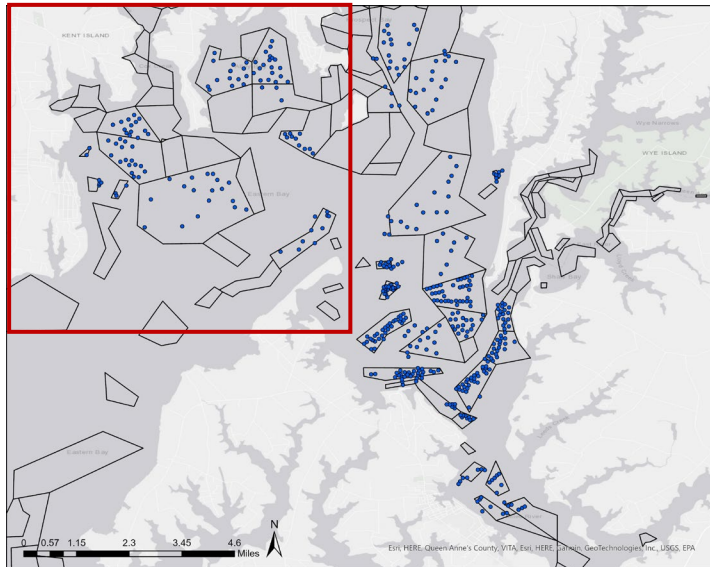
## Proposed Activities & Locations from Meeting 5

