

# Phase 7 Land Use Process

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# Completed LULC Products for a 99,000 mi<sup>2</sup> Region

Land Use and Land Use Change (62-classes, 1-meter):  
2013/14 and 2017/18 and 2021/22

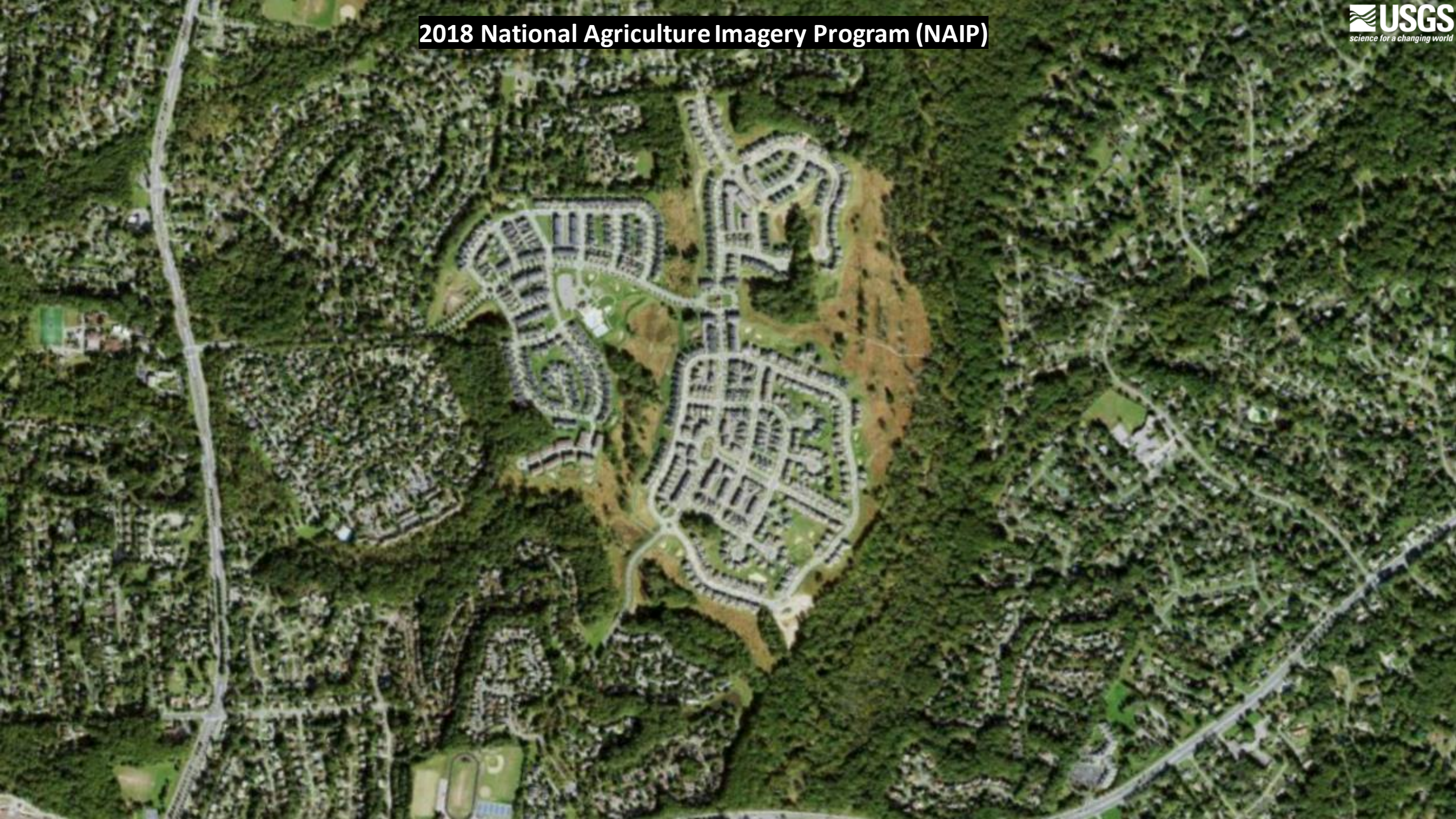
Land Use and Land Use Change (18-classes, 10-meter)

