

Phase 7: Allocation of Feed Space Acres

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Goal

Inform the workgroup on the feed space acres *allocation* methods update from Phase 6 to Phase 7 for a **decision via email** by **December 18th**



What does this mean?

Discuss how we plan to downscale county feed space acres to land river segments for modeling in the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)

Phase 6 Method Review

- Described in [Section 5.7.5 Maintaining Constant Land-River Segment Size of the Chesapeake Bay Program Phase 6 Watershed Model Documentation](#)
- Land use class error rates determine how many acres are available to accommodate feed space.
- Acres available = land use error rate * land use acres in a land river segment
- The acres needed for feed space is proportionally subtracted from these acres.

Phase 7 Method Proposal

Compute Rural
Fraction by Land
River Segment
(LRSEGs)

Compute a percentage to prioritize rural,
agricultural land river segments (LRSEGs)
in each county

Adjust Rural
Fraction With
Reported Data

Adjust the rural percentage to reflect the %
of animals in and outside of the watershed
as reported by the jurisdictions

Compute County
Impervious and
Pervious Feed
Space Acres

Methods for computing total feed space
acres in a county are not changing, but are
being separated into impervious and
pervious portions

Spatially Allocate
Feed Space Acres
to LRSEGs

Downscale county feed space acres
(impervious and pervious) to the LRSEGs
using the adjusted rural fraction

Balance Feed
Space Acres
with Other Land
Uses

Take feed space acres
from Impervious Non-
Roads, Compacted
Pervious and Turf Grass

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Compute Rural
Fraction by Land
River Segment
(LRSEGs)



