

Land Use Classification Proposed Rules

12/18/20

Images

Water Classes

Pending Decision

Developed Classes

- Structures: Same as LC
- Impervious Roads: Same as LC
- Tree Canopy over Structures: Same as LC
- Tree Canopy over Impervious Roads: Same as LC



- Structures
- Impervious Surfaces
- Impervious Roads
- Tree Canopy over Structures
- Tree Canopy over Impervious Surfaces
- Tree Canopy over Impervious Roads

Developed Classes

- Other Impervious: Same as LC. Buffer all rail lines from Open Street Map by 3 meters and reclassify “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, “Scrub-Shrub”, and “Wetlands” as “Other Impervious”.
- Tree Canopy over Other Impervious: same as LC. Buffer all rail lines from Open Street Map by 3 meters and reclassify “Tree Canopy” as “Tree Canopy over Other Impervious”.



Developed Classes

Turf Grass:

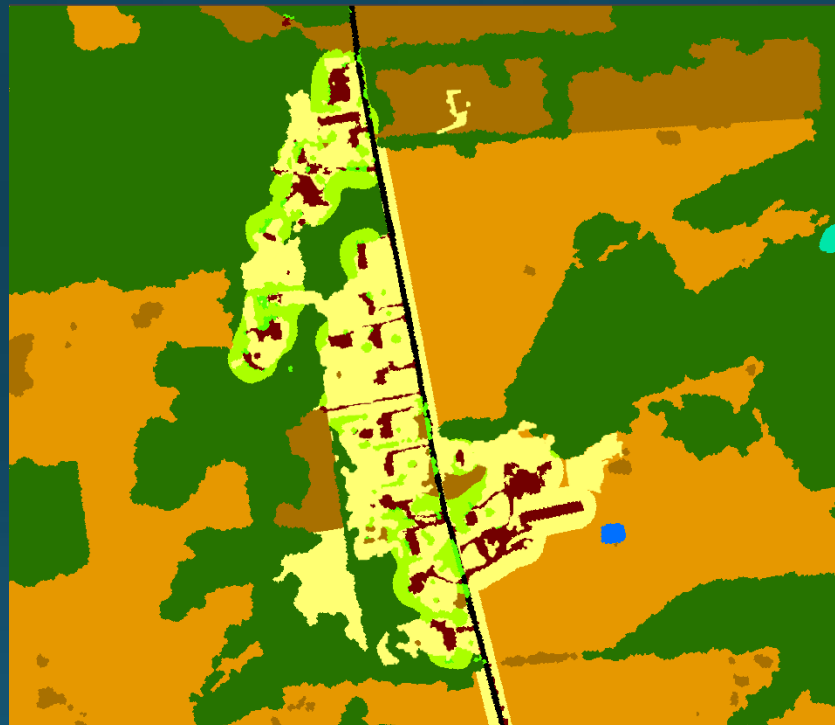
- I. Subset HERE data (LandUseA and LandUseB layers) to include only the following classes: 'AIRCRAFT ROADS', 'AIRPORT', 'AMUSEMENT PARK', 'CEMETERY', 'GOLF COURSE', 'HOSPITAL', 'PARKING LOT', 'SEAPORT/HARBOUR', 'SHOPPING CENTRE', 'SPORTS COMPLEX'
- II. If a parcel is less than or equal to 1 acre, and has greater than or equal to 93 square meters of impervious surface, classify all “Herbaceous Vegetation” as “Turf Grass.”
- III. If the center of an “Herbaceous Vegetation” segment falls within subset HERE data from step I., classify as “Turf Grass.”

