



Chesapeake Bay Program
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September 5, 2025

Local Leadership Workgroup

Updates for LGAC

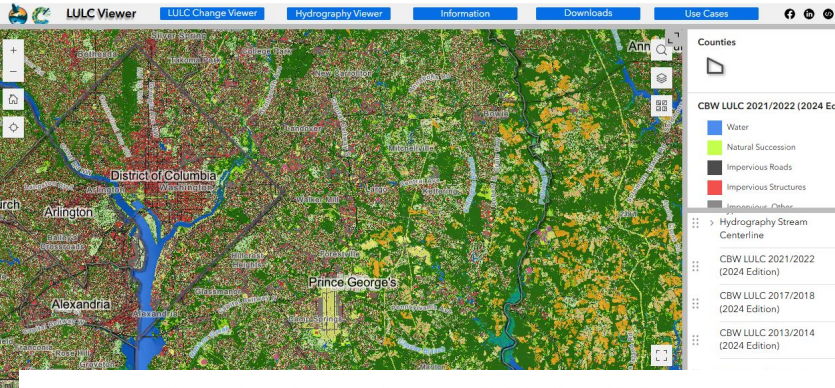
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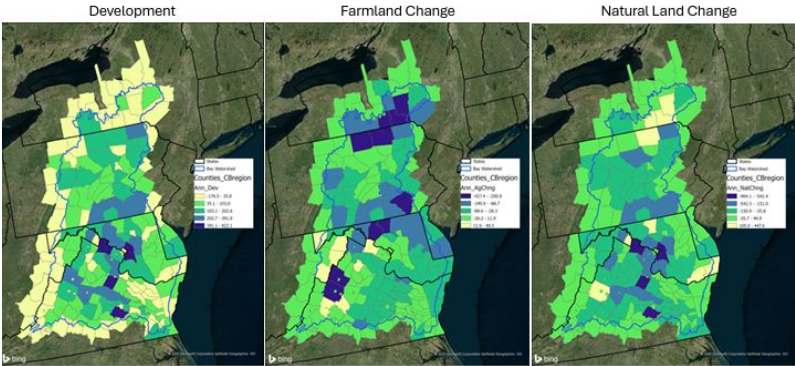
August Quarterly Meeting

Theme: *Land Use & Development: Tools and Strategies for Local Decision-Making*

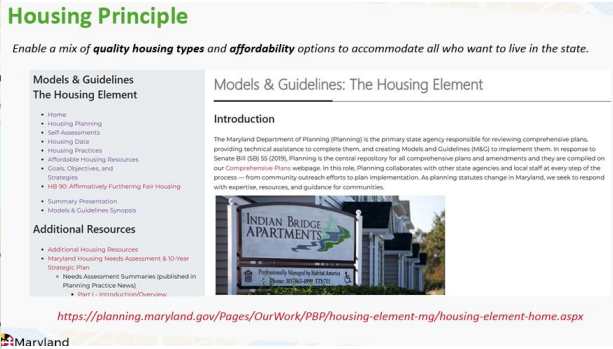
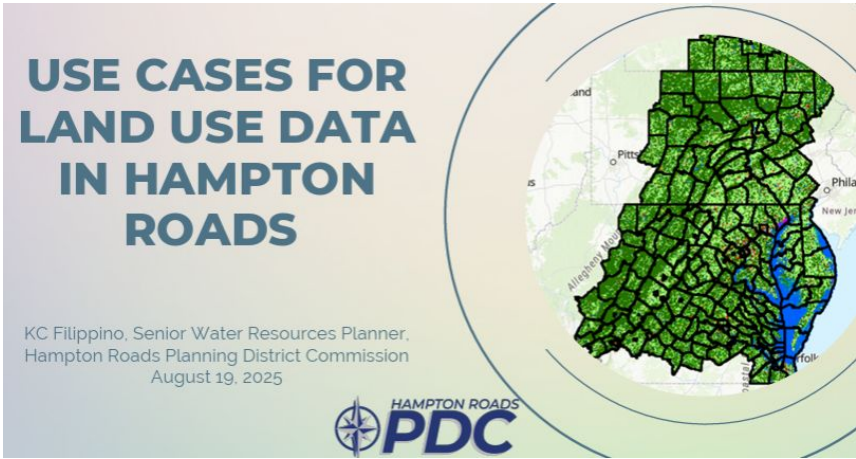
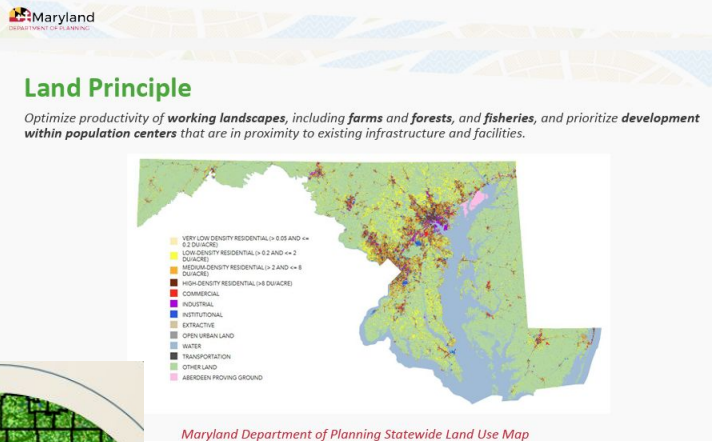
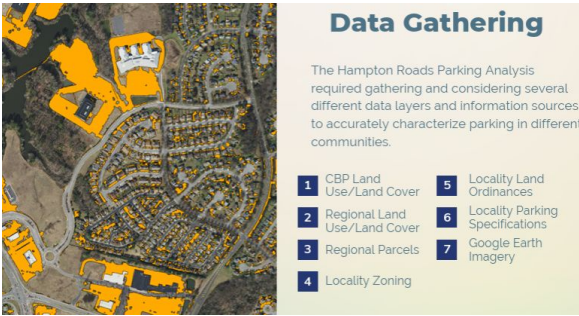
How and Where Land Use is Changing?
... and Related Stuff
Peter Claggett USGS



