



Conowingo BMP Opportunity Viewer Update

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Conowingo BMP Web Viewer

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All Parcels with BMP Opportunities

- Annual Cropland Practices
- Prescribed Grazing
- Barneyard Runoff Control
- Urban Forest Planting
- Wetland Restoration
- Vegetated Buffer Opportunity

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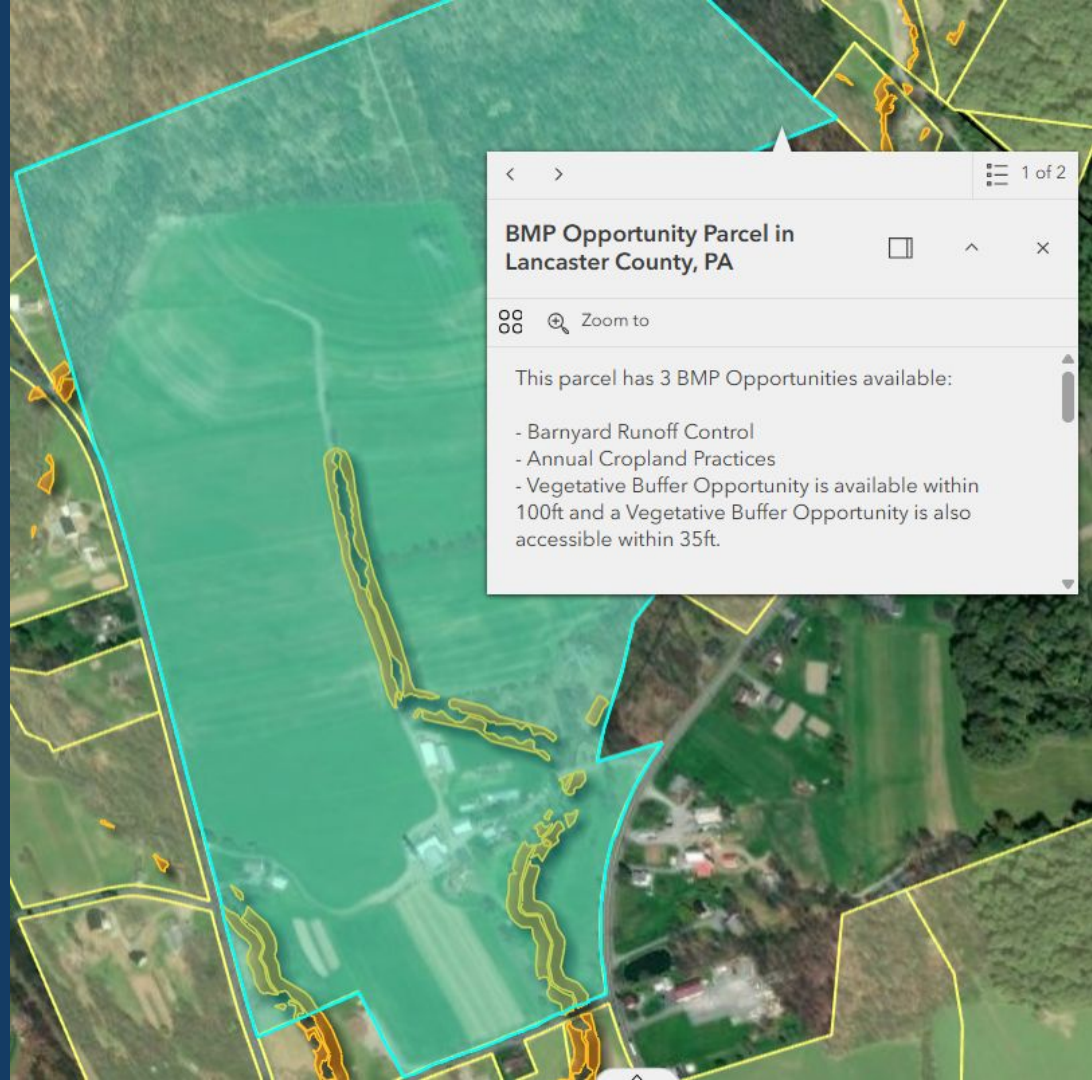
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Intended Use

- To support the CWIP, this tool was created to help local practitioners:
 - Identify opportunities for restoration activities
 - Gather information to include in proposals for CWIP funding available through SRBC
- County and watershed level planning



What is a BMP Opportunity?