Developed Classes: Turf Grass Images

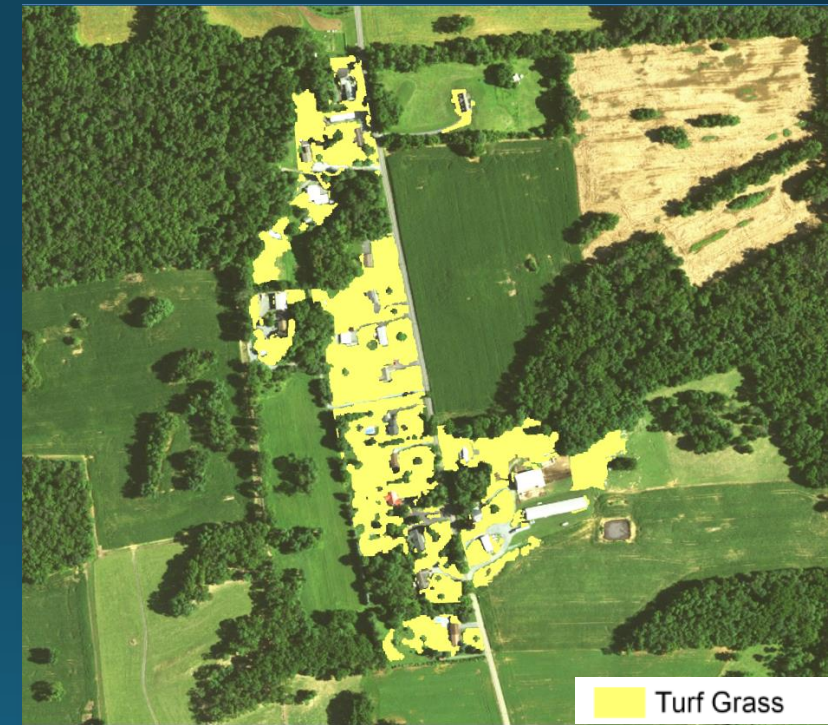
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Developed Classes

Suspended Succession:

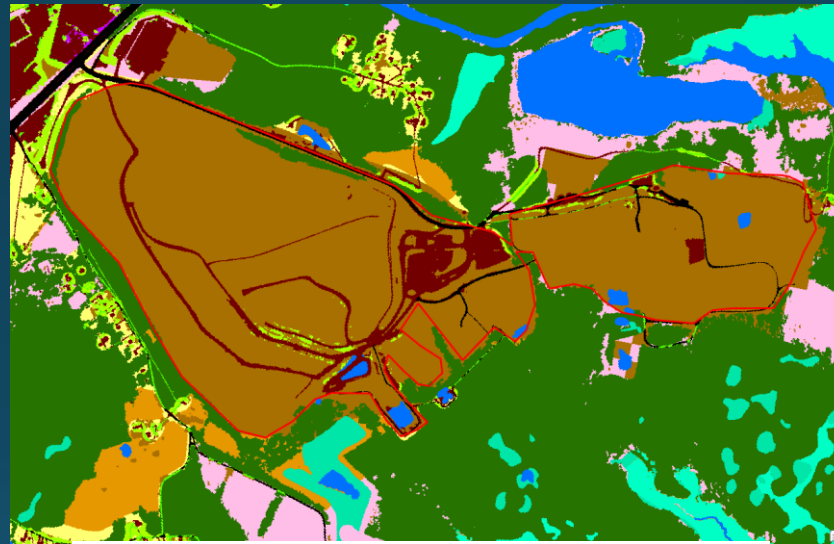
- I. “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Scrub-Shrub”, and “Barren” image segments that intersect with digitized landfill dataset, classify as “Suspended Succession.”
- II. “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Scrub-Shrub”, and “Barren” image segments that are less than or equal to 50 square meters and touch “Impervious Road”, classify as “Suspended Succession.”
- III. Buffer transmission line dataset from Homeland Infrastructure Foundation by 25 meters. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Scrub-Shrub”, and “Barren” segments intersect the buffered transmission line dataset and are less than or equal to 1,000 square meters, classify as “Suspended Succession.”

Developed Classes: Suspended Succession Images

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Floodplain Wetlands	Fractional Impervious
Other Wetlands	Turf Grass
Forest	Cropland
	Pasture

