



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Local Leadership Workgroup

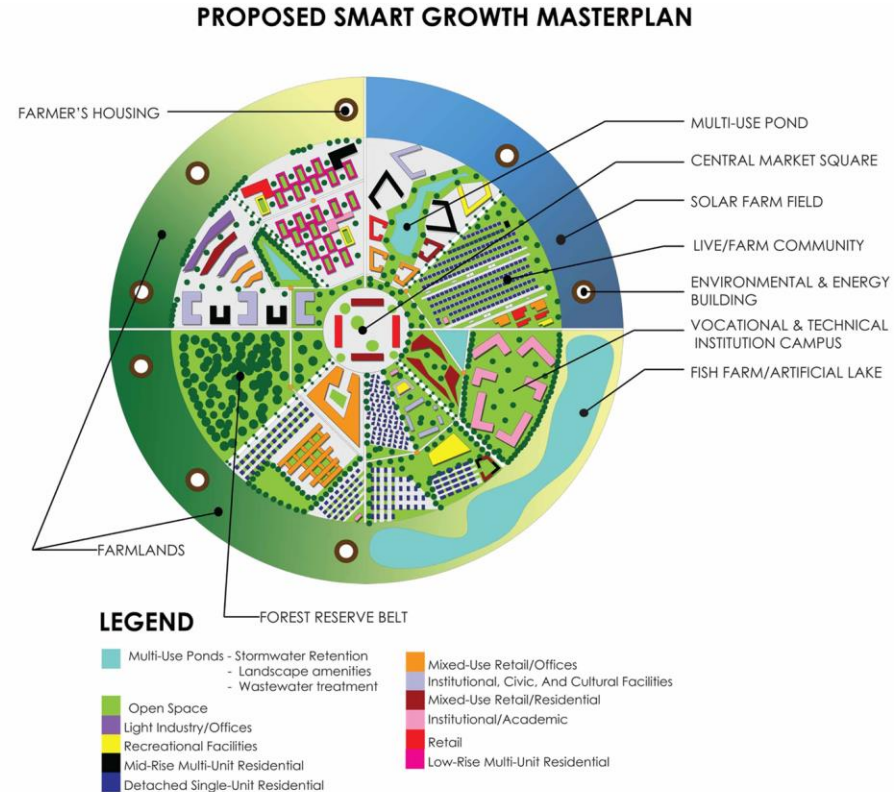
Quarterly Meeting

Les Knapp, Chair | Maura Christian, Vice Chair

We'll begin at 9:00 am

Housekeeping

- Updated Meeting Policies
- Introductions
 - Name and Affiliation in the chat



Land Use & Development: Tools and Strategies for Local Decision-Making

Photo: Boston University

Meeting Objectives

- Understand land use changes over time and impacts on natural resources and people
- Explore existing tools, resources, and data that can support local governments in land use and development decision making
- Discuss how to effectively get the tools, resources, and data into the hands of local governments in a way that increases their knowledge and capacity around economically viable and environmentally sustainable land use planning.

Agenda

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Background: How and Where is Land Use Changing?

Peter Claggett, US Geological Survey

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Effective Land Use Decision Making by Local Governments - Case Study Panel

Deb Sward, MD Department of Planning & KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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Facilitated Discussion

How can we effectively get land use decision-making tools, data, and resources into the hands of local governments?

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Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Revision Update

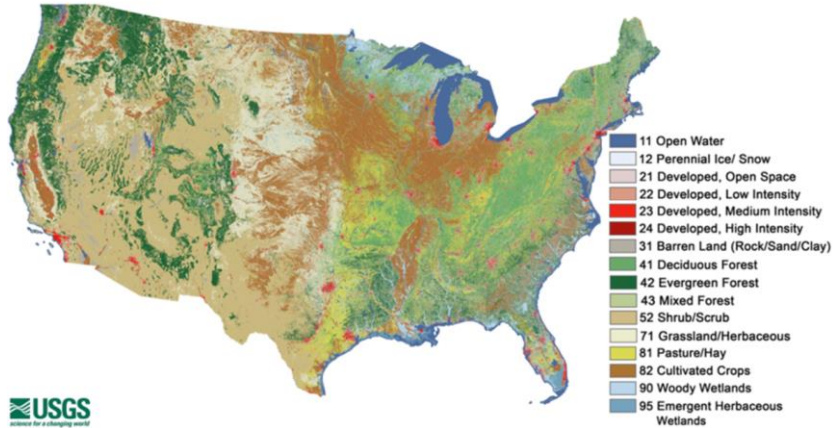
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Wrap-up and Next Steps

Les Knapp, LLWG Chair

Annual NLCD Collection 1.0: 2023 Land Cover of CONUS



Background: How and Where is Land Use Changing?

Overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program's land use decision-making tools, highlighting the updated high-resolution land use/land cover data, and exploring ways local governments can transform these resources into action.

Peter Clagett, Research Geographer, US Geological Survey



Effective Land Use Decision Making by Local Governments

Examples of local governments in the watershed utilizing land use planning tools, resources, and data to take action in their community.

Deb Sward, MD Department of Planning

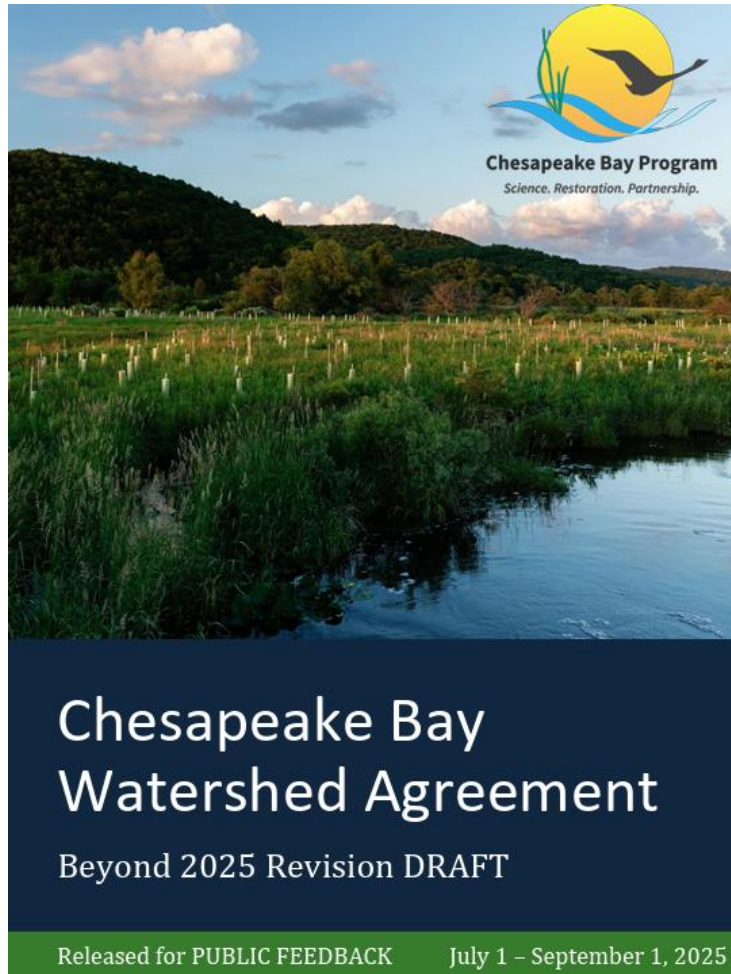
KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission



Facilitated Discussion

How can we effectively get land use decision-making tools, data, and resources into the hands of local governments?

Moderator: Les Knapp, MDE, LLWG Chair



Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Revision Update

Status of Local Leadership Outcome, Public Comment Period, etc.

Maura Christian, VA DEQ, LLWG Vice Chair

Local Leadership Outcome

Proposed Outcome Language:

Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local government leaders to empower them to make decisions and implement local actions that support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Proposed Target:

Increase the percentage of local government leaders reporting water resource management actions biennially.

Local Leadership Outcome (continued)

Feedback

- Proposed target could be “SMARTer”

We’re working it!

- Reevaluating and reworking possible alternative targets proposed in May
 - *Directly engage with # local government leaders annually.*
 - *Indirectly engage with # local government leaders annually.*

Planning for 2025 and Beyond

- Draft revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement - [Link](#)
- Informational Webinar recordings/slides
- The Revised Watershed Agreement: What Local Leaders Need to Know one-pager - [Link](#)
- Information on Public Feedback Period

Public Feedback

- Feedback accepted between July 1 and September 1, 2025
- Feedback must be submitted via email to:
comments@chesapeakebay.net
- A communications toolkit is available to support sharing with your network.
- [Public Feedback Period FAQ](#)

Wrap-up & Next Steps

- Action items (if necessary)
- Key Takeaways

Wrap-up & Next Steps

- Seeking Vice-Chair Nominations
 - Responsibilities
 - Time Requirement

Let Rick know if you are interested
or want to make a nomination
by September 30, 2025

Wrap-up & Next Steps

- Next Meeting:
 - October 21, 2025 - Virtual
 - Theme: Toxics and Emerging Contaminants