Where Lands have Changed (2013 – 2022)



Effective Land Use Decision Making by Local Governments Panel
Deb Sward, MD Department of Planning
KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission



August Quarterly Meeting

Facilitated Discussion

How can we effectively get land use decision-making tools, data, and resources into the hands of local governments?

Key Takeaways

- **Show value and relevance** – Tools are more likely to be adopted when they align with local priorities, save time/money, and address community needs.
- **Keep it simple** – User-friendly, affordable, and easy-to-integrate tools with clear instructions work best.
- **Support matters** – Training, guidance, and trusted messengers (peers, associations, circuit riders) help officials use tools effectively.
- **Make it accessible** – Centralized hubs, webinars, and hands-on demos ensure resources are easy to find and apply.
- **Highlight success stories** – Peer examples and case studies build confidence and show real-world benefits.
- **Connect to big goals** – Tools are most impactful when linked to planning, economic development, resilience, and balancing land use priorities.



Upcoming Peer to Peer Bus Tours in PA & MD



Exploring Pennsylvania's Waterways

September 26, 2025

*Intermunicipal Collaboration
for Clean Water*





York and Lancaster Counties



About the Event

- One-day bus tour to explore cross-jurisdictional partnerships and projects that help meet clean water goals in York and Lancaster Counties.
- Tour stops will include the Codorus Greenway, Queenswood Stream Restoration, and the Blue Green Connector.
- Engage with other local government officials to share challenges and strategies.
- There is no cost to attend through generous support from the Campbell Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Event Details

-  Friday September 26th, 2025
*9:00 am - 3:15 pm
*See exact pickup/dropoff times below
-  Lancaster Pickup/Dropoff:
[1604 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603](#)
*8:15am/3:15pm
-  York Pickup/Dropoff:
[121 N Pershing Ave, York, PA 17401](#)
*9am/4pm
-  Lunch at the John Wright Restaurant with PA DEP's Secretary Shirley (invited) and Jill Whitcomb

HOW TO REGISTER:

RSVP today with this [form](#) or the QR code:






Exploring Maryland's Waterways


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Stormwater Infrastructure That Protects, Prepares, and Pays Off for Local Communities


Join us for an immersive one-day bus tour showcasing stormwater infrastructure and management solutions in Prince George's County! Explore practical strategies, creative funding models, and real-world success stories that demonstrate how effective stormwater solutions can strengthen both the environment and the economy.

TOUR DETAILS







-  November 7th, 2025
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
-  Tour projects across Prince George's County
-  Lunch and tour free of charge



REGISTER TODAY!



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November 7, 2025

*Stormwater Infrastructure
that Protects, Prepares,
and Pays Off*

Prince George's County

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

Phase 2

- Inclusion criteria for TA programs
- Standardization of information collected
- Trusted Voices to circulate

Phase 3

- Collect inventory
- Begin gap assessment
- Identifying 3-5 case studies of success

Thank you to Phil and Amy for serving on the Steering Committee!

What's Next for the LLWG

- Local Leadership Outcome
- October Quarterly Meeting in Coordination with the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup
 - PFAs
 - Identifying key themes for 2026
- Protect Local Waterways
 - Case Study Update
- Continued engagement through trusted sources