- Tabular summaries by county, NHD+ catchment (accumulated), 24K NHD catchment (accumulated)





2018 National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)





# 2018 Land Use





# 2013 Land Use





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## Phase 6 Roll-up of High-Res Land Use Classes

### 1. Impervious, Roads (1)

20 Roads

### 2. Impervious, Non-Roads (6)

21 Structures

22 Other Impervious (Parking lots, driveways)

31 Extractive Impervious

32 Solar Field Panel Arrays (?)

90 Agricultural Structures

91 Animal Operation Impervious

### 3. Tree Canopy Over Impervious (5)

23 TC over Roads

24 TC over Structures

25 TC over Other Impervious

94 TC over Agricultural Structure

95 TC over Animal Operation Impervious

### 4. Turf Grass (1)

27 Turf Grass

### 5. Tree Canopy over Turf Grass (1)

26 Tree Canopy over Turf Grass

### 6. Forest (6)

40 Forest

41 Tree Canopy, Other

53 Riverine Wetlands Tree Canopy

54 Riverine Wetlands Forest

63 Terrene Wetlands Tree Canopy

64 Terrene Wetlands Forest

### 7. Mixed Open (14)

15 Bare Shore

28 Bare Developed (reconciliation required)

30 Extractive Barren

33 Solar Field Barren

34 Solar Field Herbaceous

35 Solar Field Shrubland

36 Suspended Succession Barren

37 Suspended Succession Herbaceous

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42 Natural Succession Barren

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45 Harvested Forest Barren (not reported)

46 Harvested Forest Herbaceous (not reported)

### 8. Wetlands, Riverine Non-forested (4)

50 Riverine Wetlands Barren

51 Riverine Wetlands Herbaceous

52 Riverine Wetlands Shrubland

55 Riverine Wetlands Harvested Forest

### 9. Wetlands, Terrene Non-forested (4)

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### 10. Cropland (5)

