

# **Chesapeake Bay Program Land Use Workgroup Meeting**

September 16, 2013  
10:00AM-3:00PM

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Annapolis Field Office Conference Room  
Annapolis, Maryland

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## **ACTIONS AND DECISIONS**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Karl Berger, co-chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed participants both in person and on the conference line.

#### **2. Forecasting in Delaware**

- Carol Bason presented an overview of forecasting methodology ([Presentation link](#)).

#### **3. COG Regional Forecasting Methodology**

- Paul DesJardin and Greg Goodwin presented Washington Metropolitan COG's method of forecasting population, employment and housing ([COG link](#)).
- Peter Claggett: Have used these forecasts in the past, to estimate population in the COG region. Use MD and VA numbers for areas outside the COG region.
- Baltimore Metro Council has a similar forecasting process, three jurisdictions are overlapping. COG uses BMC estimates for this overlap.
- Claggett: Are the reasons for population change explored?
  - i. COG focuses more on housing and employment than on population. Population is derivative of housing population.

#### **4. Forecasting in Maryland**

- Stephanie Martins, MDP, presented the Maryland Department of Planning approach to forecasting. ([Stephanie's presentation](#)).
- Pat Buckley: PA is in support of using the most current land use rather than a 2025 projection. PA does not currently have a projection method, another state's method may not be applicable to PA.

#### **5. CBPO Forecasting**

- Peter Claggett and Renee Thompson, USGS, presented the CBPO methodology for forecasting and measuring infill (Peter's link/no Renee link).
- Determining the trend between housing density and land area, could be done at the state level, with unique trends based on each state's data.

## **6. Agricultural Forecasting**

- Jim Baird, American Farmland Trust, gave an overview of the proposed agricultural forecasting subcommittee, which will convene pending approval by the Water Quality Goal Team.
- Berger: Potential intersection with this group's responsibilities, in terms of ag land use acres, request coordination between the groups.
  - i. Resistance to development...
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## **7. Discussion and Next Steps**

- Karl Berger led a discussion of upcoming meeting topics.
- Request that members weigh in on forecasting methodology with their recommendations.
- Request that Peter summarize the suggested principles for the acceptance of forecasted or any land use within the partnership.
- October meeting will include overview of local data collected and next steps in crosswalk.
- At the next few meetings will return to previously identified LUWG topics of focus.
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## **Adjourned**

### **Upcoming Conference Calls:**

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00PM

December TBD

### **Participants**

Norm Goulet, Northern VA Regional Commission

Steve Stewart, Baltimore County

Renee Thompson, USGS/CBPO

David Newburn, UMD

Peter Claggett, USGS/CBPO

Bryan Bloch, DNREC

Jennifer Walls, DE

Ed Lewandowski, DE

Stephanie Martins, MDP

Dana York, MDA

Pat Buckley, PA DEP

Ted Tesler, PA DEP

Dan Baldwin, MDP

Megan Grose, WV

Darold Burdick, Fairfax County

James Davis-Martin, DEQ

Sarah Stewart

Sally Claggett, USFS

Nita Sylvester, EPA

Jeff Sweeney, EPA

Jim Baird, American Farmland Trust

Emma Giese, CRC