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 Suspended Succession

Developed Classes: Suspended Succession Images

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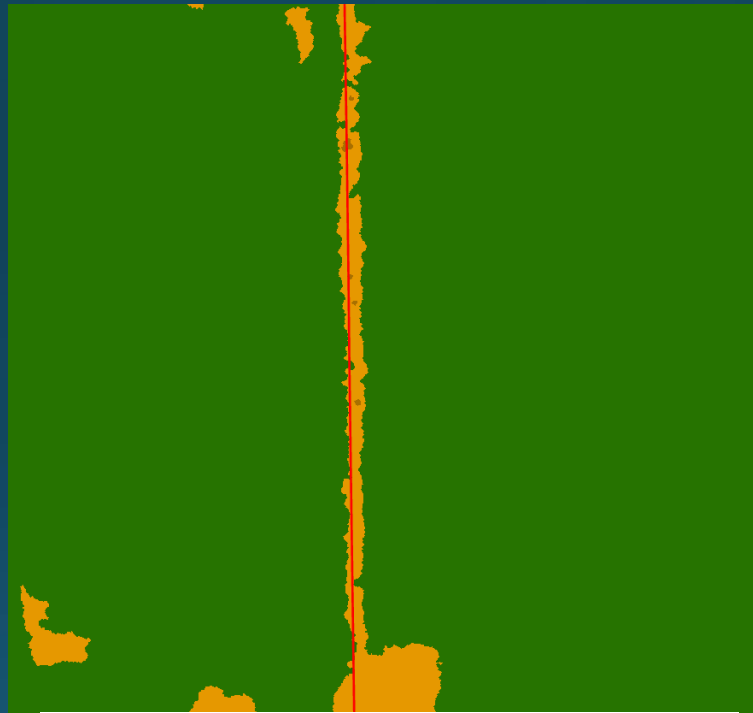
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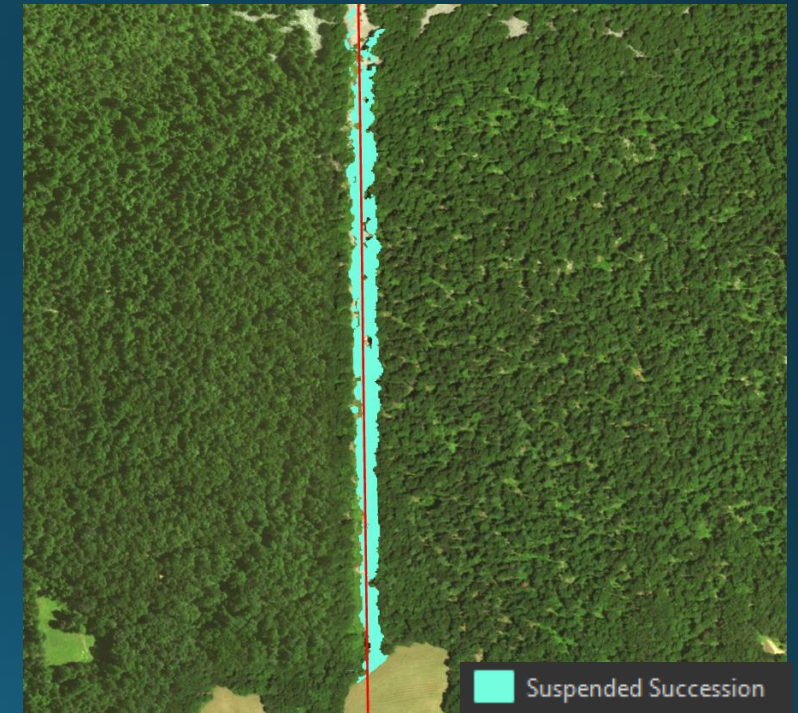
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Developed Classes

Tree Canopy Over Turf Grass (Pending Decision):

- I. “Turf Grass” and “Agriculture” methods applied first.
- II. Urban areas, defined by:
 - I. Small parcels, less than or equal to an acre, with any sized structure; and
 - II. Parcels in neighborhoods where density is greater than 8 parcels per acre based on a 1-acre circular focal window; and
 - III. Large parcels less than 100 acres with 50% impervious cover.
- III. In urban areas, buffer “Turf Grass” segments adjacent to structures and “Structure” segments by 20 meters. Classify any “Tree Canopy” within buffer as “Tree Canopy over Turf Grass.”
- IV. In non-urban areas, buffer “Turf Grass” segments adjacent to structures and “Structure” segments by 10 meters. Classify any “Tree Canopy” within buffer as “Tree Canopy over Turf Grass.”
- V. “Tree Canopy” segment less than 1 acre adjacent to “Turf Grass” (confined within parcel boundary), classify as “Tree Canopy over Turf Grass.”

Forest Classes

Fragmented Forest (Pending Decision):

- I. Use “Tree Canopy over Turf Grass” definition of urban areas.
- II. In urban areas, “Tree Canopy” segments less than an acre, classify as “Fragmented Forest.”
- III. In non-urban areas, “Tree Canopy” segments less than an acre adjacent to “Agriculture” (confined within parcel boundary), classify as “Fragmented Forest.”

