



## Chesapeake Bay Program

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### Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting February 3rd, 2025 | 11:00am - 1:00pm

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<p><b>11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome and Announcements</b> – <i>Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)</i></p> <p>For roll call purposes, please enter your name &amp; affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</p>
<p><b>11:05 (10 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Overview of Management Board “Big Questions” Outcome Review Assignment and Timeline</b> – <i>Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)</i></p>
<p><b>11:15 (10 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome (LUMM) Presentation</u></b> – <i>Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Review the draft recommendations and Mentimeter feedback for the LUMM outcome.</p> <p><b><u>Current Draft Recommendations for the LUMM Outcome Assessment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consolidate the production of land use mapping and monitoring activities initiated by this outcome into an updated Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome.</li> <li>● Support the new CBP Land Use Strategy through the updated Healthy Watersheds outcome and revised Land Use Options Evaluation outcome.</li> <li>● Formally integrate land use mapping, monitoring, and derived metrics into the management strategies of relevant outcomes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:25 (10 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome (LUMM) Discussion and Vote</u></b> – <i>Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) and Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)</i></p> <p>This time will focus on discussing, and workshopping if needed, the draft LUMM outcome assessment.</p> <p>State and federal representatives, along with other partners and interested parties, will be asked to provide their thoughts and feedback during the discussion.</p>

	<p>At the end of the discussion, jurisdictional leads will be asked to vote on the proposed outcome.</p>
<p><b>11:30 (10 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome (LUOE) Presentation</u></b> – <i>Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Review the draft recommendations and Mentimeter feedback for the LUOE outcome.</p> <p><b><u>Current Draft Recommendations for the LUOE Outcome Assessment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update the outcome language as: “Develop and provide actionable science and data relevant to land use decisions and local environmental concerns to organizations engaged in those issues and decisions. When additional measures are needed to protect sensitive resources, develop and implement state-level policies and programs relevant to land use decisions.”</li> <li>● Rename the outcome (pending feedback on the name).</li> <li>● Consolidate land use mapping and monitoring activities under this outcome.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:40 (20 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome (LUOE) Discussion and Vote</u></b> – <i>Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) and Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)</i></p> <p>This time will focus on discussing, and workshopping if needed, the draft LUOE outcome assessment.</p> <p>State and federal representatives, along with other partners and interested parties, will be asked to provide their thoughts and feedback during the discussion.</p> <p>At the end of the discussion, jurisdictional leads will be asked to vote on the proposed outcome.</p>
<p><b>12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b> (5 minutes)</p>
<p><b>12:05 (10 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Healthy Watersheds Outcome (HW) Presentation</u></b> – <i>Jeff Lerner, USGS (HWGIT Chair), Debbie Herr Cornwell, MDP (HWGIT Vice-Chair), Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator)</i> (45 min.)</p> <p>Review the draft recommendations and Mentimeter feedback for the HW outcome.</p> <p><b><u>Current Draft Recommendations for the Healthy Watersheds Outcome Assessment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To better align watershed health with stream health update outcome as: “Maintain landscape integrity, watershed processes and conditions contributing to healthy aquatic ecosystems.”</li> <li>● To ensure that the Healthy Watersheds Goal is consistent and supportive of the new outcome, recommend to the Principals Staff Committee to update the goal</li> </ul>

	<p>as: “Protect and sustain healthy waters and watersheds recognized for their high quality defined by ecological, socioeconomic, and/or cultural values” and to update the topic as “Watershed Health” in place of “Healthy Watersheds”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establish both short-term (5-year) and long-term (20-year) targets for building local capacity and for protecting, maintaining and improving watershed health</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:15 (45 min)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Healthy Watersheds Outcome - Discussion and Vote</u></b> – <i>Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) and Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)</i></p> <p>This time will focus on discussing, and workshopping if needed, the draft HW outcome assessment.</p> <p>State and federal representatives, along with other partners and interested parties, will be asked to provide their thoughts and feedback during the discussion.</p> <p>At the end of the discussion, jurisdictional leads will be asked to vote on the proposed outcome.</p>
<p><b>1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><i>NEXT HWGIT MEETING: Monday, April 14th (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)</i></p>