



Protected Lands Workgroup

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Topic 2

PLWG Actions Review

We are looking for feedback from each of the states and federal partners regarding the targets within the logic and action plan.

- Please share any current programs or initiatives that are taking place in your state/organization.

Management Approach 1: Accelerate protection of lands in accordance with current science through collaboration across sectors to align all partners and resources needed to meet and exceed the Outcome target, working toward protecting 30% of the watershed by 2030 (an additional 2.4 million acres above the 2025 Outcome target).

1.3 Align with climate change efforts, in concert with the 2021 Chesapeake Executive Council's Climate Directive. Provide guidance to the conservation community to prioritize protecting/conserving areas needed to support biological and community resiliency.

1.3.a. Advance the protected lands work outlined in the Directive, which states "Prioritize achieving our outcomes to conserve and restore wetlands, forest buffers and urban tree canopies for both increased resilience to climate impacts and to assist in meeting national goals for achieving 30% of lands and waters conserved by 2030."

Maryland: Add your response here.

Virginia: Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is coordinating implementation of the Virginia Wetlands Action Plan, which includes protection and restoration of wetlands habitat. Establishing an interagency workgroup to prioritize activities.

West Virginia: Add your response here.

Delaware: Add your response here.

District of Columbia: Add your response here.

Topic 3

Tracking and Reporting

Chesapeake Progress

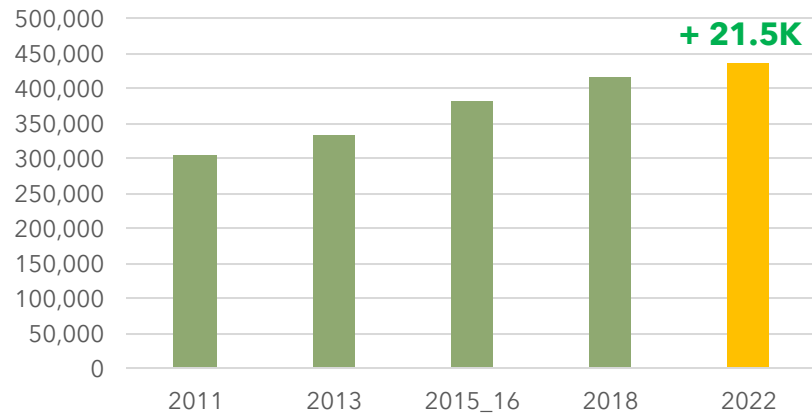
The Chesapeake Bay Program is committed to tracking our progress toward the goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The accurate, up-to-date and accessible information found here helps oversight groups hold us accountable for our work.

Protected Lands Indicator – Progress Update

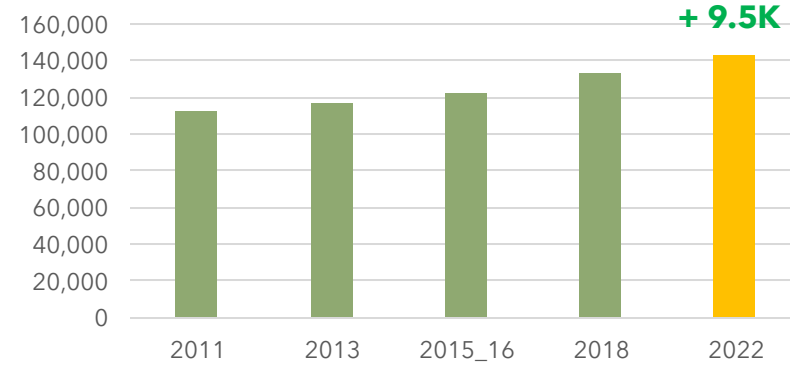
- Total goal of 2,000,000 additional acres with a total reporting number of 1,307,876 as of 2022 (about 65% toward the goal)
- Represents approximately 22% of the watershed