Integrated habitat data and OCW member input

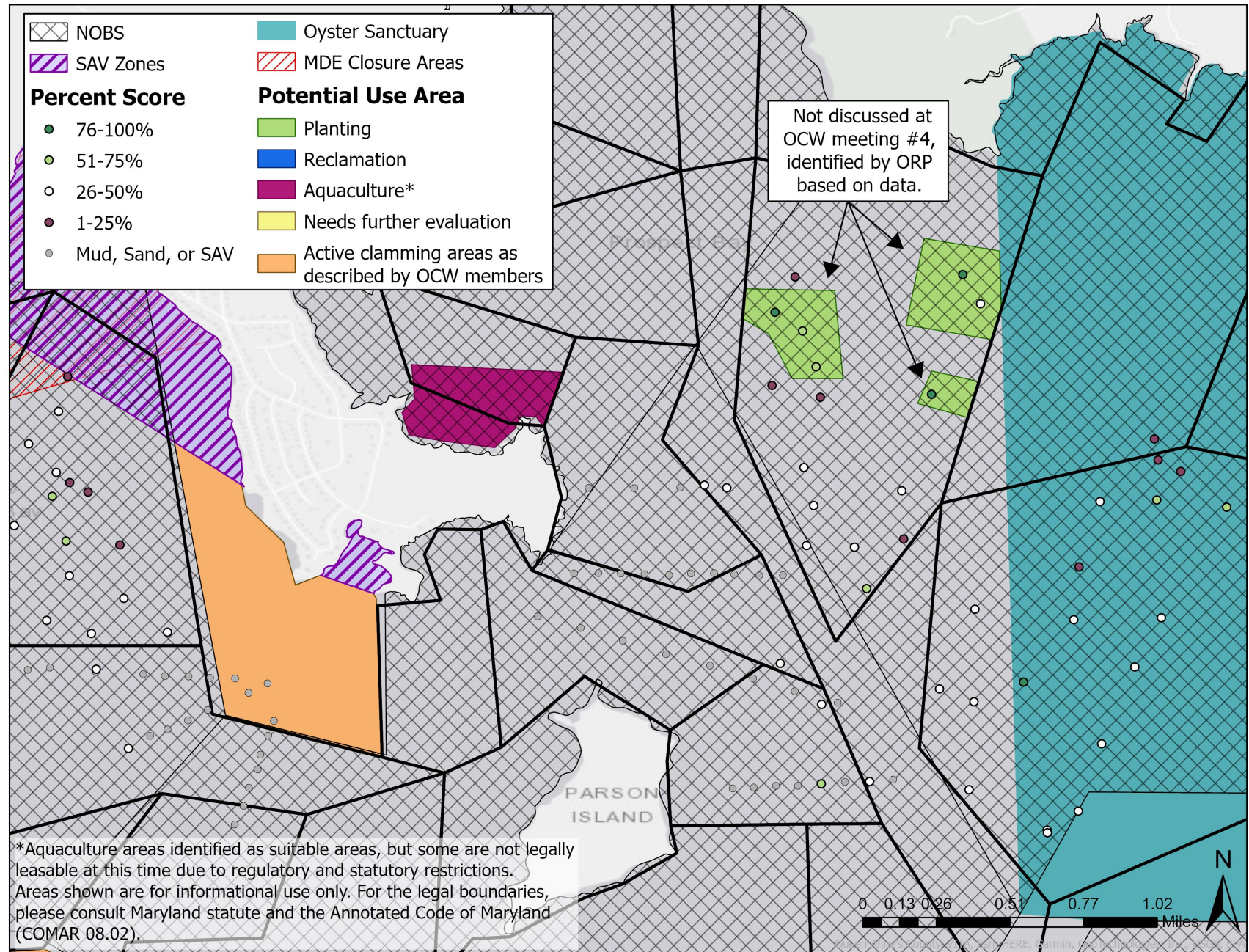
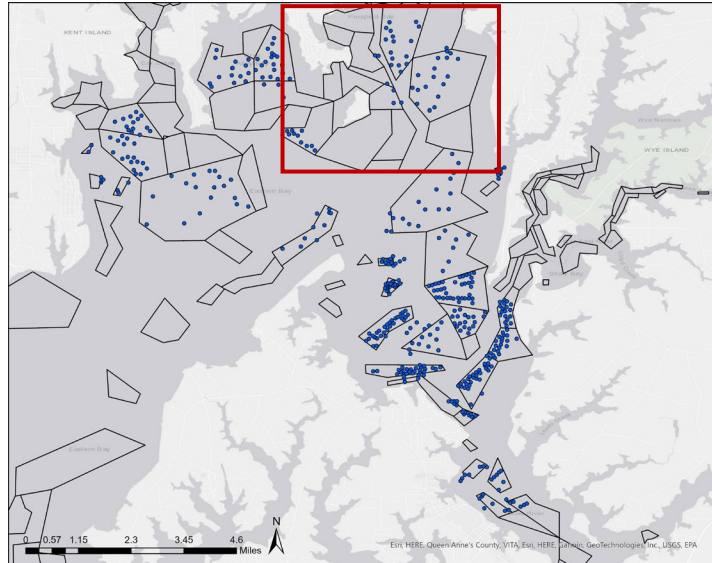