80 Cropland Barren

81 Cropland Herbaceous

82 Orchards and Vineyards Barren

83 Orchards and Vineyards Herbaceous

84 Orchards and Vineyards Shrubland

### 11. Pasture / Hay (4)

85 Pasture/Hay Barren

86 Pasture/Hay Herbaceous

92 Animal Operation Barren

93 Animal Operation Herbaceous

### 12. Water (4)

11 Lakes & Reservoirs

12 Riverine Ponds

13 Terrene Ponds

14 Streams and Rivers (visible water)

### Water Quality Model Classes (7)

10 Tidal Waters

70 Tidal Wetlands Barren

71 Tidal Wetlands Herbaceous

72 Tidal Wetlands Shrubland

73 Tidal Wetlands Tree Canopy

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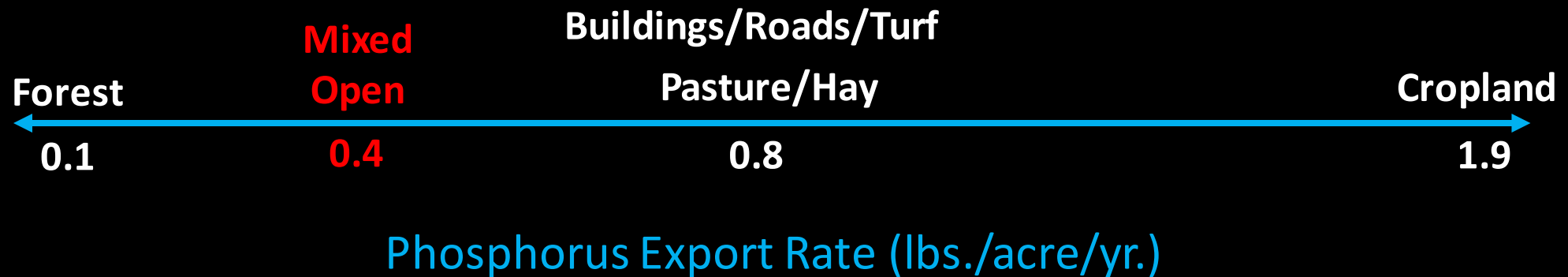
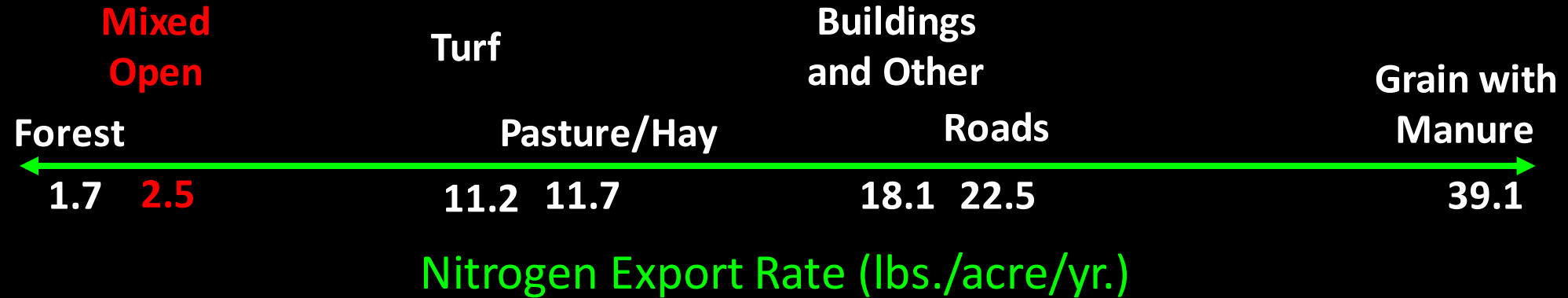
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*\* Represents assumed composition of "mixed open" based on assigned loading rates*

*\*May require reconciliation with reported acreages*

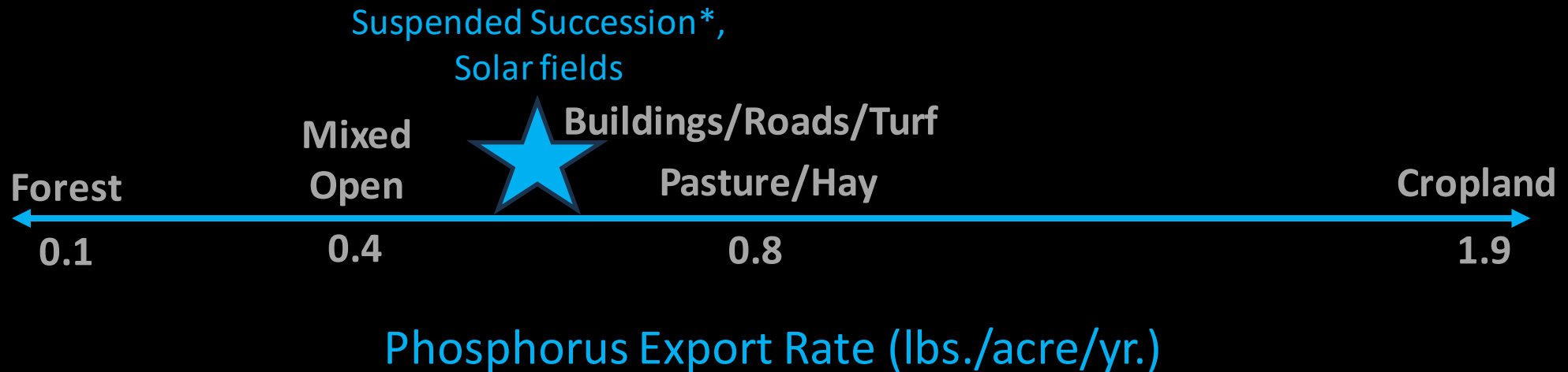
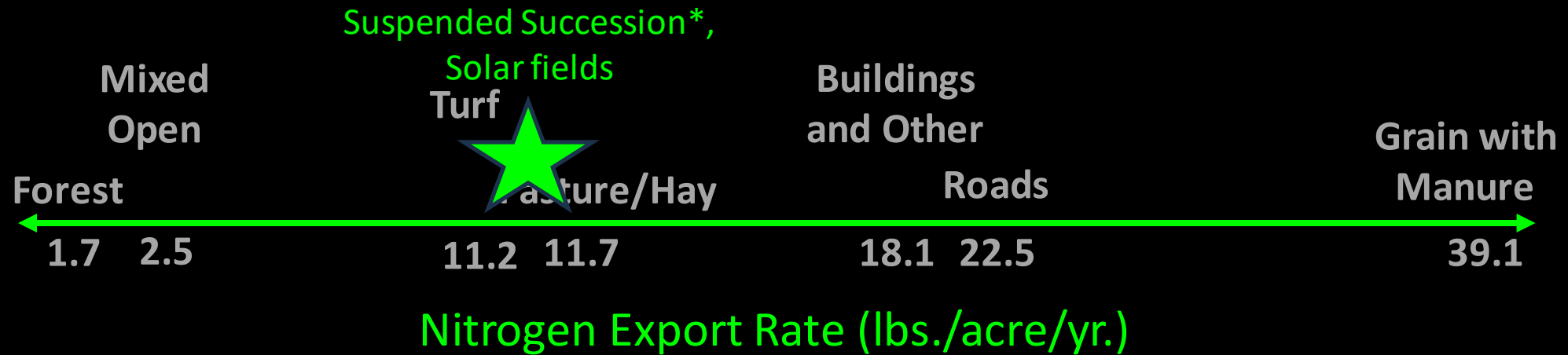


