

## CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM LAND USE WORKGROUP

### Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting Materials: [link](#)

### Summary of Actions and Decisions

- **Decision:** The meeting minutes from the October LUWG meeting were approved.
- **Action:** Peter Claggett will send out final CAST results including the Ag Census adjustment by email later this month. This will include a comparison of data used to develop Phase III WIPs by state.
- **Action:** Rachel Soobitsky will update the Lidar map from her presentation to include the full watershed and Allie Wagner will distribute to the LUWG via email.
- **Action:** The land use classification scheme spreadsheet will be distributed to the LUWG today for members to provide feedback.

### Welcome, Roll Call, Review of meeting minutes, Action Item Update – K. Berger, MWCOG

- **Decision:** The meeting minutes from the October LUWG meeting were approved.
- The WQGIT approved option 3c as the method for producing 2019 Milestone Land Use on their October conference call.

### Land Use Results for 2019 Milestones – P. Claggett, USGS

- Claggett presented results from updating the 2019 Milestones land use based on method option 3c.
- **Action:** Peter Claggett will send out final CAST results including the Ag Census adjustment by email later this month. This will include a comparison of data used to develop Phase III WIPs by state.

### Update on Land Cover, Land Use & Hydrography – R. Soobitsky, CIC and P. Claggett, USGS

- Soobitsky presented an update on progress for developing the land cover, land use, and hydrography including a schedule for the coming year.
- **Action:** Rachel Soobitsky will update the Lidar map from her presentation to include the full watershed and Allie Wagner will distribute to the LUWG via email.
- George Onyullo noted that D.C. finalized their hydrography derived from Lidar, and it's available online for people to download and use at the HUC 16 scale.
- Peter Claggett noted that Patapsco and Gunpowder hydrography are complete, but still need QA/QC. Eventually, we will move on to D.C. and the data can be compared to the data George mentioned.
- Berger: When we did this last there were two rounds of local review of the data. Will there be a local review period for the land cover data?

- Soobitsky: I believe we are planning to complete local data review with the same method as before. Yes, there will hopefully be a 2-week comment period if possible.
- Berger recommended sending an email to give a heads up to reviewers before the comment period officially begins.
- Berger: A heads up before the two weeks start so they can start preparing to
- Claggett noted that a webinar would be helpful to explain how they can best review the data and what specific feedback you are looking for. This would help reviewers give more detail and focus on the right places.
- Soobitsky noted that it would be best to have people review land cover first and then land use.
- Claggett provided an overview of the proposed new land use classification scheme and solicited input on it.
  - Claggett: There is a spreadsheet for people to provide feedback and make recommendations in a systematic way on new land use classifications.
  - **Action:** The land use classification scheme spreadsheet will be distributed to the LUWG today for members to provide feedback.
  - Claggett: Hopefully by end of November, we will have a final list of potential desirable land use classes. Then in December we can parse it down, but not add more to the list.

#### Planning Next Meeting, News, Updates – KC Filippino, HRPDC

- The December quarterly face-to-face will be a joint gathering of the Forestry and Land Use Workgroups to discuss the role of existing and new land cover, land use, and hydrography data for informing the FWG's and USFS's goals and outcomes.

#### **Next face-to-face meeting:**

Joint Forestry Workgroup Meeting: 10 AM to 3 PM on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Meeting Participants

Karl Berger, MWCOG  
 KC Filippino, HRPDC  
 Peter Claggett, USGS  
 Allie Wagner, CRC  
 Labeeb Ahmed, Attain  
 Lori Brown, DNREC  
 Jenifer Miller Herzog, Land trust alliance  
 George Onyullo, DC DOEE  
 Arianna Johns, VA DEQ  
 Norm Goulet, NVRC  
 Nicole Christ, MDE  
 Ken Choi, MDP  
 Deb Sward, MDP  
 Lee Epstein, CBF

Rachel Soobitsky, Chesapeake Conservancy  
Mark Symborski, Montgomery County Planning  
Sarah McDonald, USGS  
John Griffin, MD DNR  
Dave Montali, WV DEP  
Chad Thompson, WV DEP  
Travis Stoe, PA DEP  
Julie Reichert-Nguyen, NOAA