Forest Classes

Forest (Pending Decision):

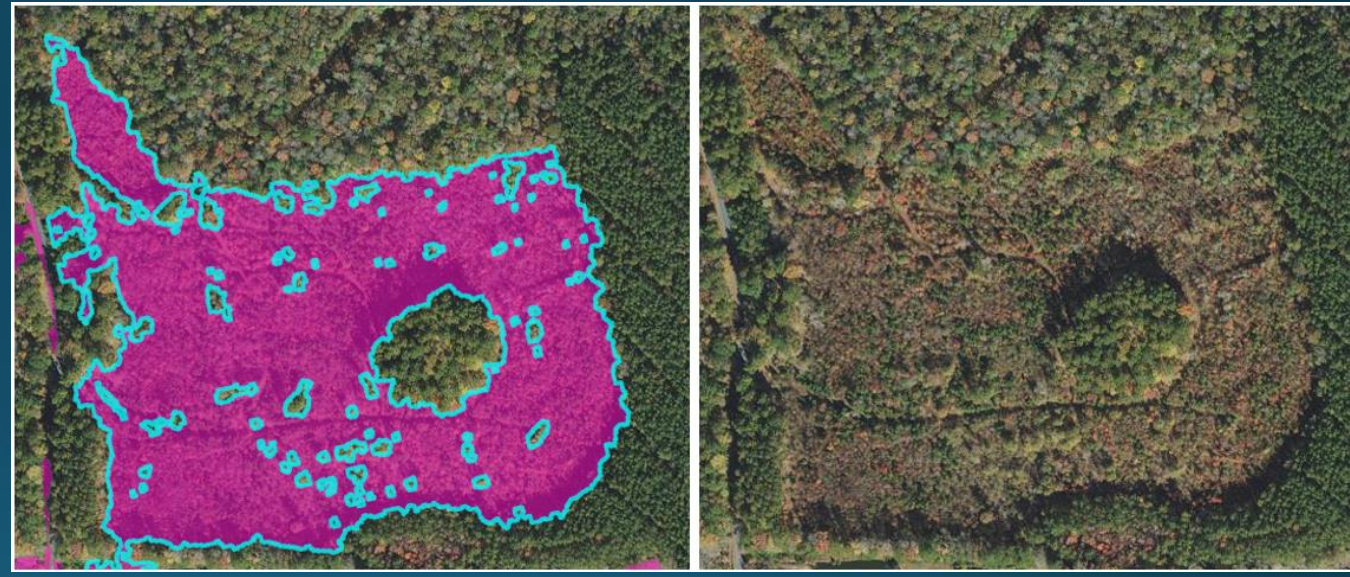
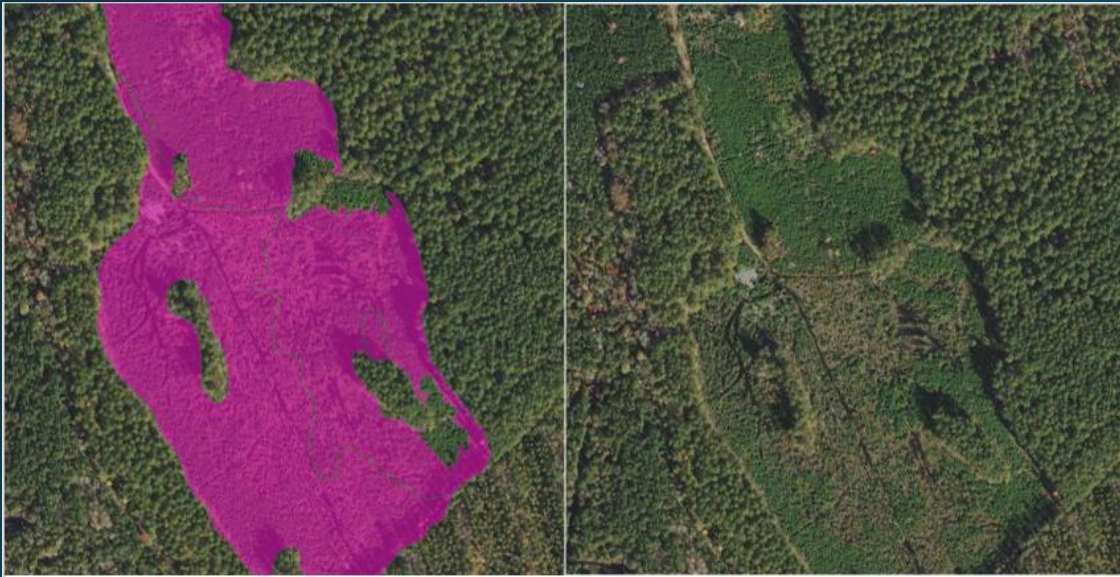
- I. “Tree Canopy over Turf Grass” and “Fragmented Forest” methods applied first.
- II. Remaining “Tree Canopy” segments are classified as “Forest.”

