Critical Area Commission Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Meeting held online via Teams

November 1, 2023

Program Implementation Subcommittee Minutes

Subcommittee Members: Bunker (Chair), McCall, Gerthoffer, B. Hance, Herr-Cornwell, Nock, Porter, Rodvien, Mulkey, Richards

Guests: Pat Escher, City of Cambridge

Item 1. Approval of September Minutes

Commissioner Herr-Cornwell motioned to approve the August Program Subcommittee Minutes. Commissioner Gerthoffer seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with 2 abstentions (Bunker and Hewitt, as neither was at the September meeting). Minutes approved.

Item 2. Refinement: City of Cambridge – Critical Area Boundary Map Update Presented by Jennifer Esposito

Commission staff worked with the City of Cambridge, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) to develop updated Critical Area maps for the City. These draft maps were vetted by the aforementioned agencies and delivered to the City as Summary Draft Maps for local adoption. The update resulted in a 53-acre gain, a 129-acre loss, with a net change of 76 less acres in the City's Critical Area. These changes are primarily due to the lack of refined imagery and data when the Critical Area Boundary was originally mapped.

Discussion: None. Commissioner Nock motioned to approve the map updates as proposed. Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.