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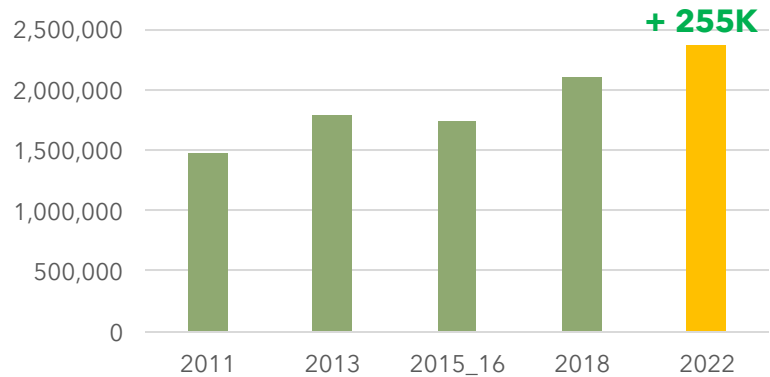
Local Government Land



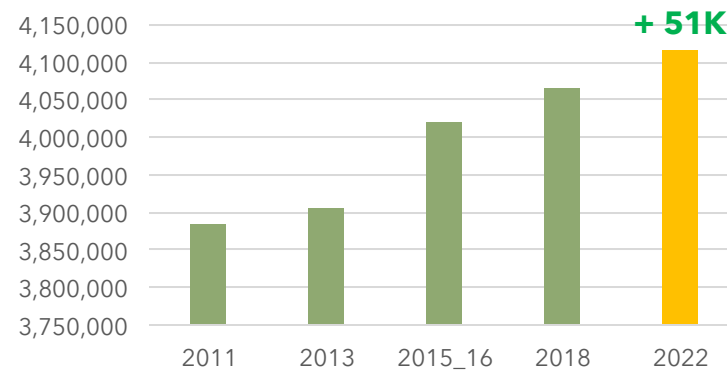
Non-Governmental Organization Land



Private Land



