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**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM  
HEALTHY WATERSHED GIT & LAND USE WORKGROUP “BIG QUESTIONS” OUTCOME  
ASSESSMENT JOINT MEETING**

**MEETING AGENDA**

January 13th, 2024  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Teams Link**

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**MEETING MATERIALS**

**Meeting Purpose Statement:** To convene the HWGIT and LUWG to discuss the responses to the Management Board’s “Big Question” outcome assessment for their respective outcomes.

11:00 **Welcome HWGIT & LUWG** – Jeff Lerner, USEPA (HWGIT Chair) and Arianna Johns, VADEQ (LUWG Chair) (10 min)

- Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes.  
Thank you!
- Overview of Management Board Assignments

11:10 **Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome** – Sarah McDonald, USGS (LUWG Coordinator) and Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) (15 min)

This time will be used to discuss the LUWG/HWGIT’s recommendations for consolidating, reducing, updating, removing, and replacing the following outcome:

- **Land Use Methods and Metrics Development (LUMM) Outcome**: Continually improve the knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By 2021, develop a Chesapeake Bay watershed-wide methodology and local level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface

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coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with citizens, local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.

11:25 **Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome** – Sarah McDonald, USGS (LUWG Coordinator) and Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) (45 min.)

This time will be used to discuss the LUWG/HWGIT's recommendations for consolidating, reducing, updating, removing, and replacing the following outcome:

- **Land Use Options Evaluation (LUOE) Outcome**: By the end of 2017, with the direct involvement of local governments or their representatives, evaluate policy options, incentives and planning tools that could assist them in continually improving their capacity to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands as well as the rate of changing landscapes from more natural lands that soak up pollutants to those that are paved over, hardscaped or otherwise impervious. Strategies should be developed for supporting local governments' and others' efforts in reducing these rates by 2025 and beyond.

12:10 **Healthy Watersheds Outcome** – Jeff Lerner, USGS (HWGIT Chair), Debbie Herr Cornwell, MDP (HWGIT Vice-Chair), Peter Claggett, USGS (HWGIT Coordinator) (45 min.)

This time will be used to discuss the HWGIT's recommendations for consolidating, reducing, updating, removing, and replacing the following outcome:

- **Healthy Watersheds Outcome**: 100 percent of state-identified currently healthy waters and watersheds remain healthy.

12:55 **Recap of Actions and Decisions** – Caroline Kleis, CRC (LUWG Staffer) and Marilyn Yang, CRC (HWGIT and FWG Staffer) (5 min.)

1:00 **Adjourn**

NEXT HWGIT MEETING: Monday, February 3rd (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

NEXT LUWG MEETING: Wednesday, March 19th (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

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**Acronym List**

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program	LUOE: Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome
CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office	LUWG: Land Use Workgroup
CHWA: Chesapeake Healthy Watersheds Assessment	MDFS: Maryland Forest Service
COB: Close of Business	NPS: National Park Service
CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium	SOF: State of Forests
FWG: Forestry Workgroup	PA DEP: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission	UMD: University of Maryland
LULC: Land Use / Land Cover	USGS: United States Geological Survey
LUMM: Land Use Methods and Metrics Outcome	USFS: United States Forest Service