Forest Classes

Natural Succession:

- I. “Turf Grass”, “Agriculture”, and “Suspended Succession” methods applied first.
- II. If an “Herbaceous Vegetation” or “Barren” segment intersects with ancillary abandoned mines dataset, classify as “Natural Succession.”
- III. If greater than or equal to 10% of “Herbaceous Vegetation” or “Barren” segment is timber harvest according to data mined LCMAP, classify as “Natural Succession.”

Forest Classes: Natural Succession Images



Production Classes

Cropland (Pending Decision):

- I. Reclassify CDL into non-agricultural, cropland, pasture, idle/fallow, and orchards/vineyards.
- II. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments have an area greater than or equal 1 hectare and include 20% or greater coverage of the reclassified CDL cropland pixels, classify as “Cropland.”
- III. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-cropland classes have been assigned in previous passes. If the segment is touching cropland and no other segments with confusable classes, classify as “Cropland.”
 - I. Repeat
- IV. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-cropland classes have been assigned in previous passes.

Production Classes

Pasture (Pending Decision):

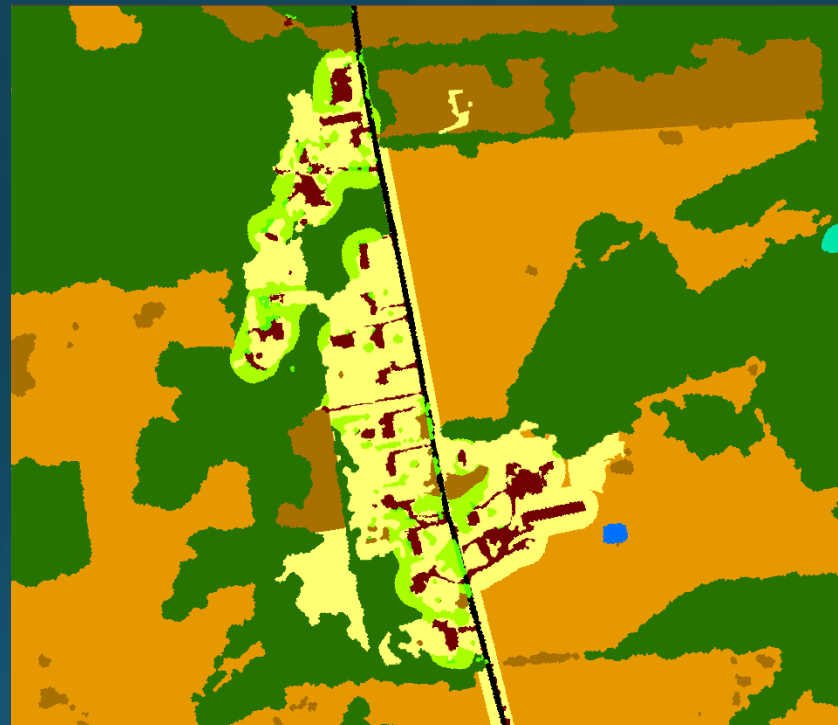
- I. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments have an area greater than or equal 1 hectare and include 20% or greater coverage of the reclassified CDL pasture pixels, classify as “Pasture.”
- II. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments have an area greater than or equal 1 hectare and include 20% or greater coverage of pasture NLCD class, classify as “Pasture.”
- III. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-pasture classes have been assigned in previous passes. If the segment is touching pasture and no other segments with confusable classes, classify as “Pasture.”
 - I. Repeat
- IV. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-pasture classes have been assigned in previous passes.