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## Potential Stormwater-relevant Phase 7 LULC Changes

- Consider a new land use class for “Developed Open Space”  
= Suspended Succession\* and Solar Pervious
- Develop new land-to-water factors
  - Feature densities by NHD catchment (e.g, ponds, channels/ditches, roads)
  - Land use connectivity to streams, e.g., “effective impervious surface”
- Reconcile mapped and backcast construction reported acreages (USWG - lead)
- Reconcile of mapped ponds with reported stormwater ponds (USWG- lead)
- Update MS4 coverages
- Update septic methodology

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## MS4 Permit and Mapping Status

DC: Latest permit 12/2023, no updated spatial layer, [Young.Tsuei@dc.gov](mailto:Young.Tsuei@dc.gov)

DE: ?

MD: next update planned for 2027, Nicole Christ, [Nicole.christ@maryland.gov](mailto:Nicole.christ@maryland.gov)

NY: latest permit 12/2023, no additional planned updates, Chiappetta, Christina M (DEC)  
[Christina.Chiappetta@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Christina.Chiappetta@dec.ny.gov)

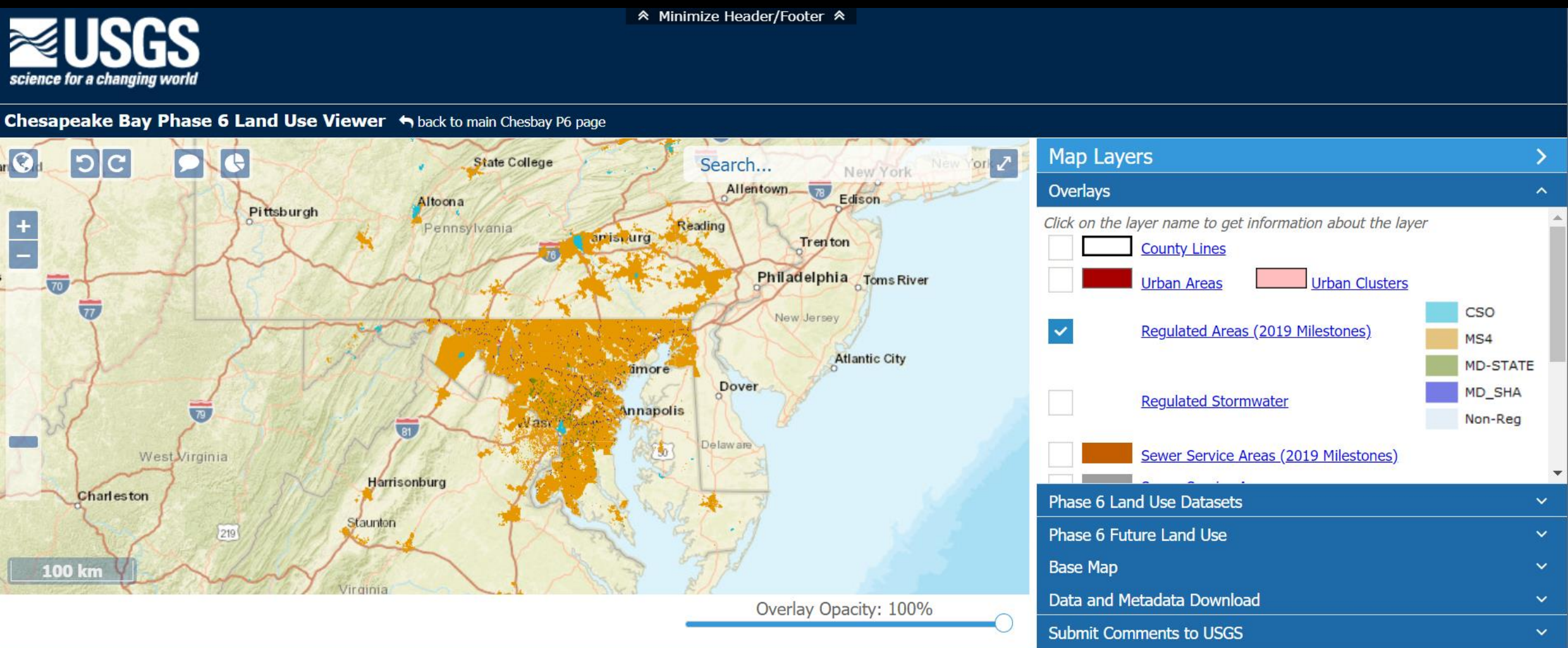
PA: general permit update in 03/2025, will rely on Census urban areas and EPA guidance for mapping, Jamie Eberl, [jeberl@pa.gov](mailto:jeberl@pa.gov)

VA: staggered permit update schedule between 01/2025 to 02/2026, Norm Goulet

WV: update to permit and mapped MS4 footprint underway, Jeff Smith,  
[samuel.g.smith@wv.gov](mailto:samuel.g.smith@wv.gov)



# Mapped MS4 and CSS Areas



<https://chesapeake.usgs.gov/phase6/map>



## Phase 6 Septic Methodology

Overlay recent (2010) housing distribution data on sewer service area footprints that were submitted to CBPO or modeled by CBPO to estimate 2010 sewer populations (within the footprint) and septic populations (outside the footprint).

Backcast population on sewer and septic in proportion to changes in county-level population.

Forecast population on sewer and septic based on patterns of future development simulated using the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model.

