

State Lands Mapping Joint Subcommittee

5/10/23 3:00 PM

Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

RMAC: Michele L. Tremblay, John Magee, Mark Hemmerlein

LMAC: Mark Hemmerlein

NHDES: Tracie Sales, Nisa Marks

Guest: Shane Bradt

Michele opened by stating the meeting's objectives are to decide next steps to evaluate the mapping tool's effectiveness by looking at specific parcels and applying the criteria built into the tool. Discussion followed on the tool's features and their applicability for LACs.

Mark asked if a GIS layer exists that shows the LAC jurisdictions. Tracie confirmed there is.

Michele said there are two purposes for the tool:

1. Be able to comment on SLRs when the RMAC (or LMAC) cannot meet within the response time.
2. Be able to make recommendations for the management or ownership of specific, highly sensitive state-owned parcels.

Mark said that the dataset as is can fulfill these purposes, but that it does not specify which LAC a parcel is in jurisdiction for, nor is there an ability to select all parcels within the jurisdiction of an LAC. The existing layer only includes parcels within 250' from waterbodies. (Post-meeting addition: LAC jurisdiction is "the river and the land area located within a distance of 1,320 feet of the normal high water mark or to the landward extent of the 100 year floodplain as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whichever distance is larger.") Shane said the tool also does not currently designate what jurisdictions each parcel is in, such as RMAC/LMAC/LAC.

Michele asked to select a geography for testing the tool. Shane said you can use a selection tool to do a rough list of parcels within a given area. He said it is very difficult to ask what parcels are associated with a river, but that you could have columns for RMAC jurisdiction, LMAC jurisdiction, and LAC jurisdiction.

John showed an example on the stream crossings map that allows filtering the data by a specific watershed or river. Michele said her goal is to be able to score specific parcels in a given geography as a way of taking on a reasonable number of parcels to test the tool. Michele asked that the team figure out a method for how to evaluate parcels. John suggested looking at parcels in Warner, Sutton, and New London. Michele said next meeting will evaluate each parcel in that geography, with the subcommittee deciding on recommendations for each parcel (i.e. dispose, dispose with conditions, keep in state ownership) and using this evaluation to test the functionality of the tool. John suggested looking at both the viewer and associated tables when the group looks at parcels.

Shane added a button to the tool to allow users who are logged in to ArcGIS Online to download selected parcel data in to CSV delineated file which can be saved as an Excel spreadsheet.

Tracie will poll the group for the best meeting time (May 19th PM, May 31st AM, June 6 PM). This meeting will be scheduled for 1 hour and no preparation is required by members.