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Chesapeake Bay Program Office

# Pennsylvania's Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan

Public Comment Summary

*Healthy Waters, Healthy Communities*



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# Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan

*Today we will update you on our progress to date with the Phase 3 WIP and the contents of the plan.*

## Agenda

- Summary of Public Comment
- Progress of the Workgroups
- Next Steps



# Public Outreach

- Draft issued April 12, 2019
  - Public comment through June 7, 2019  
[www.dep.pa.gov/chesapeakebay/phase3](http://www.dep.pa.gov/chesapeakebay/phase3)
  - eComment  
<https://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment>
- Resource Account: [RA-EPChesBay@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPChesBay@pa.gov)

# Presentations

- Webinars
  - DEP Hosted – April 23 – Countywide Planning Process
  - PA Organization Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) – May 28 – Phase 3 WIP
- Advisory Committees
  - Bay Local Government and Citizen Advisory Committee – April 18
  - Nutrient Management Advisory Board – April 18
  - Agriculture Advisory Board – April 25
  - DEP Citizen Advisory Committee – May 22
  - Water Resources Advisory Committee – May 23
  - DCNR Advisory Council – May 29
- Workshops, Conferences
  - PA State Assn of Township Supervisors – April 14-17
  - POWR, The Linn Conservancy, Conservation Union – May 31
  - PA Water Environment Assn – June 3
  - Chesapeake Conservancy – June 4



# Summary of Comments

- 40 Commenters
  - Advisory Council – 2
  - Environmental Organizations – 12
  - General Public – 6
  - Industry Associations -- 5
  - Local Government Agency (Boro, Township) – 5
  - County Government -- 3
  - State Government Agency – 2
  - Federal Government Agency – 1
  - Private Consultant, Engineering Firms, etc. – 4
- Other
  - Workgroup Review, Enhancements and Revisions
  - Letter from Governor Hogan, Secretary Matt Strickler
  - EPA Evaluation (have not received as of June 19)

# Outline for Comment Response Document

- Common Themes
  - Recognition of the collaborative approach
  - Concern over remaining nitrogen reduction target to be achieved
  - Concern over gap in funding
  - Cost numbers and what is included, not included in those numbers
  - Clarification needed as to how the Countywide Action Plans merge with the State Priority Initiatives
- Detailed comments that follow the sections of the draft Phase 3 WIP
- Handout is the basic outline for the Response Document. All the comments have been categorized according to this outline.



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