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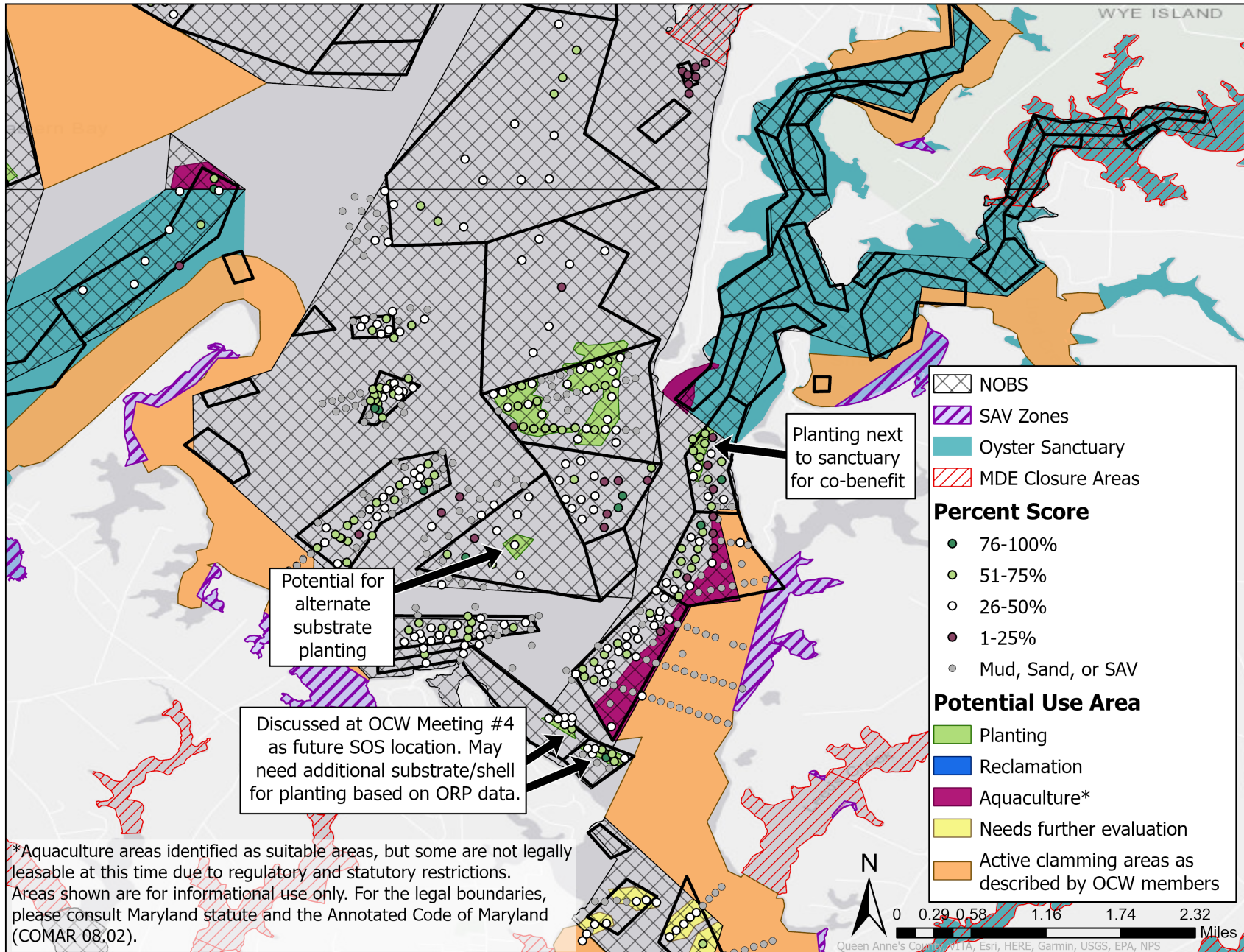
# Cox Creek & Central Eastern Bay