- BMP opportunity:
 - An area identified on the map as potentially suitable for implementing the respective BMP.
- BMP opportunity footprint vs. BMP opportunity parcel
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Annual Cropland Practices

- Applicable for Conservation Tillage, Manure Incorporation, and Cover Crop
- Extract all cropland land use and filter cropland to contiguous areas of at least 1 acre
- Summarize cropland area within each parcel



Prescribed Grazing

- Pasture land use filtered to contiguous pasture of at least 1 acre
- Identify filtered pasture areas that fall within 300 ft of a waterway, to identify pasture that is likely used for grazing
- Identify all parcels with pasture meeting this criteria



Barnyard Runoff Control

- Extract structures from land use and estimate the number of structures per parcel
- Extract all agricultural land use (cropland and pasture/hay) for area of interest. Filter agricultural lands to contiguous areas of at least 1 acre
- Extract barren land cover and filter to contiguous areas of at least 4,000 square feet, within 300 ft of a waterway
- Identify parcels that satisfy the following requirements:
 - Contain at least two structures
 - Contain any agricultural land use from filtered layer
 - Contain any barren land use from filtered layer



Wetland Restoration

- Follows slightly modified USDA Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF) methodology:
 - Identify depression areas through a subtraction of a filled DEM from an unfilled DEM (preprocessed for noise)
 - Filter depressions by agricultural land use (cropland and pasture/hay)
 - Remaining polygons must have a minimum surface area of 0.25 acres
 - The mean percent hydric soils within each polygon must be greater than 50%
 - Depressions must have a minimum depth of 30 cm
 - Identify parcels that intersect with opportunities that meet the above criteria



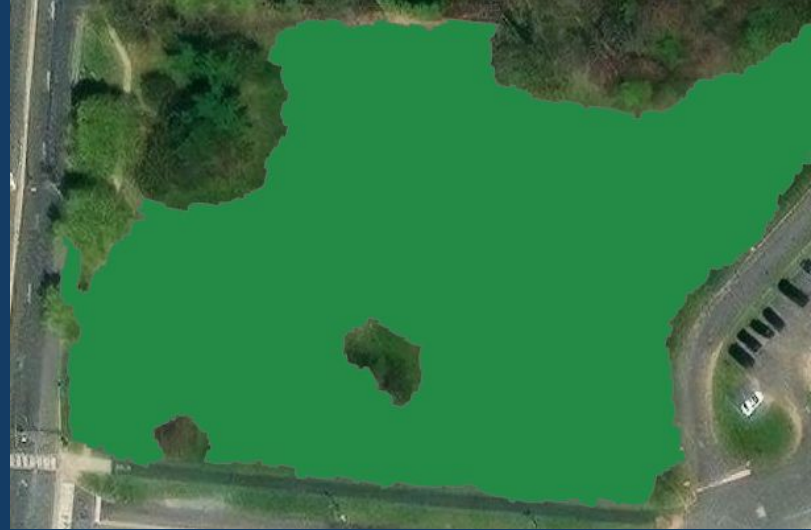
Vegetated Buffer Opportunity

- Areas within 35ft and 100ft of waterways
- Forest buffers or grassed waterways
- Identify all areas of low vegetation or barren land cover within 35 ft and 100 ft of an enhanced flowpath waterway
- Remove opportunities that are less than 25 square meters in size
- Identify parcels that intersect with remaining opportunities



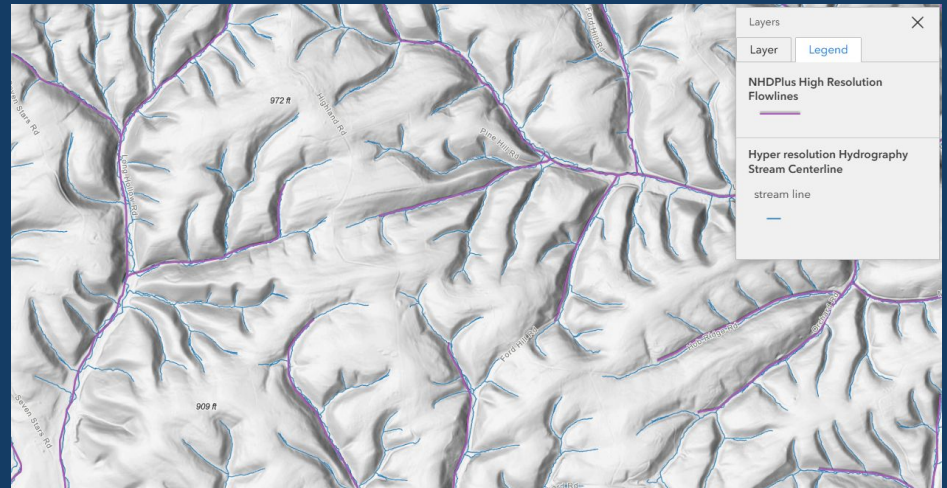
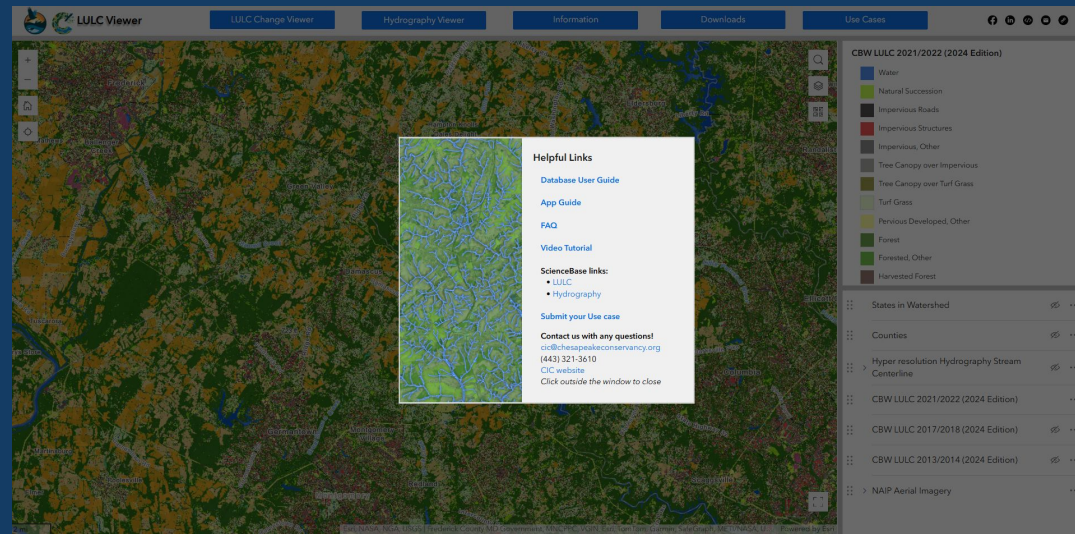
Urban Forest Planting

