

CWGT September 28-29, 2026 Meeting: Decisions Requested

Land Use Change Model | **Post-meeting Decision

CWGT will be asked to approve the final land use forecast in the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM) for the “Business as Usual” scenario for Phase 7.

Note: Due to delay in the solar forecast’s final run, LUWG and USWG were not able to call a vote to approve the CBLCM at the Sept 23rd meeting. LUWG and USWG will request a vote via email by mid-October for this approval, instead, to allow time to review the results of this final run. LUWG is also having ongoing discussions about the inclusion of proposed data centers in the CBLCM and will update the Goal Team if they choose to call a vote or there is additional action needed.

Agriculture and Forestry E3 Land Use Change BMPs

After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to support using either the Agriculture Workgroup or Forestry Workgroup’s recommended assumptions for certain Land Use Change BMPs for the Everything, by Everyone, Everywhere (E3) Scenario for Phase 7. These include forest buffers, grass buffers, tree planting, and agroforestry.

All Source Sector E3 Input Assumptions

CWGT will be asked to approve the full package of assumptions from source sector workgroups for the E3 Scenario for Phase 7, including recommendations from Urban Stormwater, Wastewater Treatment, Oyster, Agriculture and Forestry Workgroups.

Scenario Base Year

After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to determine which Scenario Base Year and associated method for accounting for growth, if applicable, should be used for calculating controllable loads from No Action and E3 Scenarios in Phase 7.

The options to be proposed for support are:

- Changing Scenario Base Year to 2022 and accounting for growth using method 2022A
- Changing Scenario Base Year to 2022 and accounting for growth using method 2022B
- Keeping Scenario Base Year to 2010

Hydrologic & Critical Period

After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to determine which Hydrologic and Critical Periods should be used in the Phase 7 suite of models.

The options to be proposed for support are:

- Changing the Hydrologic Period to 1998-2007 and Critical Period to 2004-2006
- Keeping the existing Hydrologic Period of 1991-2000 and changing the Critical period to 1996-1998 (*Note: please see most recent briefing materials for more details on this hybrid option.*)
- Keeping the existing Hydrologic Period of 1991-2000 and Critical Period of 1993-1995

CWGT Management Strategy

CWGT will be asked to approve the draft Clean Water Goal Management Strategy for recommendation to the Policy Steering Committee.