Production Classes: Cropland and Pasture Images

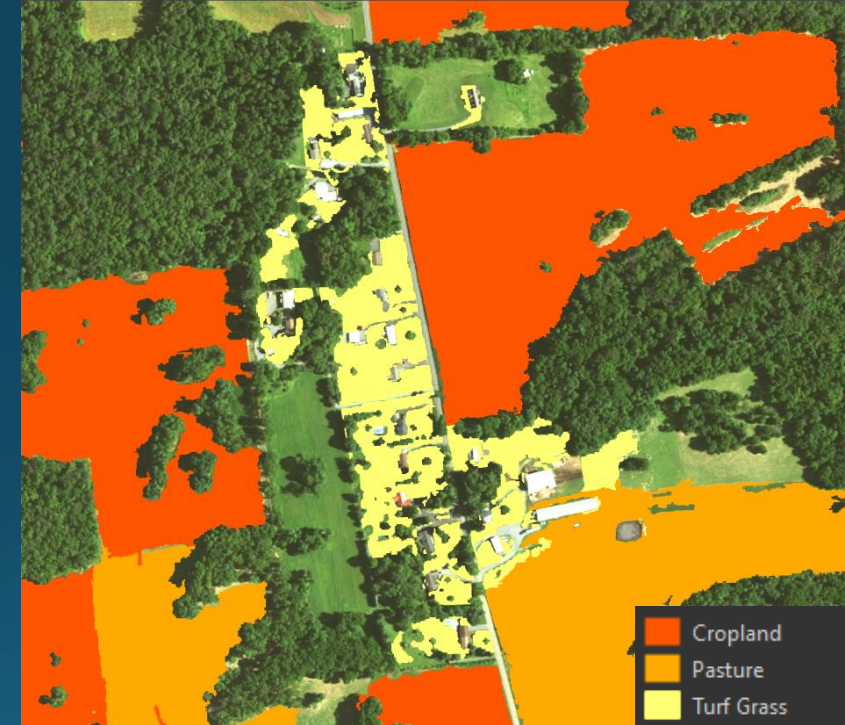
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Production Classes

Idle/Fallow (Pending Decision):

- I. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments have an area greater than or equal 1 hectare and include 20% or greater coverage of the reclassified CDL idle/fallow pixels, classify as “Idle/Fallow.”
- II. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non- idle/fallow classes have been assigned in previous passes. If the segment is touching idle/fallow and no other segments with confusable classes, classify as “Idle/Fallow.”
 - I. Repeat
- III. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non- idle/fallow classes have been assigned in previous passes.

No examples of idle/fallow in Cumberland County, PA

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Orchards/Vineyards (Pending Decision):

- I. If “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments have an area greater than or equal 1 hectare and include 20% or greater coverage of the reclassified CDL orchards/vineyards pixels, classify as “Orchards/Vineyards.”
- II. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-orchards/vineyards classes have been assigned in previous passes. If the segment is touching orchards/vineyards and no other segments with confusable classes, classify as “Orchards/Vineyards”.
 - I. Repeat
- III. Identify adjacent “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-orchards/vineyards classes have been assigned in previous passes.

Production Classes: Orchards/Vineyards Images

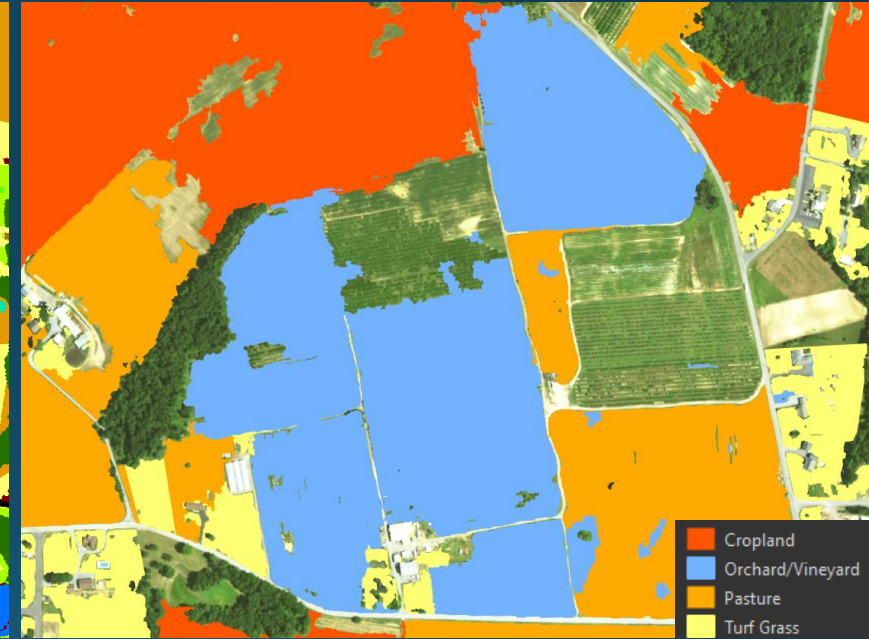
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Production Classes

