

**Regional Action Agenda Outline**

- I. Forwards written by Chair / Vice Chair (~1 pg each)
- II. Regional Vision / Need for Water Planning ~ 2 paragraphs
- III. Foundation ~ 1 page
  - a. Regional committee meetings
  - b. Public meetings / hearings
  - c. Meetings with County Planners / Watershed Specialists
- IV. Current Practices we want to maintain and promote (**Optional**) ~ 3 pages  
*(Maintain/Promote practices and introduce discussion on major problems/issues)*
- V. Provide, protect, and maintain sources of quality water to sustain human and ecological needs  
Purpose:  
  
Goal 1: Protect, restore, and/or enhance ecological resources to maintain and/or enhance water resources  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 2: Stormwater management  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 3: Upgrading Infrastructure  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 4: Prevent degradation/contamination of groundwater resources by improper well abandonment, etc.  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 5: Prevent degradation/contamination of surface water resources by improper stormwater and wastewater management  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 6: Non-point source pollution  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 7: Recycling/Conservation  
Objectives:  
  
Goal 8: Wastewater management  
Objectives:

Goal 9: Establishing current water quality benchmarks for protection and/or restoration

Objectives:

VI. Protect Water Quantity

Purpose:

*Goal 1: Determine the process for establishing regional decision-makers*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 2: No export/transfers – Annex*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 3: Provide mechanism (i.e., State assistance or incentives, i.e., PennVEST) for infrastructure upgrades*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 4: Determine accurate and current demands and trends of water use*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 5: Define resources as Great Lakes, groundwater, and surface water*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 6: Define uses as consumptive as economic and non-consumptive environmental*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 7: Regional management*

*Objectives:*

- 1. Identify entities that manages allocations, balancing and emergency management*

*Goal 8: Export/transfer – Annex*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 9: BMPs for water recycling*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 10: Upgrade infrastructure*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 11: Future demand*

*Objectives:*

*Goal 12: Provide continuing water conservation education programming*

*Objectives:*

## VII. Land Use Impacts

### Purpose:

Goal 1: Maintain hydrologic integrity by establishing the capacity to evaluate and address land use impacts, such as point and non-point source pollution on recharge, flow, and the surface and groundwater regimes.

### Objectives:

1. *Add conservation design language to municipal ordinances with incentives for developers*
2. *Program for nutrient overloads, e.g. composting facility for manure*

Goal 2: Protect groundwater supplies from contamination by controlling incompatible surface uses, i.e., wellhead protection

### Objectives:

1. *More resources for monitoring and enforcement*

Goal 3: Identify, protect, and restore floodplains and lake bluffs

### Objectives:

1. *Establish policy for dealing with exposed shoreline due to retreat of Great Lakes*

Goal 4: Improve consistency between municipal, sewer, and water planning

### Objectives:

## VIII. Communicate with the Public

### Purpose:

Goal1: Encourage development of curriculum for school children

### Objectives:

Goal 2: Encourage meteorologists to talk about and educate public about water resources

### Objectives:

## IX. Collaborate, Coordinate, and be Cognizant with Great Lakes States and Provinces

### Purpose:

Goal1: Think broader than PA's Great Lakes boundaries

### Objectives:

Goal 2: Regional Planning

Objectives:

1. (ex. Federal enforcement of ballast water rules)

Goal 3: Regional dialogue

Objectives:

Goal 4: Education

Objectives:

- X. Conclusion / Additional steps needed to achieve our vision for 2013, and in 2030  
~3 pages