





Chesapeake Bay Watershed Technical Workgroup Meeting

Buffer Upland Crediting a Proposal for Phase 7

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Topics VA Requested WTWG/CBP Consider for P7

- Cover Crop Excess – Revisit how Cropland Rotations are Estimated - Possible Redistribution of Excess
- **Review How Buffer Upland Benefit is Calculated - Proposed Change to Assignment of Load Sources for Upland Benefit Exclusion versus Non-Exclusion Buffers**
- Animal BMP Excess Particularly Animal Waste Management Systems – Request a Review of Current Process in Model versus BMP Reporting
- Backout of Herbaceous Land Use Change BMPs – Proposed a Change to the Backout Process Used for Herbaceous Land Use Change BMPs

Proposal Timeline and Findings

- Presented to WTWG April 3, 2025
 - No objections registered
 - Since this is an Ag BMP recommended AgWG review
- Presented to AgWG May 15, 2025
 - Last presentation on the agenda incomplete time for full discussion
 - Brought back to next meeting for full review/discussion
- Presented to AgWG June 15, 2025
 - No objections registered
 - Ultimately WTWG's decision

Discussion