- Extract all turf grass from land use data and filter to contiguous areas of at least 1 acre that are farther than 30 ft from non-road impervious surfaces
- Identify parcels that contain turf grass meeting the above criteria
- Limited to Census Urban Areas



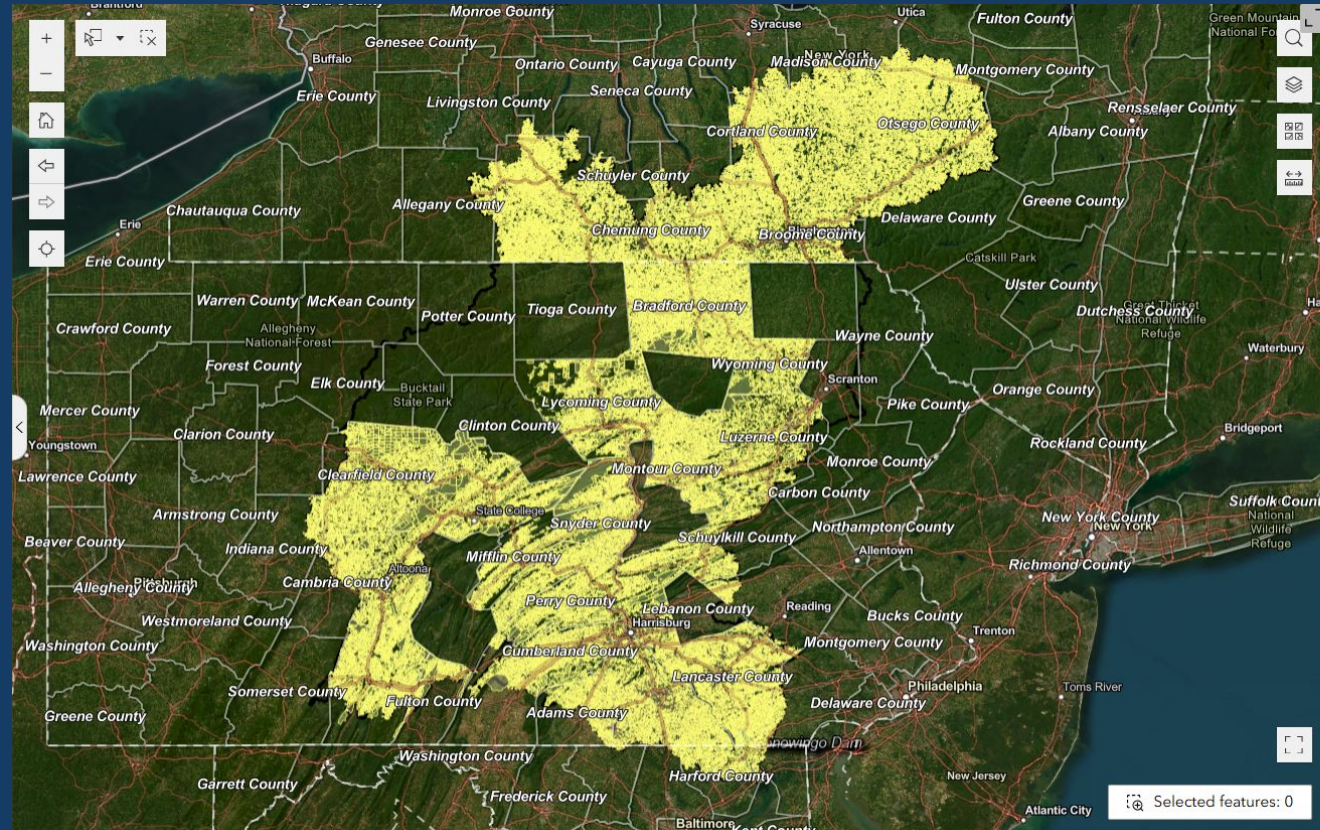
Data Updates

- New LULC and hydrography
 - [CBP Data Link](#)
- 11 new county parcel files (39 to 50 counties with parcels)
- Original 39 counties saw a net increase in opportunity area
 - Net decrease in prescribed grazing opportunity