1. Map rural Impervious Non-Roads (INR) and agriculture (AG)

Landscape



Rural Landscape

Mapped Impervious Footprint



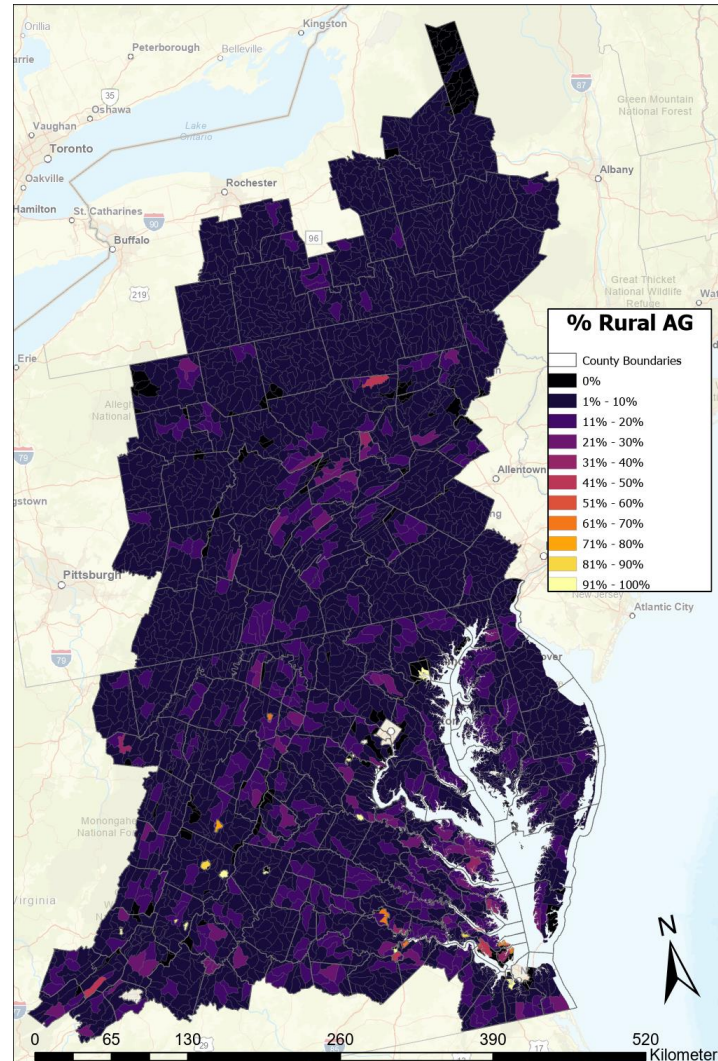
Rural Impervious Footprint

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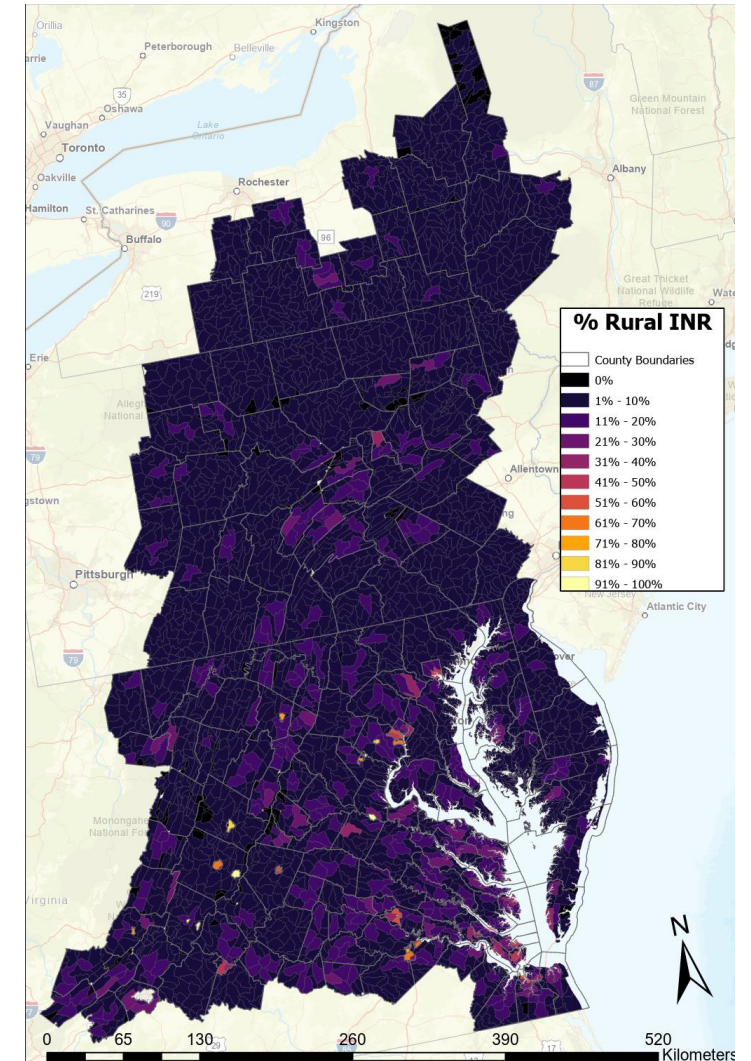
Compute Rural
Fraction by Land
River Segment
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1. Map rural Impervious Non-Roads (INR) and agriculture (AG)
2. Calculate % county rural INR and rural AG in each LRSEG

