



Multi-Resource Conservation Planning

Helping communities and local partners identify common goals with user-friendly web applications that incorporate multiple conservation priorities

The Chesapeake Conservancy has developed a suite of replicable web applications that help organizations prioritize areas across a landscape that meet conservation criteria of their choosing. A panel of “sliders” (shown on right) allows users to specify their level of interest in five or more categories, such as historical and cultural resources, priority habitats, ecological connectivity, relationship to existing protected lands, and proximity to existing public access points. By running the tool several times with different values, users can quickly understand how regional priorities change based on their preferences and which landscapes are continually determined to be high value.

The Conservation Prioritization web applications are powerful tools that partner organizations can use individually or collectively to identify opportunities for resource sharing and cooperative action. This makes them ideal for stakeholder meetings and similar community-based conservation efforts that rely on finding common ground across multiple interests and perspectives.