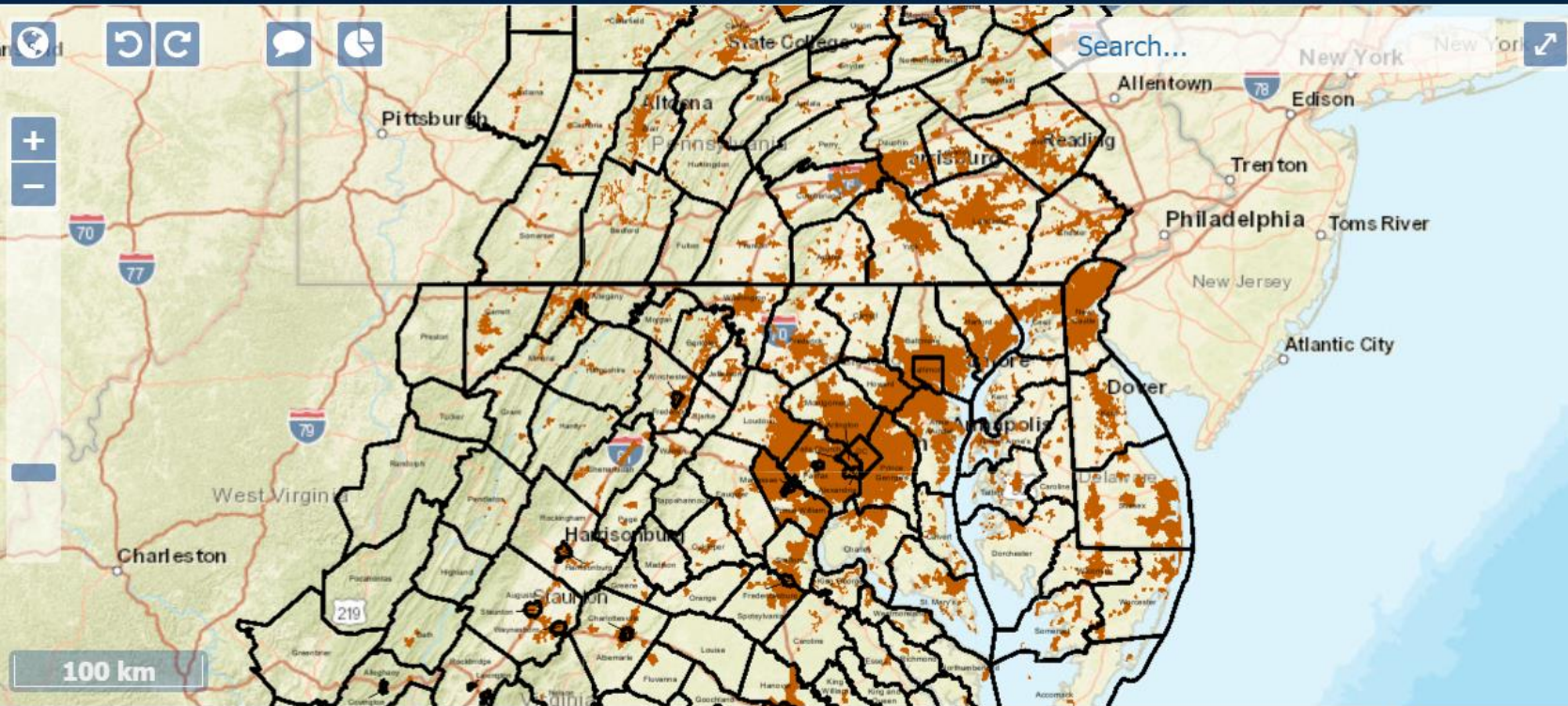


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
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## Map Layers

### Overlays

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- ☐ [Regulated Stormwater](#)
- ☒  [Sewer Service Areas \(2019 Milestones\)](#)

