







## 1-meter LULC Data Project Update: 2024 ed. preliminary results + stakeholder review

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## Tree Canopy Updates: Developed Areas





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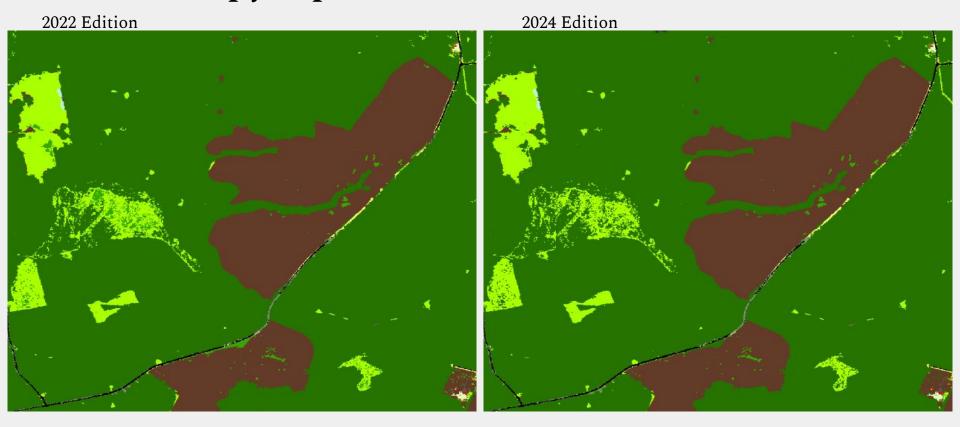






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## Tree Canopy Updates: Forested Areas



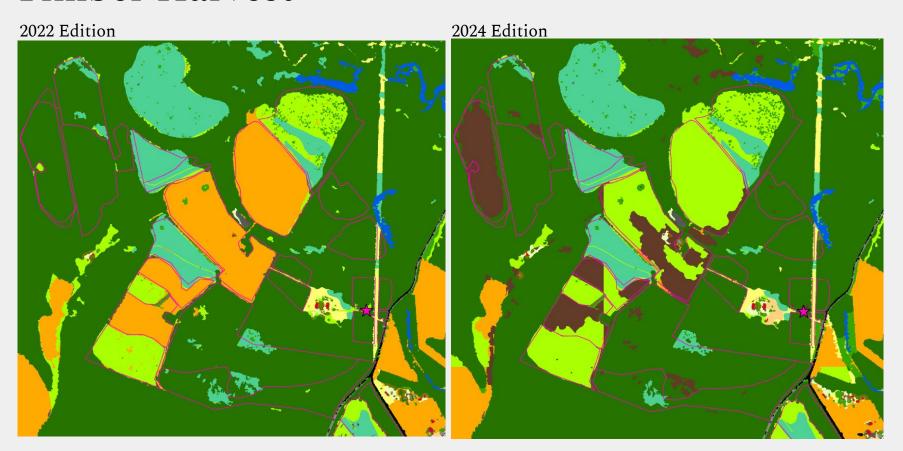
# Tree Canopy Rule change effects: Gloucester, VA 2018 Comparison



Tree Canopy Class	2024 Edition (Acres)	2022 Edition (Acres)	Difference
Forest (FORE)	87,783	87,023	760
Tree Canopy, Other (TCOT)	4,126	1,366	2,760
Tree Canopy over Turf Grass (TCTG)	2,410	5,930	(3,520)
Total	94,319	94,319	(0)

## Timber Harvest







## NLCD replaced by CDL



- National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) replaced by the Cropland Data Layer (CDL) for mapping Pasture and Hay
- NLCD is still used to track change
- CDL best practices recommend aggregating the CDL over time, the LULC model averages 3 years centered on the NAIP acquisition year

CDL performs well for the separation of Cropland versus

Pasture/Hay

LandUse	2022e	2024e	Difference
Cropland	115	626	510.9
Natural Succession	1891	812	1079.23
Pasture and Hay	59	649	589.88
Suspended Succession	381	32	349.59
Turf	476.41	102	373.94

