

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM LAND USE WORKGROUP MEETING

Conference Call Minutes

August 19, 2013

10:00AM-12:00PM

ACTION ITEMS & DECISIONS

ACTION: Jeff Sweeney will send the 2013 progress run and 2015 milestone schedule and deadlines to the Land Use Workgroup members.

ACTION: September meeting presenters will confirm their participation with Peter Claggett by the end of this week.

ACTION: LUWG members will be asked to provide their availability for the fall 2013 meeting schedule through a poll sent out this week by Emma.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jenny Tribo, LUWG Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the call and confirmed call participants.

2. Short and Long Term Land Use Forecasting

- Peter Claggett, LUWG Coordinator, introduced short and long term forecasting, which will be discussed in greater depth at the face to face September meeting.
- In April 2014, the land use data for milestone forecasts, as well as to 2025, will be updated to include population projections, new land cover data and local land use data.
- MD: When projections are provided on September 3rd, will jurisdictions have opportunity to comment on them?
 - Claggett: Yes.
- Claggett: Forecasting is used within the partnership to project into the future for milestones and WIPs.
- Berger: Local land use data submitted by the jurisdictions is one of the datasets that will be used to help inform these projections. Local land use information will still be accepted after April 2014.
 - Claggett: Local data will be accepted through spring of 2015.
- PA: Given that the population trends in higher population counties in PA does not represent PA as a whole, how will the local data be used?
 - Claggett: US Census data at the county level is used to model population.
- Claggett: At the September meeting, will present overall approach, how it is evolving, key assumptions and what they are based on, and how the model has been used to date. MDP and WashCOG are invited to present their approaches to forecasting as well as anyone else who would have something to add.
 - MDP: MDP is willing to present their model and analysis.
 - Berger: Land use planning group at COG is willing to present. COG forecasts population and jobs, but not land use.
 - DE: Currently using projections for municipal development, in future intend to use projections for statewide data. Will check with colleagues for more information.

- Berger: With these presentations, seeking forecasting assumptions to compare current methodology with other approaches.
- MDP: Request outline for process of milestone forecasts be presented at the September meeting?
 - Claggett: Will request a response to this question.
 - Sweeney: Probably worth a discussion at the next milestone call. Final approval from the jurisdictions must be received by Oct 10.
 - Berger: Request this schedule be provided to the Land Use Workgroup members.
 - Sweeney: Will send schedule to the group with information for the progress run and 2015 milestones.

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3. Status of Local Land Use Data Collection Efforts

- Emma Giese, Land Use Workgroup Staffer, provided an update on the status of local land use data collected to date.
- MD: Still in the process of compiling county data, expecting to complete the process in September.

4. Workgroup Updates and Future Meeting Topics

- Berger: A new Chesapeake Bay Agreement is currently being developed. Land use may be included as an outcome in the final agreement. If a land use outcome were included, LUWG may be requested to assist in developing a metric for, and monitoring and assessing the outcome.
- PA: What type of metric may be used to assess a land use outcome?
 - Claggett: A land use outcome relating to conserving resource lands, or preventing loss of resource lands, is what is being discussed in order to maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay. One metric would be to directly track forest and farmland loss, which is difficult to measure with remote sensing. If relying on Census of Agriculture, would only be able to track every 5 years. Annualized impervious surface data sets might be able to help track. Annual housing and population survey could be used. However urban development does not directly relate to resource land use, however could take into account redevelopment to get at resource land loss.
- Berger: The Land Use Workgroup face to face meeting is September 16th at USFWS in Annapolis.
- Berger: LUWG members will be asked to provide their preferences for the fall 2013 meeting schedule through a poll. December 16th in person meeting may be re-scheduled to Dec. 17.

ACTION: LUWG members will be asked to provide their availability for the fall 2013 meeting schedule through a poll sent out this week by Emma.

Adjourned

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 26 10:00AM-3:00PM

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Field Office in Annapolis

Participants

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