

Compilation of Workgroup Concerns or Suggestions to CAST21 Workplan, Sept. 2020

Land Use Workgroup

John Griffin, Chesapeake Conservation Partner

- Ask Peter what can be done to strengthen or expand the Land Policy BMPs
- Include growth and land-use trends in addition to current zoning at least to be able to compare the growth trends to current zoning as we proceed. I know the PSC required the use of current zoning in the land-use change model, and while it is not realistic to get them to change this, it would still be beneficial to have the trend data presented for comparison purposes.

Wastewater Treatment Workgroup

Ping Wang, DNREC

- We are in the Wastewater Treatment Workgroup and will be involved in working on the following for Delaware:
 - The number of septic systems and their projections, related to sewer service area boundaries
- No additional input / updates on the tasks listed above, only that we're now monitoring/updating our septic permitting databases more closely and should get better/more accurate data for the program.

Watershed Technical Workgroup

Matt English, DC

- Is it safe to assume that each respective workgroup has already incorporated these deadlines into their workplans for the year, or will incorporate them shortly after approval? I would just want to make sure that every group that has data due in August, for example, has initiated the data effort to collect the necessary data several months in advance so that they can accomplish the task on time.
- My second suggestion is specifically to help those in the WTWG. During the initial plans for the release of CAST19, there was a plan to give states a few months to use both CAST17 and CAST19 to evaluate any issues. When CAST 19 was actually released around March of 2020, the plan then changed to giving the states/WTWG only about a month to review the differences in the outputs/model. It would be great to see that there is sufficient time for the states to compare the outputs of both models together incorporated within the release process you are developing. I would suggest two months for that process not to feel rushed (especially considering the fact that it may be occurring when those staff members are already very busy). Thanks!