



Summary of protocol changes from Draft 4 to Draft 5

- General reformatting and reorganizing to help improve our protocol's flow for readers familiar with the voluntary market more broadly
- Added a definition section (Section 1.3)
- Created a project flow diagram to visualize the project development/credit issuance process (Section 2.0)
- Added a digital MRV section to describe how projects will be tracked with digitizable metrics (Section 4.3)
- Added a section clarifying the additionality of the protocol/projects therein (Section 5.0)
- Made modifications to engineer statement, specifying the need for a "cost estimate" and a later "construction estimate" (Section 6.2)
- Specified the need for digitizable project boundary descriptions (Section 4.1) and the determination of a "Maximum Inland Extent" (MIE), the area within the project boundary that is eligible for credits (Section 7.1)
- Added equations to be used for important calculations, including:
 - Stored organic carbon via wetland protection credits (Section 7.2)
 - Regenerating carbon in a project area, aka annual wetland sequestration credits (Section 8.1)
- Added a Life Cycle Analysis of the project (Section 7.3), which is included in carbon credit calculation
- Condensed the Oyster and Seagrass Section to serve as placeholders for future research (Section 8)
- Added appendices on SLAMM, Texas Blue Carbon Database, and Living Shoreline Protection Mechanism appendices; Moved rSETs and Feldspar monitoring techniques to Appendix section