

# Wetlands land uses for the Phase 6 Watershed Model

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# Context

- Back in October 2014, the WQGIT knew that some land uses needed more time (wetlands and tree canopy).
  - The wetlands panel was just getting underway at that time.
- The panel is charged with proposing wetlands land uses for the Phase 6 Watershed Model, and also with evaluating three BMPs (wetland restoration, wetland creation and wetland enhancement).
  - Only the recommended land uses are proposed at this time.
  - Methods/values to quantify the nutrient processes and sediment retention for these natural wetlands are forthcoming later this year.
  - The BMP recommendations will be provided in detailed report(s) next year.
- At request of Wetlands Workgroup and others, no longer seeking WQGIT decision today on the proposed land uses.

# New proposed decision timeline for wetlands land uses

- August 14<sup>th</sup>-August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Memo released; Wetlands workgroup and others requested extension
- August 24<sup>th</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Hold a call/briefing with Wetlands Workgroup to discuss the recommendations and comments in detail (date/time TBD)
  - Comments/feedback requested by COB August 31<sup>st</sup> (for any comments/feedback outside of the Wetlands Workgroup call)
- September 4<sup>th</sup>: Distribute revised memo to WQGIT, Wetlands Workgroup, Habitat GIT. This version will be considered for a decision on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> WQGIT: Deadline(?) to approve Phase 6 wetlands land uses

# Questions?

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