#### T3 NAIP



2021 NLCD



2022 ed. LULC



T3 CDL



2024 ed. LULC



Cropland

Pasture/Hay

Turf

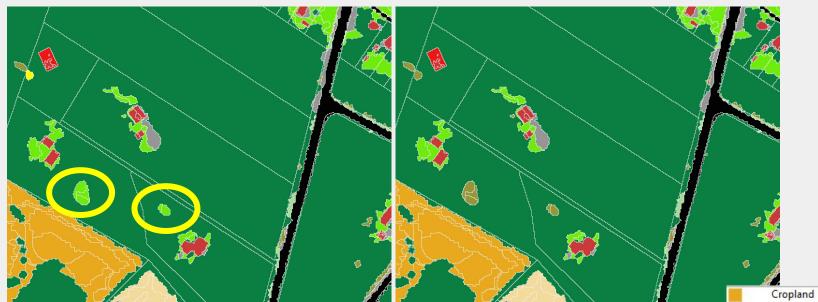
Natural Succession





## Adjacency Fill

- The Adjacency fill method is replacing the previous Majority fill functionality
- Both methods are used to assign Land Use to segments that lack ancillary data
- The Majority fill method relied on parcel attributes
  - Was error prone due to the variability of the relationships between parcels and segments
  - Over Classified turf, especially in large forested residential parcels
- The Adjacency fill method assigns LU based on the attributes and context of the surrounding segments



Chesapeake Bay Program

2022 ed. LULC

2024 ed. LULC

Rule: 4m < (Low veg) >200m in area & shares border > 50% TC

Natural Succession
Other Impervious
Pasture and Hay
Roads
Structures
Suspended Succession
Tree Canopy
Tree Canopy Over Other Impervious
Tree Canopy Over Roads
Tree Canopy Over Structures
Turf

Water

Chesapeake Bay Land Use/Cover Classification (2024 edition, 56 planned)				
Water and Water Margins	<u>Forest</u>	Agriculture		
10 Tidal Waters Lentic  11 Lakes & Reservoirs 12 Riverine Ponds 13 Terrene Ponds Lotic 14 Streams and Rivers Water Margins 15 Bare Shore	Tree Canopy 40 Forest 41 Tree Canopy O Open Space (temporary) 42 Natural Succes 43 Natural Succes 44 Natural Succes 45 Harvested Fore 46 Harvested Fore	Productive Lands  80 Cropland Barren  81 Cropland Herbaceous 82 Orchards and Vineyards Barren 83 Orchards and Vineyards Herbaceous 85 Orchards and Vineyards Herbaceous 86 Orchards and Vineyards Shrubland 87 Pasture and Hay Barren 88 Pasture and Hay Herbaceous		
Development Impervious  20 Roads 21 Structures 22 Other Impervious (Parking lots, driv 23 TC over Roads 24 TC over Structures	54 Riverine Wetlar	nds Herbaceous nds Shrubland nds Tree Canopy  91 Animal Operation Impervious 92 Animal Operation Barren 93 Animal Operation Herbaceous		

Terrene

Tidal

60 Terrene Wetlands Barren 61 Terrene Wetlands Herbaceous

62 Terrene Wetlands Shrubland

63 Terrene Wetlands Tree Canopy

64 Terrene Wetlands Forest

65 Terrene Wetlands Harvested Forest

Pervious

26 Tree Canopy over Turf Grass

32 Solar Field Panel Arrays (impervious)

25 TC over Other Impervious

31 Extractive Impervious

27 Turf Grass

28 Bare Developed

30 Extractive Barren

33 Solar Field Barren

34 Solar Field Herbaceous

35 Solar Field Shrubland

36 Suspended Succession Barren

37 Suspended Succession Herbaceous 38 Suspended Succession Shrubland

70 Tidal Wetlands Barren

71 Tidal Wetlands Herbaceous

72 Tidal Wetlands Shrubland

73 Tidal Wetlands Tree Canopy 74 Tidal Wetlands Forest

75 Tidal Wetlands Harvested Forest

\*are being mapped and identified, but are not currently intended for integrating into the final classification



# 1-meter Land Use/Land Cover Data Project Updated timeline - 2024 edition



### Finalizing LC product and conversion to LULC

Due to NAIP delivery delays, inconsistent input data, and the tragic loss of Jarlath
O'Neil-Dunne, LC production has been delayed. As such, we have extended the project timeline by 3 months.

## Stakeholder Review (4 weeks)

By the beginning of July, the 2024 edition preliminary data will be available for review in an online application, nearly identical to the application for the 2022 edition review.

#### Public Data Release

Complete final production, compile metadata and complete model documentation, package data for delivery



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# Questions? Feedback?