% Rural Agriculture by LRSEG



% Rural Impervious Non-Roads by LRSEG

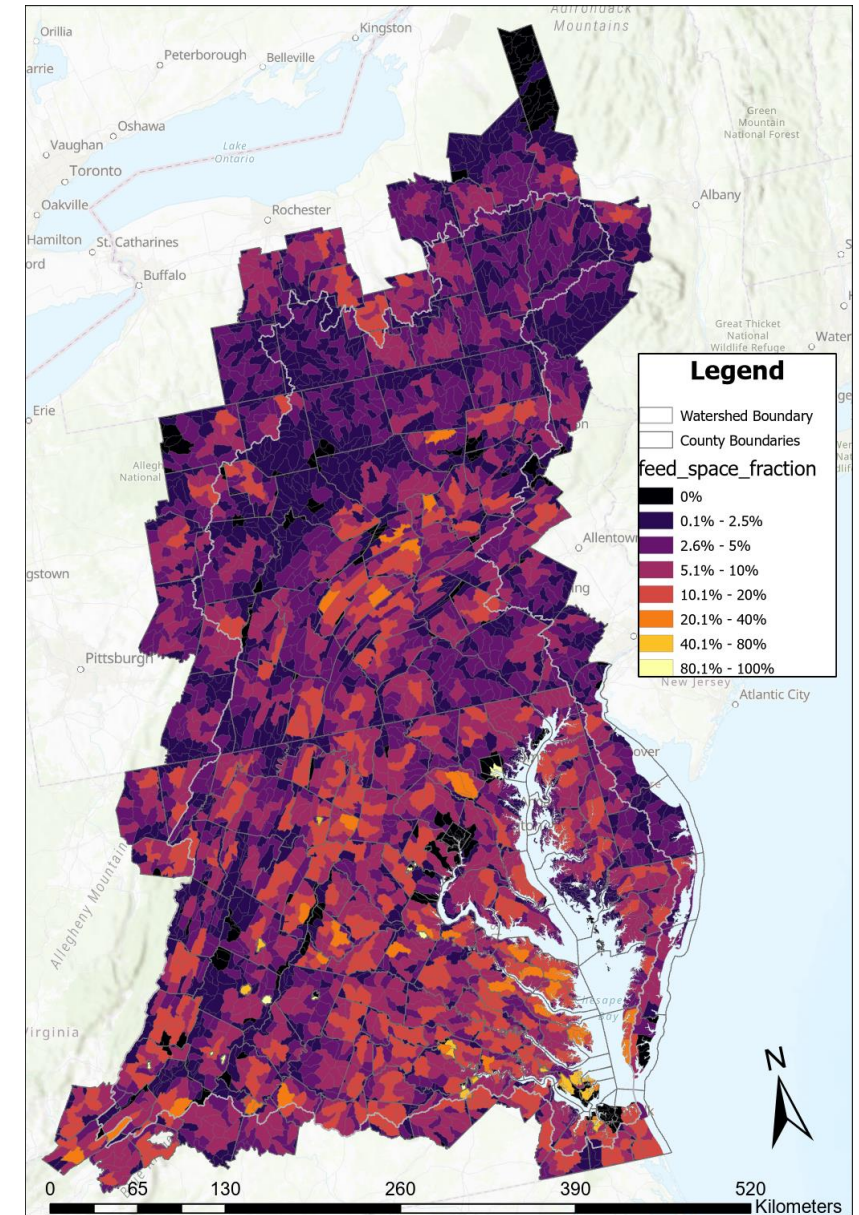


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Compute Rural
Fraction by Land
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1. Map rural Impervious Non-Roads (INR) and agriculture (AG)
2. Calculate % county rural INR and rural AG in each LRSEG
3. Average the percentages to create rural fraction

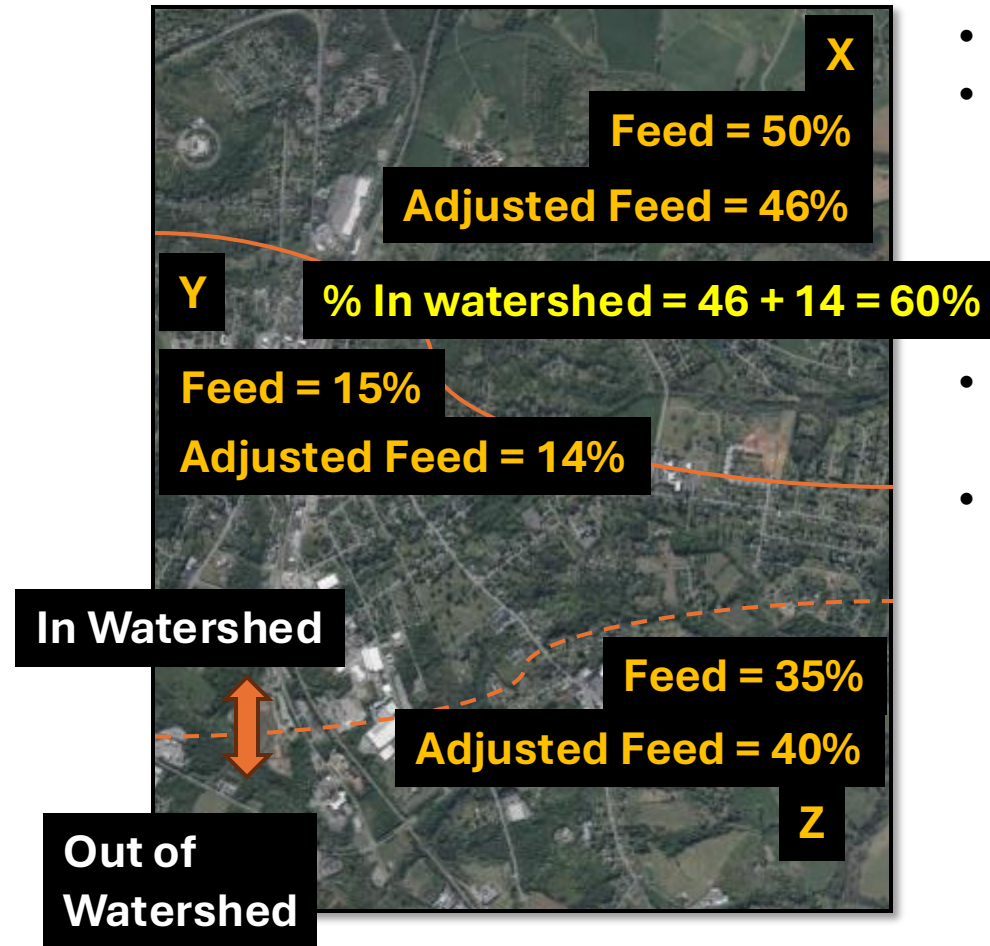
$$\text{Feed Space Fraction} = \frac{\% \text{ Rural Impervious Non-Roads} + \% \text{ Rural Agriculture}}{2}$$



