



State Water Plan Update Ohio Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

October 24, 2023
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
In-Person Rachael Carson Building

Committee Members in Attendance:

Matthew Genchur
Duane Goodsell
Kevin Halloran
Annie Quinn
Ron Rohall

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Erin Kepple Adams	Jason McCabe
Daniel Dahlkemper	Ronald Musser
Lori Dayton	Mary Ellen Ramage
Sam Dinkins	Deb Simko
Chuck Durista	Robert Softcheck
Deb Lange	Jasun Stanton
Sheryl Kelly	John St. Clair
	John Walliser
	Donna Lynn Zofcin

Others in Attendance:

James Horton – DEP
Elizabeth Cushman - DEP

Visitors:

Catherine Tulley

Welcome

James Horton, DEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the meeting was being recorded, and provided helpful hints on the use of technology. Chair Annie Quinn led the introduction of all attending members.

Public Comment

Chair Quinn opened the meeting for public comment. An opportunity to express comments verbally or in the chat box was offered. There was no public comment.

Meeting Summary

With a lack of quorum of members, the meeting summary of the April 25, 2023, was tabled for review at the next meeting.

DEP Update

James Horton presented an update of DEP activities to support the current State Water Plan and reviewed status of Committees' membership. For the next update of the State Water Plan, DEP plans to develop draft content for the plan during 2025, hold public hearings and meetings in the first quarter of 2026, and have a draft updated plan for the Statewide Committee to approve in the third quarter of 2026. DEP hopes to have the finalized plan completed by the end of 2027.

The five-year plan for implementation of the current plan is outlined in the following chart.



James described DEP's current outreach initiatives for the current State Water Plan. These initiatives include:

- Planned presentations to Pennsylvania Environmental Council on October 30 and a presentation at the PSATS convention in April of 2024.
- Presentations that have been provided include a presentation to the Western PA Water Symposium and a presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Council.
- Development of presentation tools – James is developing a modular presentation for speaking to different groups and the presentation will be tailored to address

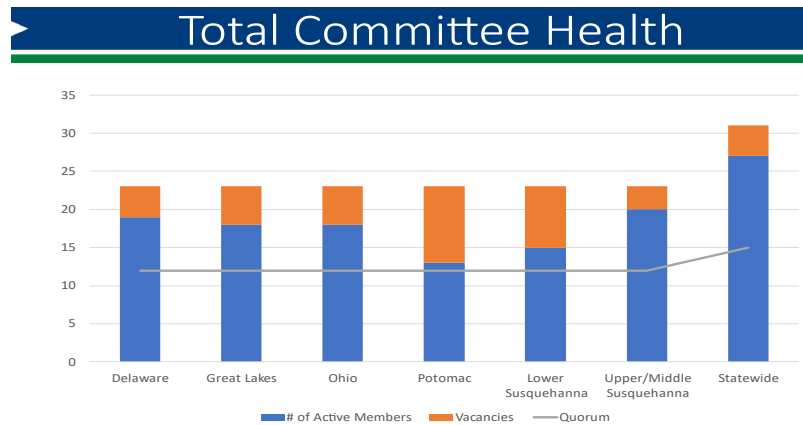
individual interests of the group. A one-page fact sheet is also being developed as a handout at presentations.

Currently DEP staff are reviewing and organizing feedback provided by the public during the development of the 2022 State Water Plan update to determine what information will be useful for additional planning efforts. This synopsis of information will be brought to the Committee at future meetings.

The three CARPs are in development and under review with DEP. James hopes to have the CARPs completed during this cycle of planning. The three CARPs are:

- Back Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Laurel Hill Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Marsh and Rock Creeks CARP in the Potomac region

James reviewed the status of membership on the six regional committees. The following graph shows active members available for each committee. Potomac Regional Committee is most in need of additional members. James stated he has several applications for membership on the various committees and these applications are being prepared to be sent to the Governor for appointment.

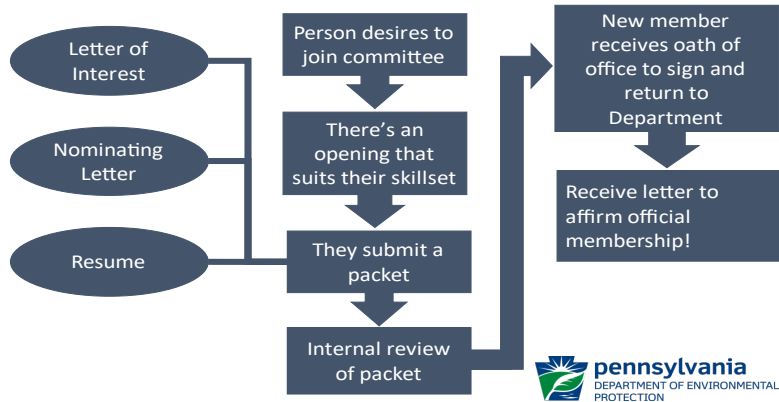


Act 220 is very specific on the professional roles of regional committee members. The Ohio Regional Committee currently has openings in the following professional categories. Recommendations from Committee members are welcome to fill vacant positions.

- County Conservation District Director
- Industrial and Commercial, Energy Development and Production (2 positions)
- Local Government

James provided the following flow chart of the process for recruiting new members to regional committees.

Recruiting New Members



Next Steps

2024 Meeting Dates

- April 23, 2024 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- October 22, 2024 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm on a Matt Genchur / Duane Goodsell motion.