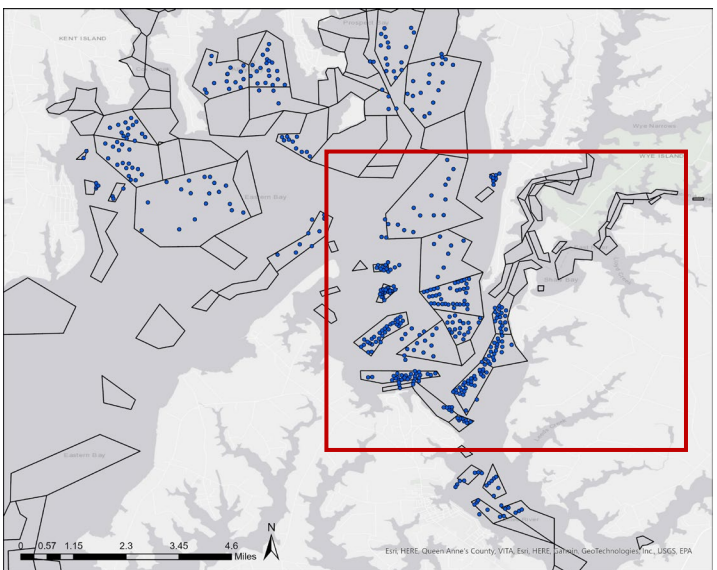
# Prospect Bay



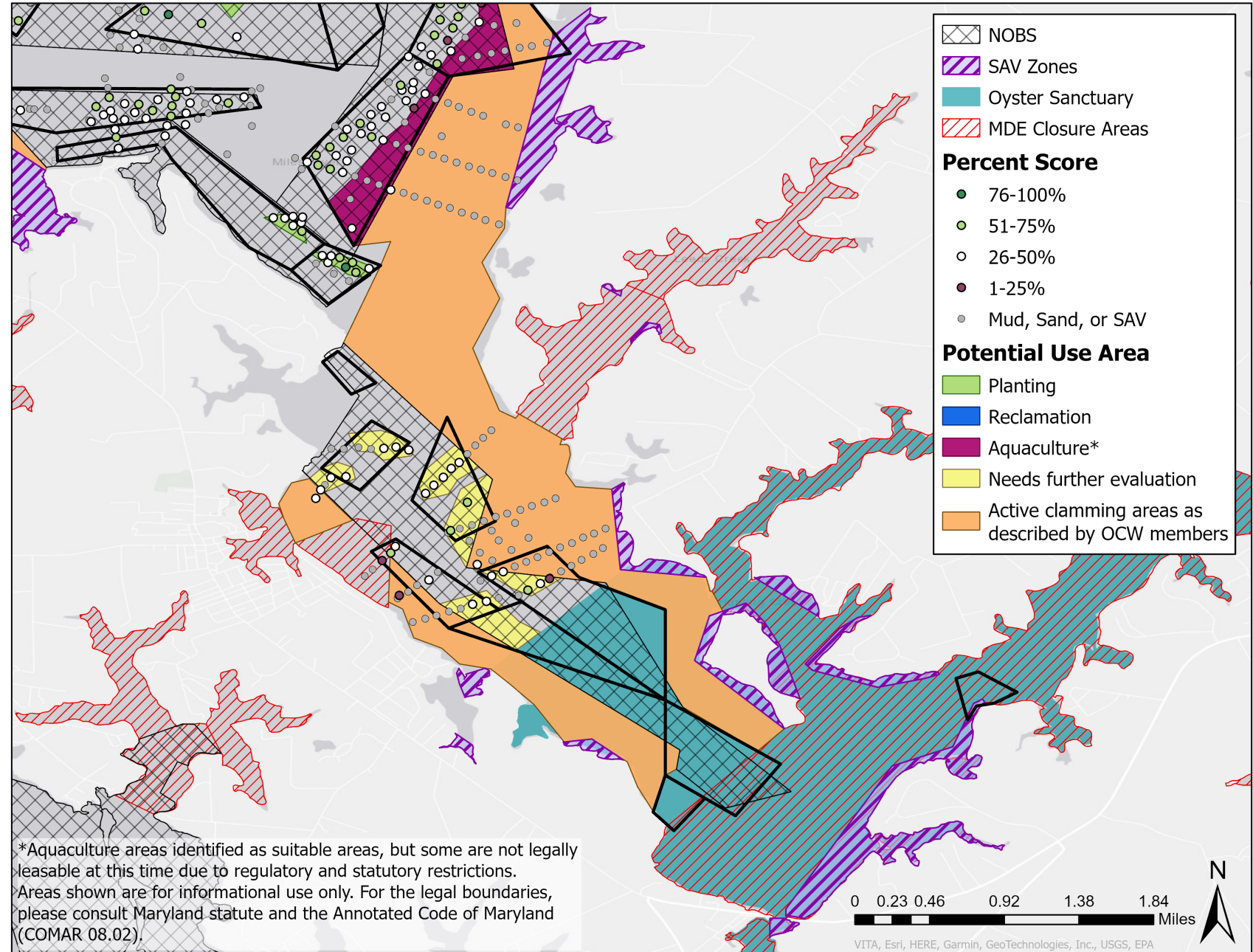
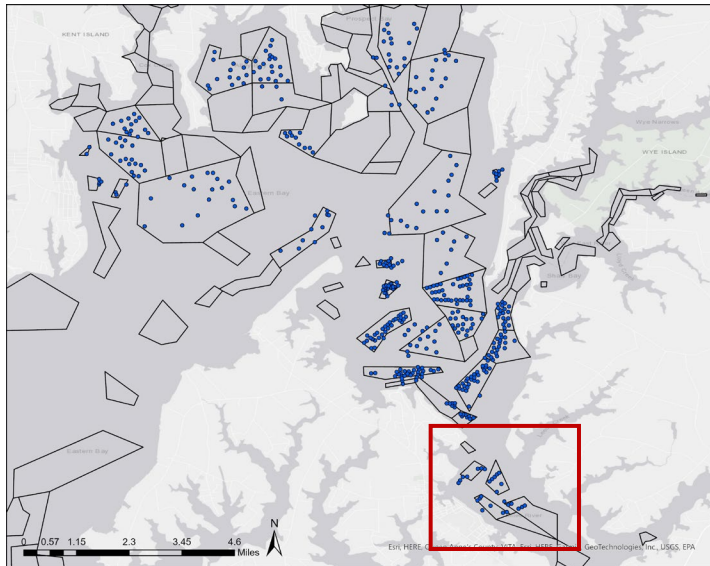
# Southern Eastern Bay/ Lower Miles River



\*Aquaculture areas identified as suitable areas, but some are not legally leasable at this time due to regulatory and statutory restrictions. Areas shown are for informational use only. For the legal boundaries, please consult Maryland statute and the Annotated Code of Maryland (COMAR 08.02).



# Upper Miles River



# Discussion Topics

- Do you agree with the proposed uses and locations from last meeting?
- Did the data collected answer the questions you had about the current state of EB bottom habitat?
- Was the iterative habitat survey design valuable? Would this be a framework for incorporating stakeholder expertise into restoration planning and monitoring (Goal A, Strategy 1E)?
- Was incorporating the discussion of results into the OCW meetings useful for developing recommendations?
- How might the habitat survey data continue to be used for future efforts?