State Land



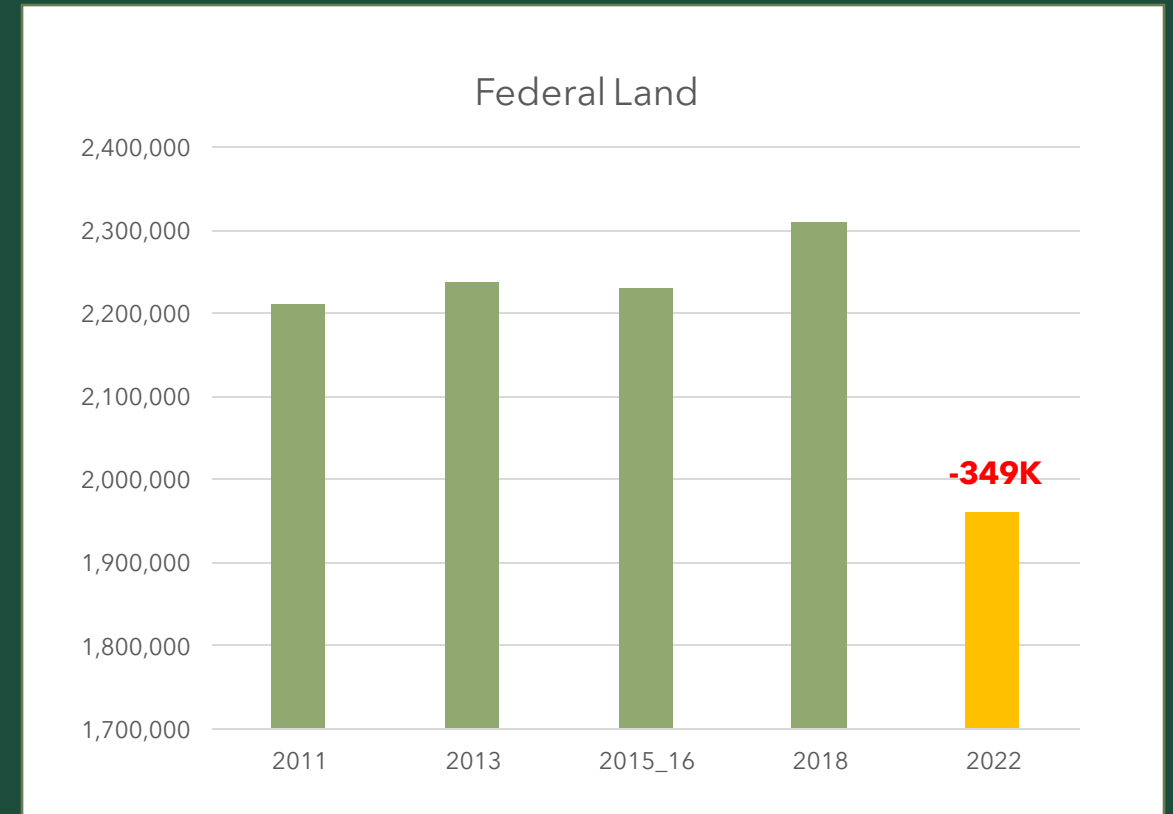
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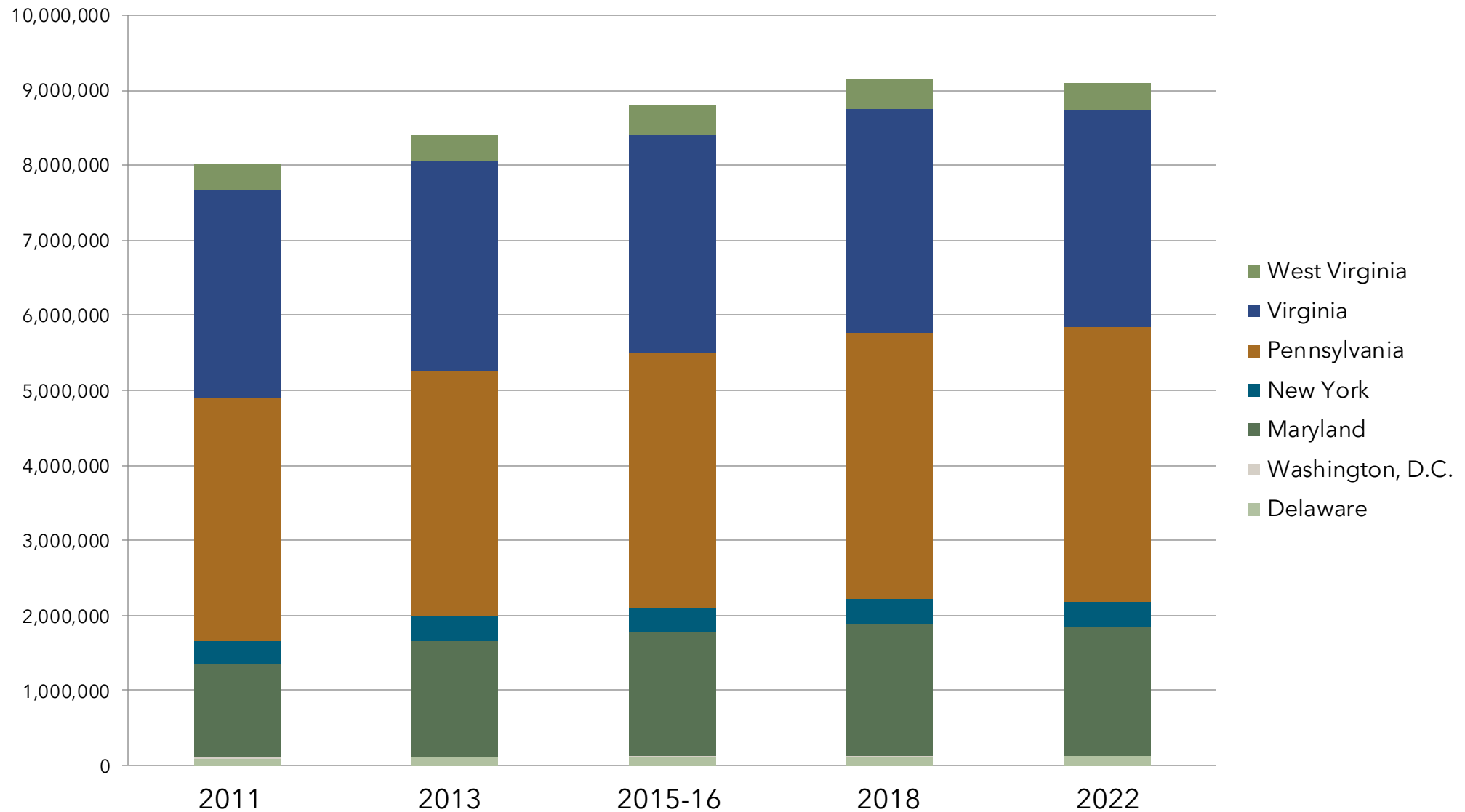
Tracking and Reporting

Why has the amount of “protected lands” decreased?