-  CSO
-  MS4
-  MD-STATE
-  MD\_SHA
-  Non-Reg

Phase 6 Land Use Datasets

Phase 6 Future Land Use

Base Map

Data and Metadata Download

Submit Comments to USGS

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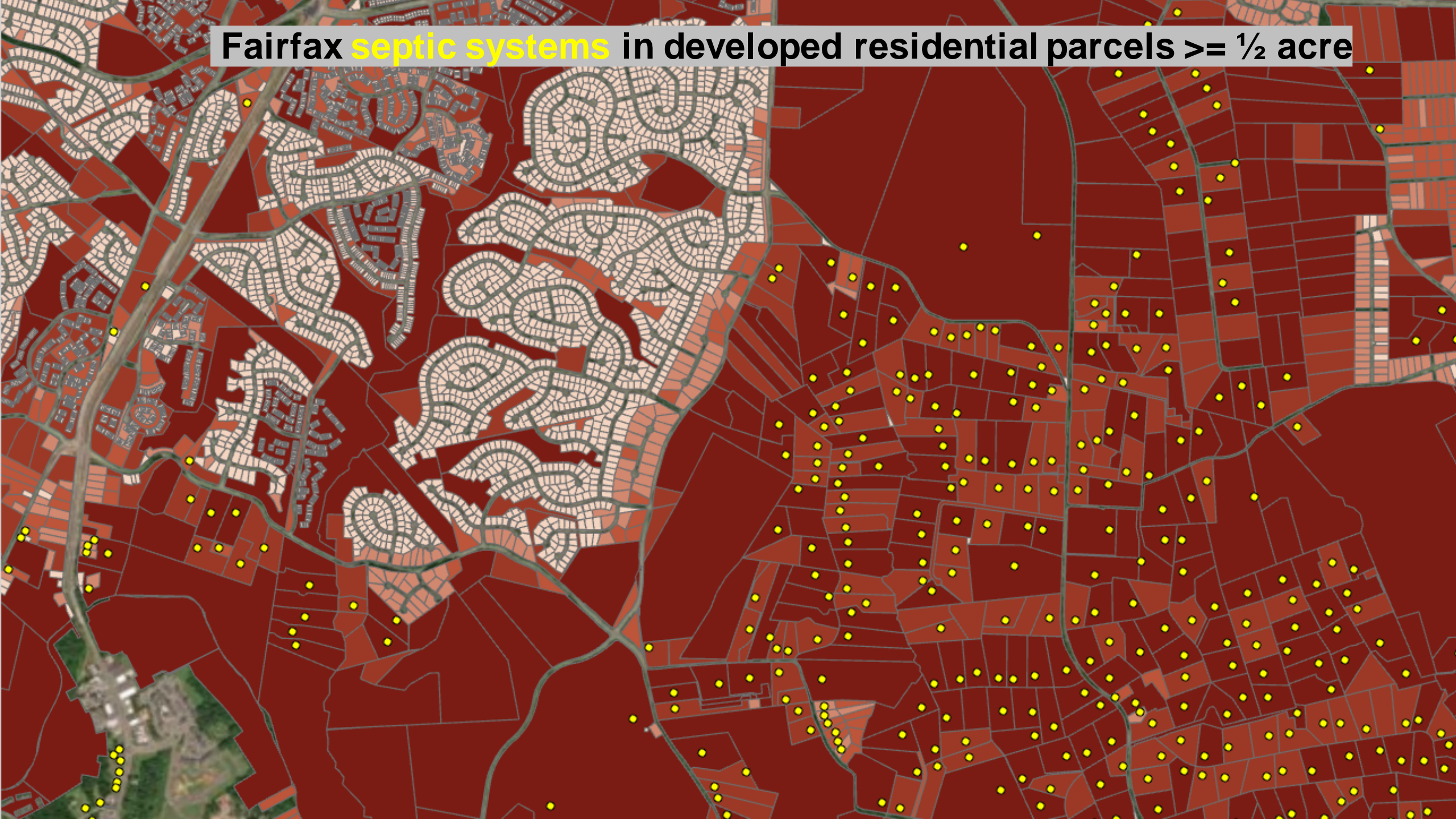
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Why change?

- 1) Comparison between estimated Phase 6 septic data and local data highlighted omission errors (there's more septic systems than we're estimating).
- 2) Limited septic system data and mapped sewer service area data were available in 2017 to evaluate the septic system estimates.
- 3) Septic systems are commonly associated with larger residential lot sizes (> 0.5 acre). Tax parcel (lot sizes) data are now available nationally.



Fairfax **septic systems** in developed residential parcels  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$  acre



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Change how?

- 1) Collect septic system and/or drain field point data from local jurisdictions.
- 2) Evaluate size, type (residential vs commercial), and development intensity thresholds applied to tax parcels to more accurately map active septic systems.



## Discussion Questions

- 1) Is the USWG interested in exploring a unique loading rate for “Developed Open Space”? Lead? Interested party?
- 2) What level of involvement does the USWG want to have regarding the development of new land-to-water factors for different land uses?
- 3) What group should oversee updates to the septic methodology for Phase 7? - LUWG, WWTWG, or USWG
- 4) How best to update sewer service areas footprints? – Post for review? Solicit most recent polygon GIS data?
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