Limitations to Note

- High resolution land use vintage (2021/2022) and error
- Does not account for existing BMP locations
- Parcel data vintage and availability
- Not intended to be prescriptive layers



Key Features

- BMP opportunity layers
- Additional context layers
- PDF map
- Summary tables and BMP opportunity acreages
- Filter functionality
- Downloadable data layers (pending)



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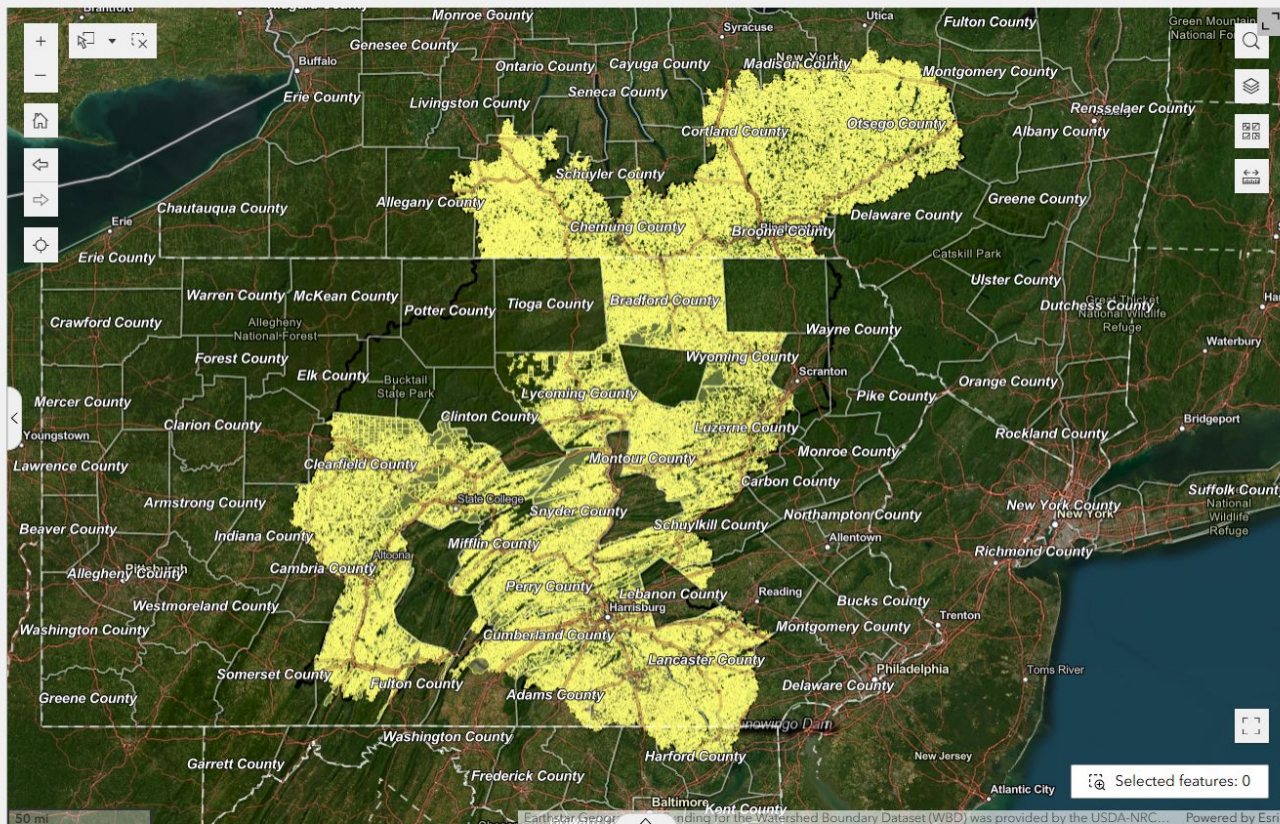
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