Adjust Rural
Fraction With
Reported Data

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1. Adjust the rural (or feed) fraction to account, per animal type, for reported % of animals in watershed data



- This is **County A**
- **County A** has 3 Land River Segments:
 - X, feed fraction = 50%
 - Y, feed fraction = 15%
 - Z, feed fraction = 35%
- X and Y are in the watershed and Z is outside of the watershed
- If goats are reported as 60% inside the watershed portion of County A, the adjusted fractions to apply to goats are:
 - X = 50% feed fraction * (60% goats in the watershed / 65% feed fraction in the watershed) = 46%
 - Y = 15% * (60% / 65%) = 14%
 - Z = 35% * (40% / 35%) = 40%

$$\text{Feed Space Fraction}_{\text{Watershed Adjustment}} = \text{Feed Space Fraction} * \frac{\% \text{ Animal Type in Watershed}}{\sum \text{Feed Space Fraction in Watershed}}$$

$$\text{Feed Space Fraction}_{\text{Outside Watershed Adjustment}} = \text{Feed Space Fraction} * \frac{1 - \% \text{ Animal in Watershed}}{\sum \text{Feed Space Fraction Outside Watershed}}$$

Compute County
Impervious and
Pervious Feed
Space Acres

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1. Calculate the portion of feed space that is impervious (roofed structures) and pervious (barnyards) for each animal type

$$\% \text{ Impervious Feed Space} = \frac{\text{Roofed Structures}}{\text{Open Air Barnyard} + \text{Roofed Structures}}$$

2. Compute county feed space acres (no change from Phase 6 methods)
3. Separate county feed space acres into impervious and pervious acres per animal type


$$\text{Impervious feed space acres} = \% \text{ impervious feed space} * \text{feed space acres}$$

Source Name	Open-Air Barnyard (sq feet) MED	Roofed Structures (sq feet) MED	% Impervious Feed Space
Beef (Beef Heifers)	55.4	26.9	33%
Broilers	0	0.85	100%
Dairy (Dairy Heifers)	96.8	28.6	23%
Goats	0	15	100%
Hogs and Pigs for Breeding	0	13.6	100%
Hogs for Slaughter	0	9.7	100%
Horses	147.4	147.4	50%
Layers	0	1.7	100%
Other Cattle	45.2	18.3	29%
Pullets	0	1	100%
Sheep and Lambs	0	25	100%
Turkeys	0	2	100%

[Section 5.4.3 of the Chesapeake Bay Program Phase 6 Watershed Model Documentation](#)

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Spatially Allocate
Feed Space Acres
to LRSEGs



1. Allocate county impervious feed space acres to LRSEGs using the adjusted feed (rural) fraction for each unique animal type

