

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM LAND USE WORKGROUP

Conference Call Meeting Agenda
August 21, 2017
10:00AM-11:00AM

Conference Line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267-5715#

Meeting Materials:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/land_use_workgroup_interim_conference_call_august_21_2017

Adobe Connect: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/luwg/>

10:00 Welcome and introductions/Review of meeting minutes – K. Berger, MWCOG
The LUWG will be asked to approve the meeting minutes from the August 2nd meeting.

10:05 Minimizing Over-classification of Turf Grass – P. Claggett, USGS

Mis-labelling and/or mis-interpretation of local land use data have caused the misclassification of herbaceous lands within some large parcels as 100% turf grass. Rules agreed to by the LUWG, Federal Facilities Team, and WQGIT for large federal lands and parks (>1000 acres) have also caused the classification of large extents of herbaceous lands as 30% turf grass (50% turf grass on federal lands and parks between 10-1000 acres) which jurisdictions have raised concerns about. Overall, the classification of herbaceous lands as part turf grass on federal lands and parks only represents less than 1% of all turf lands (~200,000 acres / 3.2 million acres).

During this call, Peter Claggett will present an approach that will minimize the misclassification of herbaceous lands as turf grass, classifying them instead as either cropland, pasture, or mixed open. The method involves imposing different reclassification rules on contiguous patches of turf grass within and outside Census Urban Areas & Urban Clusters.

Decision: The LUWG will be asked to decide if the new methodology should be implemented as proposed, implemented with changes, or not implemented.

11:00 Adjourn

Next meeting:

Wednesday, September 6th – Face-to-Face 10:00 – 3:00 PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room ('Fish Shack')

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