

Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Planning and Progress Template

Green - action has been completed or is moving forward as planned Yellow - action has encountered minor obstacles Red - action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier

Action #	Description	Performance Target(s)	Responsible Party(ies) and Partnerships	Geographic Location	Expected Timeline	Potential Implementation Challenges or Recommendations	Resources Available			Resources Needed			Review Checklist Comments	
							Technical	Source	Financial	Source	Technical	Suggested Source		Financial
Priority Initiative 1: Agriculture														
1.1	Implement Nutrient Management Analysis Program to Agricultural Landowners	Create Program for farmers to apply for soil sampling, manure analysis, and agronomics assistance to allow technical assistance and recommendations for nutrient management implementation based on sampling/analysis. Approximately <u>3000 acres</u> or more depending on funding	PSU Extension, BCCD, Consultant	Agricultural and Hunting properties Headwaters Towanda Creek, South Branch Sugar Creek, Sattlerlee Creek, and Laning Creek Watersheds	2022- Creation of program with evaluation in 2025.	Funding for initial 3 years of program, landowner participation, and understanding of data importance.	Local agency educational materials and sampling kits Consultant assistance	NRCS, PSU Extension, BCCD, Private consultants BC Trophy Deer and Bear Club, Leroy Sportsman's Association, Towanda American Legion, and Ridgebury Sportsman's Club	Sampling Kits (\$15 for Soil and \$40 for Manure)	Private Landowner	Contracted Source for NMP analysis/recommendations List of recommended contacts for analysis completion.	Private Consultant willing to complete testing and recommendations for landowners in the county.	Dedicated funding to assist in management and development of this program.	Grants or State Agency funding NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance Program Target Local Hunting and Fishing Club members who own agricultural land \$60,000 total per year for 1.1 – 1.1 a
1.1a	Soil Sampling Program	Develop Soil Sample Collection Program and Analysis – <u>25 sites</u> annually, Approximately 10 fields per farm	PSU Extension, BCCD, Consultant Target Hunting Clubs	Agricultural and Hunting properties Lanning Creek, Hammond Creek, Bailey Creek, and Gaffers Creek	2022-2025		Education Materials Soil Sampling	NRCS, BCCD, PSU Ext, Penn State analytical lab BC Trophy Deer and Bear Club, Leroy Sportsman's					Growing Greener Education Grant Target Local Hunting and Fishing Club members who own agricultural land \$30,000.00 per year	

								Association , Towanda American Legion, and Ridgebury Sportsman' s Club							
	Manure Testing Program	Develop Manure Testing Program and Analysis – <u>25 sites</u> annually	PSU Extension, BCCD, Consultant	Agricultural and Hunting properties Headwaters Towanda Creek, South Branch Sugar Creek, Sattlerlee Creek, and Laning Creek Watersheds	2022-2025		Education Materials Manure testing Labs	PSU Ext, Private labs, Penn State analytical lab BC Trophy Deer and Bear Club, Leroy Sportsman' s Association , Towanda American Legion, and Ridgebury Sportsman' s Club						Growing Greener Education Grant Target Local Hunting and Fishing Club members who own agricultural land \$10,000.00 per year	
	Agronomy Assistance/Analysis Program	Develop Agronomic Analysis Program – <u>25 sites</u> annually	PSU Extension, BCCD, Consultant	Agricultural and Hunting properties. Headwaters Towanda Creek, South Branch Sugar Creek, Sattlerlee Creek, and Laning Creek Watersheds	2022-2025		Education Materials, Analysis	PSU Ext, Private consultant			Analysis	Private Consultant		Growing Greener Education Grant \$20,000.00 per year	
1.2 *	Increase Reporting and Verification of Existing BMP's	Collect data through use of landowner reporting forms and verify existing BMP's on	DEP, BCCD, NRCS, PFB	County	2021-ongoing	Time Capacity, Data Entry, Release of Records, producer participation and resistance	BMP's and plans that were funded through agencies and grants are	SCC, PSU Extension, NRCS, BCCD, DEP	Agency verification	Staff Time	One dedicated staff or contracted staff to complete	Staffing increase, BCCD, DEP or consultant	Dedicated funding to this position,	State funds \$80,000.00 per year.	