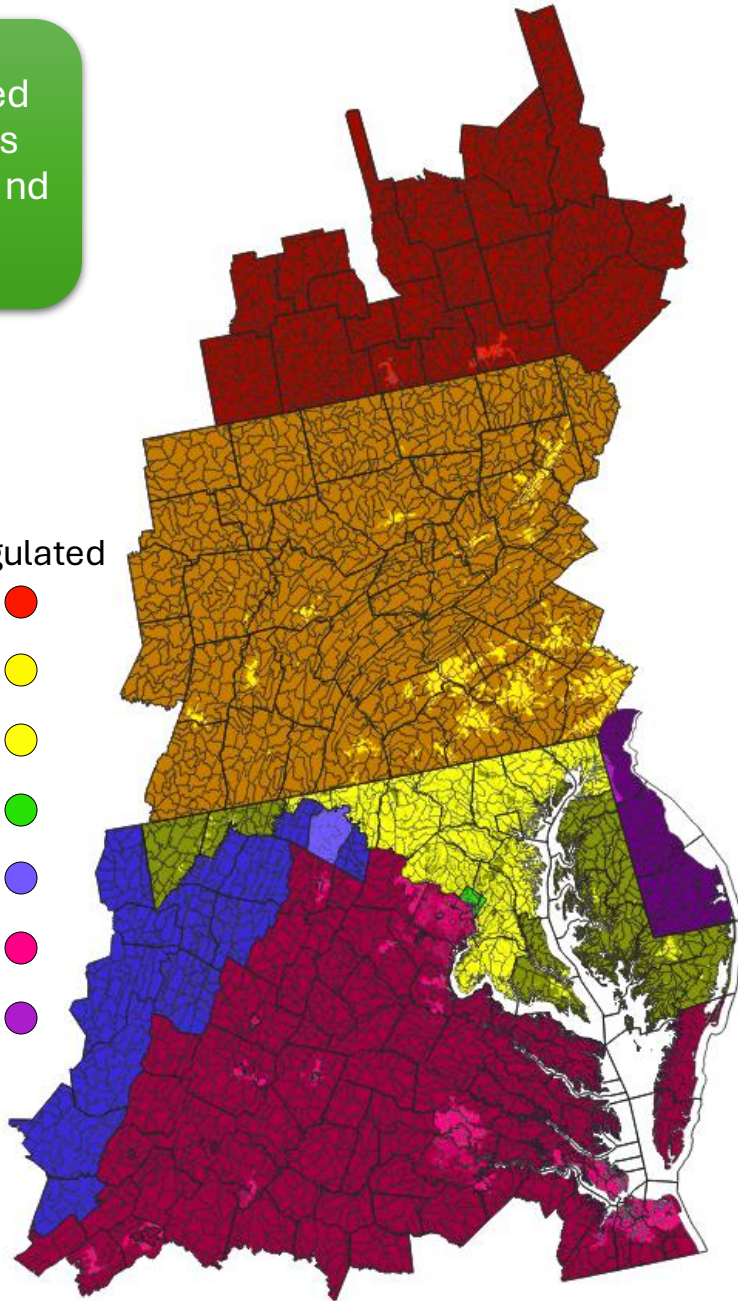
$$\text{Impervious Feed Acres}_{LRSEG} = \text{Impervious Feed Acres}_{County} * \text{Adjusted Feed Fraction}_{LRSEG}$$

2. Allocate county pervious feed space acres to LRSEGs using the adjusted feed (rural) fraction for each unique animal type

$$\text{Pervious Feed Acres}_{LRSEG} = \text{Pervious Feed Acres}_{County} * \text{Adjusted Feed Fraction}_{LRSEG}$$

Balance Feed
Space Acres
with Other Land
Uses

Unregulated	Regulated
NY	●
PA	●
MD	●
DC	●
WV	●
VA	●
DE	●



Phase 7 Method Proposal

1. Take Impervious feed space acres from unregulated Impervious, Non-Roads (INR) land use *
 1. There are places where this isn't feasible due to MS4 coverage, in these cases, some land will come from MS4 INR
1. Take Pervious feed space acres from unregulated Compacted Pervious (COMP) and Turf proportionally
 1. There are places where this may not be feasible due to MS4 coverage, in these cases, some land will come from MS4 COMP and TURF

* [Taking feed space from INR was presented to the WQGIT in September](#)

Need More Details or Clarification?

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