# CHWA Application Menti Results

**Summary:**

GIT offered general support for the tool and its potential uses, including tracking progress towards the HW outcome, will be discussed at a future meeting. Lots of uses were suggested, mainly in targeting protection and restoration, grant funding, prioritization- more data to help inform decisions. Periodic data updates could allow for tracking watershed health, members also looking for easy access to the data itself and sources. Tutorial video and story map will be helpful, members need more time investigating the application and widgets.

**Can this resource be used to inform progress toward the CBP Healthy Watersheds outcome?**

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| **Choices** | **Votes** |
| Yes | 21 |
| No | 0 |
| I don't know | 5 |

**If you answered no, please state why.**

* This is great, it allows users to do detailed comparisons of various healthy watersheds metrics and indicators!
* Just not sure if a state can use it given the criteria they used to define the watershed healthy. The outcome follows those, but I think this is actually more useful overall.
* I answered not sure. I am not familiar with this tool because this is only my second Healthy Watersheds call and today was my first introduction to it.
* I responded "don’t know" because at this point until we compare it against our effort, we are not sure of the full value or potential
* I answered yes, but it is a yes with \*\*\* Each state would have to be comfortable with using the resource to show progress towards the GIT4 goal.
* I answered yes BUT, for those of us that like data, instead of downloading a report, can we download a flat file of output?

**How can this resource be useful to your jurisdiction or partners (specifically)? Provide examples.**

* Monitoring change over time
* I would like to see watershed health over time-- are our cumulative restoration efforts showing up?
* Identify priority areas for BMP implementation and identify possible reasons why certain areas are showing lower or higher water quality.
* Track health of watersheds over time. Get a sense of vulnerability of healthy watersheds.
* How does forest loss relate to watershed health? How long before it shows up?
* Mapping potential spots for conservation/restoration
* Help target Tier II priority protection efforts
* More data to inform decisions
* By providing a way to prioritize areas for preservation based on projected development
* Data could be used to inform priorities for land conservation/restoration
* For my ORISE research in the EPA's NSMB, I'm working on developing healthy watershed protection metrics to guide 319 funded projects in their WBP, so this provides a perfect list of measures/indicators.
* If this application can be used by somebody like me who is not a water quality scientist or modeler, then I would be interested in it for helping to target areas for our grant funds to implement nonpoint source BMP projects.
* Perhaps planning for grant funding, and environmental review projects. Possibilities, not sure.
* Help provide a framework to formulate moves forward
* I could see it as a useful tool for prioritization in WBP.
* The data layers and map application

**What would make this resource more useful/relevant to your work? Provide specific examples.**

* Would like periodic updates to allow for tracking of change over time. Updates could be announced with an accompanying scorecard of some sort to indicate those changes.
* empirical data handy-- not always indexed watershed scores
* Split screen for comparison of two locations
* Contain diversity and equity data
* I think the generate report function is very useful. Having an accompanying guide or video walkthrough, as discussed, would be helpful.
* Summarizing the amount of protected land in each watershed/catchment. Protected land is part of Land Use which is part of Vulnerability.
* Frequent updates to the data
* protected lands pulled out in the report.
* Identify watersheds contiguous to designated healthy watersheds with same or higher rating
* Make it easy to quickly download a subset of data from the app.
* The ability to look at non-watershed boundaries in the reporting. Such as county.
* Additional training to help me better understand the purpose and scope of the application. How can it be used to help target project areas for our nonpoint section 319 grant and/or Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG) for water quality project
* An easy way to find the data source in we want to incorporate it into our own work. Links or similar would be helpful.
* It is pretty complicated for a non-analyst. So it would be tough for me. Need more discussion on fish habitat for fisheries utility.

**Is it intuitive/easy to use?**

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| **Choices** | **Votes** |
| Yes | 8 |
| No | 2 |
| Don't know | 6 |

**If you answered no or don't know, please state why.**

* It's kind of a steep learning curve
* Need to spend time with it. Seems helpful.
* Not familiar enough with application to make an education response.
* It appears to be intuitive - but I need to work with it a bit.
* For a non-analyst, it is hard to know what is in each category. I am sure that would be in resource material, but could it show up when you toggle over the item/category or subcategory.