

## CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM LAND USE WORKGROUP

### Meeting Minutes

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:00AM – 11:00AM

**Meeting Materials:** [link](#)

### Actions and Decisions:

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### Welcome, Roll Call, Review of minutes, Action Item Update – P. Claggett, USGS

The LUWG approved the meeting minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup> conference call.

- Peter noted that the LiDAR data map will be updated on quarterly basis.
- Peter is drafting a document on how to credit in the Phase 6 model. It is under EPA review.
- Peter presented to WQGIT on Monday. Conservation through land policy should be described in the Phase III WIPs. No requirement to report conservation or planning in progress input decks. To report progress there is a narrative section where jurisdictions can describe what they are doing beyond structural BMPs.
- **ACTION:** Peter will send out draft “Accounting for Growth Expectations for the Phase III WIPs” document describing PSC decisions, expectations, and how jurisdictions can report land policy BMPs.
- Mary Gattis noted that the document clarified a lot of questions. She would be happy to present to LGAC and see if they can review before taking it to the Management Board.

### Land Use Methods and Metrics Outcome – P. Claggett, USGS and R. Thompson, USGS

Results from SRS review of the Land Use Methods and Metrics Outcome and its relationship to the Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome. Revisions to the management strategies and workplans for these two outcomes will be ongoing through February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (final draft due date).

- Jurisdictions noted that they do not have the capacity to update jurisdictional datasets, besides MD. The EPA Region 3 GIS team may be a potential solution.
- Norm Goulet noted that VA DEQ does not have the staff to do these updates.
  - Peter Claggett: We heard that at the Management Board meeting as well and if EPA as regulator and delegator doesn’t make changes, this request won’t be completed. if they don’t make changes, this request won’t be made.

- Norm Goulet: I agree, the reality is that VA doesn't hire the staff for it. Without Bay Program taking the lead I'm worried a lot would get through the cracks or not get done.
- Peter Claggett: Hopefully EPA Region 3 can step up and provide geospatial support or we can get assistance through a contract. The Bay Program has to address this outcome and can't be sidetracked if we want this to come to fruition.
- Renee Thompson: As a result of those requests, GIT 6 agreed to partner action that Peter would draft a document outlining needs for data sets and lessons learned. This may articulate this better to the states and can help identify a plan moving forward.
- **ACTION:** Peter will draft a document outlining needs for data sets and lessons learned to be ready for the January Management Board Meeting.
- Peter noted that the workplan has been edited. For Management Approach 1: added conservancy and UVT actions, characterizing change. For Management Approach 2: understanding the impacts of those.
- The methods and metrics outcome develops the data to take to local governments to communicate what is happening and why it matters. The options and evaluations outcome is if you don't like what's happening or what could happen, here are tools you can use to adapt your management.
- **ACTION:** Review the workplan and respond directly to Peter with comments, questions, and edits until February 6<sup>th</sup> when we will officially approve the updates.
- LeAnn King noted that some dates you have here are a bit different than what we've been discussing at the Chesapeake Conservancy. We have some concerns about meeting deadlines due to data availability that we'll have to discuss.

#### Update on High Resolution Land Cover – R. Soobitsky, Chesapeake Conservancy

Update on Objective #1 of the EPA GeoSpatial Award to the Chesapeake Conservancy: re-mapping high-resolution land cover and land use.

- Hotspot land cover update (at least 2 updates; 2013-2014 and 2017-2018) and perhaps another 2021-2022.
- Mark Symborski: Who have you been in touch with in Montgomery County?
  - Rachel Soobitsky noted that she did not think she received a response.
  - Mark Symborski: If you contacted someone from the Dept. of Env Protection, they may not have access to the planning department. I can send you some contact information.
- Norm Goulet noted that in VA, there's not much structure with GIS and planning. I recommend getting in touch with James Davis-Martin to set up webinars. We can talk offline.
- Peter Claggett asked if Sebastian had a contact for WV, Mineral County.
  - Sebastian Donner: Zoning in WV doesn't match up with the Bay Program. We are trying to create a single file that includes everything. I can send you contact information offline. Ted Thompson is a good contact for outside of the eastern panhandle.

- Mary Gattis: Matt Pennington may be a good contact I can send you as well.
- Peter Claggett: How has parcel data been?
  - Rachel Soobitsky: they do have all WV parcel data online, and it's relatively updated.

Planning Next Meeting, News, Updates – K. Berger, MWCOG

2019 quarterly meeting schedule, and meeting wrap up.

- Quarterly face-to face starting in March.
- We will have a February call on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to finalize methods and metrics SRS materials.

**Next meeting:** March 6<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Meeting Participants:**

Peter Claggett	USGS
Allie Wagner	CRC
Labeeb Ahmed	Attain
Renee Thompson	USGS
Cassandra Davis	NYS DEC
Alex Reed	Washington Co.
Lori Brown	DNREC
Joe Wood for Lee Epstein	CBF
Dave Montali	Tetra Tech
Jonathan Champion	DOEE
Sebastian Donner	WV DEP
Jessica Trimble	PA DCD
Pat Gleason	EPA
Rick Fisher	AA Co. MD
Ken Choi	MDP
Travis Stoe	PA DEP
Ted Tesler	PA DEP
Mark Symborski	Montgomery County Planning
Norm Goulet	WV
LeeAnn King	Chesapeake Conservancy
Rachel Soobitsky	Chesapeake Conservancy
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