

Land Use Methods & Metrics Development Outcome

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Through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the Chesapeake Bay Program has committed to...



- 1. Measure rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, and the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage.
- 2. Quantify the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities.
- 3. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with citizens, local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.



What We Want



To have Management Board:

- Delegate updating of jurisdictionspecific datasets to the jurisdictions (e.g., MS4s, protected lands, sewer service areas, and zoning). This will help free-up resources to work on this outcome.
- 2. Adjust the outcome language to extend the completion date to December 2021.

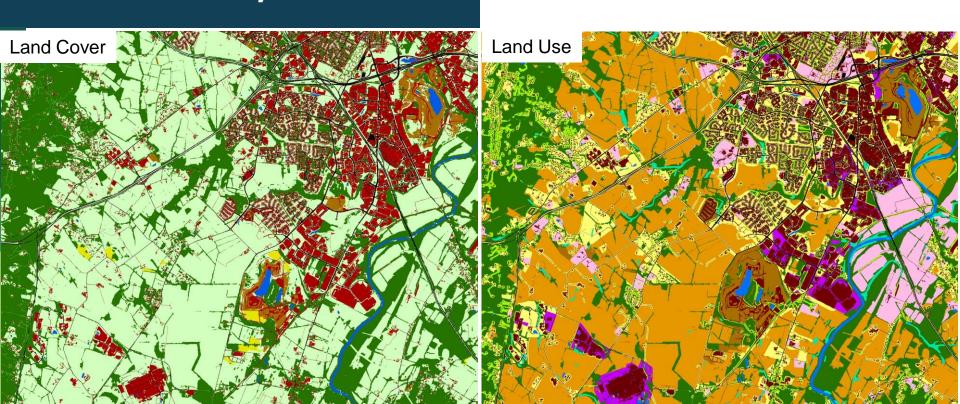
MS4 progress since November

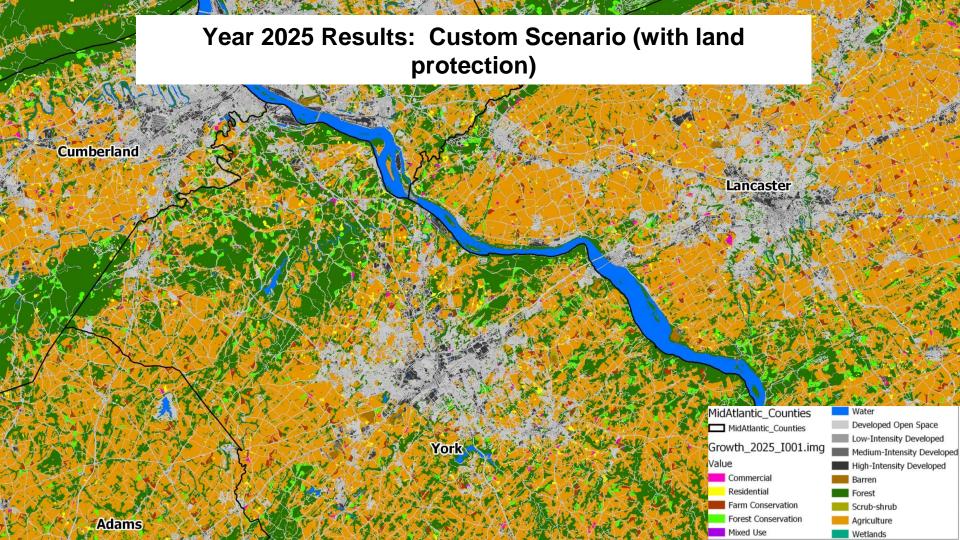
- Discussed MS4 mapping issues with EPA Region 3
 GIS Team Leader.
- Need to request assistance from Region 3 MS4 Lead, Elizabeth Ottinger.

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- Why was it not completed by 2016?
- OMG! Why is it now going to take 5 years, instead of 2.

- USGS Lead for this Outcome was let go due to budget cuts in 2017.
- 2018 Cooperative Agreement with Chesapeake Conservancy provides opportunity for a new, and improved approach for assessing land change.

Product schedule:

Summer 2019: Annual "hot spot" change from 1985 – 2017

Analysis of complementary data from FIA, NRCS,

and USGS-NLCD

Begin assessment of impacts

Summer 2020: High-res change from 2013 – 2017

Initiate public awareness campaign

Summer 2021: "Hot spot" change from 2017 – 2019

Complete assessment of impacts

Summer 2023: High-res change from 2017 - 2021