



Agenda

JCC Natural and Cultural Assets Mapping Committee

April 14, 2022 Meeting #3

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Building D, 101 Mounts Bay Rd, Williamsburg

Meeting Purpose: Complete review of assets maps and evaluate risks to those assets.

9:00 Welcome, Overview of Where We Are in the Process, Meeting Summary. We are wrapping up assets and moving on to evaluating risks, identifying opportunities and recommending strategies.

9:10 Input from Members of the Public Attending

9:20 Community Input Received: Overview of Community Comments and Review of Asset Maps

Community input was used to add assets to the maps of cultural and recreation resources.

By the numbers:

- ✓ 128 on line comments
- ✓ 8 library surveys
- ✓ 11 rec center surveys
- ✓ 1 email of the paper survey
- ✓ 1 email from Alain's contact

Total comments received: 143 (these are in addition to comments from the Mapping Committee).

Culture and Recreation Asset Maps: There are new resources on the map in addition to data from the county. For example, a National Historic Register Property is on the map, but the community may have suggested adding a place or structure that is worthy of designation but not yet designated. We used icons to represent the asset types to make the map more readable. Those icons are shown on top of habitat cores since, in many cases, the core is supporting the uses (hiking, pretty view, river trail etc.). Maps include the community character areas from the Comp Plan.

Ag Asset Maps: Pick your own farms, farm stands etc. were added to the ag soils and ag districts already on the map. This map can also support agritourism uses. There is no database of farms that we can reliably add.

Forestry: Includes forests and AFDs and notes forest parcels at least 30+ acres (could be viable for forestry).

County staff have already reviewed these maps and offered some additions or corrections. These edits will be complete right after today's meeting (so as to add all comments at the same time). See attachment of edits list to be completed. Are there any more edits needed? Group review of maps, comments.

Any final comments/questions on the maps?

10:00 Importance: Should we rank any cores higher because they support particular assets?

Note any cores that we should prioritize to protect and connect (highest ranked habitat cores are a high priority so this question relates to lower ranked cores that support a lot of recreation or cultural values too and could be elevated for their support of these resources).
A next step after considering the most important areas is to depict corridors that connect these high importance areas.

10:30 Risk Mapping – Overview of Risks to the Habitat Cores – Presentation

Risk: The following risks to the natural and cultural assets maps were evaluated:

- ✓ Solar Farms (replaces habitat when utility scale solar farms are built)
- ✓ New Development (including future land use map from the comp plan that expands areas for growth)
- ✓ Storms
- ✓ Sea Level rise

Discussion: Any other risks that should be considered (that we can map)?

11:15 a.m. Overview of opportunities and discussion of how this work informs planning or conservation.

How can the data can be used to inform/change planning to incorporate more habitat and farmland conservation? Consultants present some examples for development sites' redesign. Refer back to January meeting presentation for additional ideas shared for how the asset maps can be utilized.

11:45 a.m. Comment from public in attendance

11:55 a.m. Next steps

Consultants will complete final asset maps and then build in key wildlife corridors. This will complete the natural and cultural assets mapping work and we will move onto strategies.

Next Meeting: Opportunities and strategies! Based on what is at risk and areas we want to better conserve/restore we will develop options. Some strategies could be recommendations for county policy or some could be project ideas.

Tentative dates proposed for the next meetings are June 2 for the Mapping Committee and June 29 for the public input meeting.