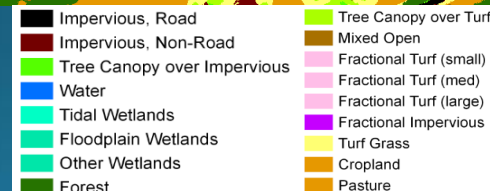
Solar Fields:

- I. Identify “Herbaceous Vegetation”, “Barren”, or “Scrub-Shrub” segments after “Turf Grass”, successional and other non-solar field classes have been assigned in previous passes. Intersect segments where their centroid falls within digitized solar field boundaries or AI solar field outputs and classify as “Solar Fields”

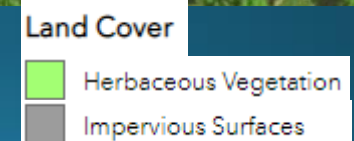
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Production Classes

Timber Harvests:

- I. “Herbaceous Vegetation” or “Barren” segment contains greater than or equal to 10% of LCMAP detected timber harvest + deforestation, and the clearing occurred between 2015 and 2017, classify as “Timber Harvest.”



Production Classes

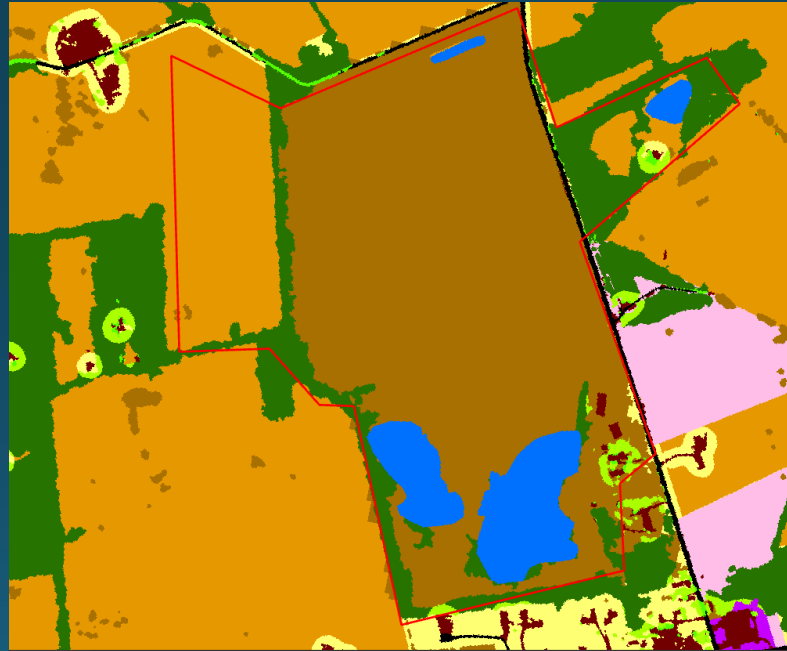
Extractive:

- I. “Barren” or “Other Impervious” segments that intersect with ancillary active “mines” dataset, classify as “Extractive.”

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Wetland and Water Margin Classes

Bare Shore:

- I. “Barren” segment is within 3 meters of water and is less than or equal to 15 square meters
- II. Exclude “Barren” segments that are less than or equal to 100,000 square meters and intersect “Wetland” segments greater than or equal to 15 square meters
- III. Exclude “Barren” segments that intersect with: mines, landfills, and local land use classes (suspended succession, extractive, agriculture, wetlands)
- IV. Classify those barren segments as “Bare Shore.”

Wetland and Water Margin Classes: Bare Shore Images

