

## Public Access Outcome Target Timeline

Between now and early 2026, the Public Access Workgroup will develop its remaining target by identifying tracking methods, determining access characteristics and goals, and ensuring definitions are scientifically defensible and applicable across the entire watershed.

Below lists what is needed to complete the last target for the outcome and the anticipated completion date. These dates are estimations compiled by the workgroup's staffer, as there is no Coordinator or Chair for the Public Access Workgroup at this time. Feedback from workgroup and GIT membership has aided in the estimation, however, things may need to change as the vacant roles are filled by those with more subject matter expertise.

### Target Language with Unfinished Metrics:

- **Expanding Access to Urban Lands:** By 2040, expand access to XX % of urban lands and community green spaces identified in the Protected Lands data set. An initial baseline study is to be conducted by 2025-2026 to determine appropriate numeric targets for this metric.
  - The workgroup will discuss metrics for this target in September 2025; by this time, the Protected Lands Workgroup should have identified the urban lands / community green space areas in the watershed to understand the current baseline number of green space. This data will help inform the Public Access Workgroup on what target metric to establish based on what is already accessible.
  - The workgroup will be informed by action teams from Chesapeake Conservation Partnership on accessible lands in the watershed and recommended tracking metrics.

### Work Needed:

- Baseline study needs to be conducted, and data from the Protected Lands Workgroup needs to be shared.
- In collaboration with the Protected Lands Workgroup, the Public Access Workgroup must define the parameters for community green spaces for what they will track and how.
- The Workgroup may need to expand their members as a majority of the jurisdictional representatives work specifically on water/boating access. The expansion of this outcome to include land access sites may extend beyond their current capacity; to accommodate, we may need to identify representatives who work on land access / recreation in their respective departments.

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<b>Task</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>
Conduct a Baseline Study using Protected Lands 2024 Data set	Protected Lands Workgroup (PLWG) data will be reviewed by Geospatial Science and Applications Team (GSAT) and the PLWG, and shared with the Public Access Workgroup (PAWG) to begin looking at current accessibility trends on greenspace in the watershed.	September 2025 - March 2026
Expand workgroup jurisdictional representation as needed	PAWG members will share their own capacity and provide recommendations on who in their jurisdiction / department could be added for tracking greenspace access sites in addition to water access sites, if necessary.	September 2025
Define parameters for community green space	PAWG members will discuss definitions and tracking methods.	March 2026
Define percentage metric	PAWG members will discuss metrics for greenspace access sites.	March 2026
Complete target language.	PAWG Leadership Team will seek support from workgroup members on the final target language.	March 2026