- Improvements to **Federal footprint** based on PAD-US
 - Clean up of DoD lands
 - Removal of inholdings
 - Removal of reservoirs
 - Federal lands not managed for conservation purposes



Acres of Protected Land in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed - by Jurisdiction



Acres of Protected Land in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed - by Ownership Type					
Ownership Type	2011	2013	2015_16	2018	2022
Federal Land	2,211,921	2,237,785	2,229,686	2,309,248	1,960,725
Local Government Land	305,345	333,656	382,052	415,605	437,133
Non-Governmental Organization Land	112,621	116,933	122,400	133,826	143,353
Private Land	1,472,306	1,782,961	1,738,404	2,105,727	2,360,957
State Land	3,885,323	3,904,934	4,019,599	4,065,638	4,116,835
Joint Ownership Land					60,245
Native American Land					2,327
Other	25,616	32,807	312,436	128,412	26,301
Watershed-Wide Progress Since Previous Tracking Year	NA	395,944	395,501	353,879	-50,580
Watershed-Wide Cumulative Total Acres Protected	8,013,132	8,409,076	8,804,577	9,158,456	9,107,876

Topic 3

Tracking and Reporting

Current Method for Data Collection

What is working well with current method?

Continue to improve methodology for more accurate accounting

What are some current obstacles?

- Increased accuracy can lead to counterintuitive results
- Attempts to streamline information collection process only partly successful
- Perceived duplication of effort with PAD-US

Potential to address obstacles or improve efficiency:

- GIS Action Team to address consistency and reporting needs
- State data stewards take ownership of state land protection reporting
- Strategic Plan to address improvements and integration, with input from Action Team and PLWG
- Potential for improved efficiency in reporting through PAD-US collaboration
- Rely on existing published workflows for easements, other protected lands

Topic 4

Future Data Collection

Building a relationship with state GIS contacts:

- Creation of a GIS action team to focus on improvements, refinements, and opportunities
- Establishing state-specific linkages between PLWG members and State Data Stewards
- Ensuring a consistent data schema that will achieve the goals of CBP and PAD-US



Current Protected Lands Contacts

Delaware

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
Kerri Batrowny, DE State Parks	Michael Krumrine, DE State Parks	Lori Brown, DNREC

DC

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
Damien Osi, DOEE	None	Young Tsuei, DOEE
		George Onyullo, DOEE

Maryland

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
Sarah Coleman, MDNR	Lisa Lowe, DoIT	Ellen Mussam, MDP
Cheryl Wise, MDNR		Deborah Sward, MDP
		Kevin Coyne, MDNR

Current Protected Lands Contacts

New York

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
None	Emily Cheadle, NYNHP	Emily Cheadle, NYNHP
		Cassie Davis, DEC

Pennsylvania

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
Ashley Rebert, PA DCNR	Irina Beal, We Conserve PA	Irina Beal, We Conserve PA

Virginia

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
Becky Gwynn, VA DWR	David Boyd, VA NHP	David Boyd, VA NHP

Current Protected Lands Contacts

West Virginia

PLWG Rep	PADUS Data Steward	CBP Protected Lands Primary
John Rowe, WV Dept of Forestry	Kurt Donaldson, WVU	Mindy Neil, WV DEP
Ashdine Berdine, WV Land Trust		
Alexander Silvis, WV DNR		

Topic 4

Future Data Collection

Developing a communication process between this workgroup and the action team:

- Identify next steps leading up to MB meeting (*concurrent with this is posting updated data to Chesapeake Progress and updating new Protected Lands dashboard*)
 - June 15 - Finalize Data
 - June 28 - PLWG
 - July 20 or 27 - STAR Dry Run (Healthy Watersheds SRS Cohort)
 - August 10 - Management Board
 - December - strategic plan for future tracking of land protection in Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Include reference to Action Team in L&A Plan
- Periodic updates to PLWG from Action Team



Topic 5

Closeout

Planning for our next meeting:

- Meeting schedule has been updated
- Connecting with GIS/Data members
- Next SRS steps

