



Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership

Final Milestone (2020-2021) Land Use

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LUWG Call**

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2019 Milestone Land Use

Updated Data

Population Estimates (from 2016 ed. to 2018 ed.)

Population Projections (VA, NY, DE, MWCOCG, and BMC)

Protected Lands (from 2016 ed. to 2018 ed.)

Sewer Service Areas (51 counties/cities)

MS4 Boundaries (VA only)

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Rationale:

- **New and/or corrected MS4 and Sewer Service Areas were provided by local jurisdictions.**
- **The CBP Partners have always relied on the latest Census population data combined with the latest state-provided population projections as the foundation for 2025 land use scenarios and Land Policy BMPs used in CAST.**
- **Translating changes in land cover from either change “hot spots” (2013/14 – 2017/18) or the National Land Cover Database (2013-2016) into the Phase 6 land uses revealed a variety of equally-plausible decision rules.**
- **Data limitations prevented the development of change “hot spots” in Virginia.**
- **Recently produced data representing wall-to-wall 1m-resolution changes in tree canopy indicate much different trends compared to those derived from high-resolution change “hot spots” or from the 2001-2016 National Land Cover Database.**

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Population Projection Adjustments:

County Average = -1.3% (min= -8.2%; max= +5.0%)

Counties with large populations growing slower than expected:

- **Spotsylvania, VA**
- **Indiana, PA**
- **Cambria, PA**

Counties with large populations growing faster than expected:

- **Alexandria, VA**
- **Arlington, VA**
- **Frederick, VA**

Final (revised as per LUWG and WQGIT) 2019 Milestone Land Use

Land Use Change in CBW from 2013 - 2025	Development	Natural	Agriculture
2019 Milestones (revised)	223,060	(141,607)	(81,453)
2019 Milestones (original)	218,937	(176,576)	(42,360)
WIPS	239,402	(149,740)	(89,663)

Revised (no interim 2017 land use)				Original (with interim 2017 land use)			
State	DEV	NAT	AG	State	DEV	NAT	AG
DC	198	(198)	-	DC	252	(252)	(0)
DE	7,270	(2,159)	(5,111)	DE	5,010	(1,939)	(3,071)
MD	31,126	(20,079)	(11,047)	MD	38,347	(29,057)	(9,290)
NY	57	(40)	(17)	NY	329	(459)	130
PA	44,853	(19,812)	(25,041)	PA	60,686	(42,180)	(18,507)
VA	132,238	(95,818)	(36,421)	VA	107,406	(98,779)	(8,626)
WV	7,318	(3,502)	(3,816)	WV	6,906	(3,910)	(2,996)
Total	223,060	(141,607)	(81,453)	Total	218,937	(176,576)	(42,360)