

Lidar Work Group
Notes from 6/13/2018 meeting (draft; Gale Blackmer)

Attendees in person: Gale Blackmer, Scott Drzyzga, Marcie Dunn, Scott Hoffman, Eric Jespersen, Joe Petroski, Jeff Zimmerman,

Attendees by phone: Autumn Anderson, Sandeep Chaudry, Scott Dane, Maggie Dunn, Howard Hodder, Mike McGeehan

Quick Information Updates

Talking Points Update (Gale Blackmer) – Spiffy new 2-page informational document is completed and ready for distribution. Use it as needed. A copy is attached.

2018-2019 State Funding Update (Gale Blackmer) – Email will go out from DCNR Secretary Dunn to other agency heads “soon.” *Post-meeting update:* Email was sent on July 6 to PEMA, DCED, DEP PennDOT, Game Commission, State Police. Blackmer sent follow-up on July 17 to respective LWG members and other agency contacts to urge them to follow up with agency heads.

2018-2019 Federal Funding Updates

- FEMA Region 3 (Maggie Dunn, Mike McGeehan) – Timeline for acquisition is not completely clear. Buy would be with FY18 money. Data would be delivered 2019, 2020. Western PA would be part of a large federal purchase. Maggie is pretty sure we’ll get PA, but it might take place over a period of years.
- NRCS (Marcie Dunn) - PA NRCS has committed \$207,000, enough for one county. Their priority is Bradford County, although we discussed the possibility of nudging them toward doing Huntingdon County because it is off by itself. They may end up with more money to add.
- Allegheny National Forest – Jeanne Hickey passed along to us that ANF will not be purchasing lidar.

PEMA Update (Sandeep Chaudry) – Photography is 28% complete. It will be finished this year. Future update order will be central PA, eastern PA, western PA. PEMA is developing a rate card to allow others to buy up additional services. QL1 and QL2 lidar will be available. They are still working on the process for executing a PO.

Action Items

DEP and DOT reps for Working Group – no progress

State Plan Framework – Talked about getting William Penn Foundation and western PA groups interested in recurring lidar data collection. Blackmer noted that DCNR has a meeting with representatives of the William Penn Foundation in July. She will bring up the topic. It was also

noted that it would be useful to have specific uses for each state agency to include in the state plan.

New Business

Website – Jeff Zimmerman reported that SRBC can stand up a basic website for the Working Group.

There was discussion of modifying our goal of assembling funds to cover the entire state in light of the potential for FEMA to collect western PA. Decision was made to reduce the 2018 ask to the state to the remaining counties in eastern PA. A map showing the area of the proposed acquisition is attached. Note that Huntingdon County is not part of the territory. That essentially acknowledges that NRCS has committed to one county. Exact choice of counties can be made at the time of submission to BAA. Cost of flying this region is about \$2.1 million.

LWG Calendar

August 1 **Next Meeting** – SRBC Harrisburg Office, 4423 North Front Street; 10 – Noon;
Web access/Remote participation info TBD

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