		Agricultural Operations. Report and Verify <u>50 farms a year.</u>					already known				entry and inspections				
1.2a	Create Farmer Survey	Create and deploy Farmer Survey to collect private landowner data on existing BMPs <u>100</u> Completed surveys a year	DEP, BCCD, NRCS, PFB	County	2021-ongoing	Time Capacity, Data Entry, Release of Records, producer participation and resistance	BMPs and plans that were funded through agencies and grants are already known	SCC, PSU Extension, NRCS, BCCD, DEP	Agency verification	Staff Time	Refer to 1.2	Refer to 1.2	Refer to 1.2	Refer to 1.2	
1.3	Existing BMP Maintenance Program	Assist producers with maintenance of existing BMP to keep them functioning, through cost-share labor or funding. Approx. <u>10 farms per year</u> (projects size will determine if more or less operations can be completed) Completing maintenance on riparian buffers, fencing, rain gutters, heavy use areas, manure storages, etc	BCCD, NRCS, PSU Extension	Agricultural Producers	2023-ongoing	Funding and Producer participation, Identifying BMPS that need maintenance	Technical assistance	NRCS, PSU Extension, Consultants, SCC, PACD	Funding Source that allows for the maintenance of existing BMP's	Private Landowner funds	Consultants, Engineers	Contracted, NRCS, PACD	Grant funding	State or Federal Funds. Grant program that provides maintenance funds Approx. \$150,000.00 per year	
1.4 *	Riparian Buffer and Stream Fencing	Implement Stream fencing and riparian buffer on crop and pasture lands.	BCCD, NRCS, PSU Extension	Streams of Agricultural Properties Target Hunting and Fishing clubs	2021-ongoing	Funding and Producer participation, Importance of maintenance	NRCS, PSU Extension, Consultants, SCC	BC Trophy Deer and Bear Club, Leroy Sportsman's Association	N/A	Plantings	K-10 Labor to plant/install	Volunteers, community service, Landscapers	Stream fencing costs, Trees if not available, planting and	State and Federal Funding DCNR Riparian Forest Buffer Grants	Riparian Buffer and Stream Fencing

		7880 Acres of new or verified existing						, Towanda American Legion, and Ridgebury Sportsman's Club					maintenanc e	DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program WRPP Growing Greener \$130.00 a tree for tree planting guarantee and maintenance for 1 year from landscapers (\$250,000.00 a year for maintenance and planting assistance) Fencing is \$4.00 a Linear Foot (\$150,000.00 a year for 1000 acres)	
1.5	Soil Health	Promote Soil Health by increasing No Till and Cover Cropping Increase No Till by <u>1,250 acres</u> per year and Cover Cropping by <u>3,000 acres</u>	BCCD, NRCS	Agricultural Landowners operations Seeley Creek, North and South Branch Sugar Creek, Head Waters of Tioga River, Headwaters Towanda Creek, Laning Creek, and Black Creek-little Loyalsock	2021-2025	Producer Participation and Resistance. Education on overall management change importance, equipment availability	Cases Studies, Educational Materials, Seminars	NRCS, BCCD, PSU Extension	Seed Costs	NRCS	Outreach support, event development, Deliverables through existing publications	Staffing Increase 0.5 FTE, Cost of Seeds	Dedicated funding to this position,	REAP, DEP, NRCS, County Funds \$40,000.00 for staffing per year. Cost of Seeds - \$50,000.00 per year	

				Creek Watersheds											
1.6	Equipment Rental and Availability	Provide equipment rental to farmers to encourage more BMP implementation on small operations and reduce nutrients being applied incorrectly	BCCD	Agricultural Landowners operations	2021-2025	Logistics and maintenance	No-Till Equipment	BCCD	Funds to purchase and maintain equipment	County Funds	Rental Agreement Delivery of equipment Contracting a delivery service for equipment Contracting a custom farming operator to assist in equipment usage	BCCD Staff	No Till Drill - \$30,000.00 Lime Spreader - \$10,000.00 Manure Injection Equipment - \$150,000.00 Manure Spreader - \$10,000.00	REAP, DEP, NRCS, EQUIP, State Funds	
1.7 *	Barnyard, Heavy Use Management, and Manure Storage	Implement BMP's on farms where the most nutrient concentration occurs (heavy use) and reduce the travel of nutrients into streams and construct roofed manure stacking pads to reduce winter spreading BMP's include Barnyards, manure storage, buffer strips, rain gutters, etc. Increase number of total projects by <u>5 per year</u> on top of current county	BCCD, NRCS, SCC,	County Seeley Creek, North and South Branch Sugar Creek, Head Waters of Tioga River, Headwaters Towanda Creek, Laning Creek, and Black Creek-Little Loyalsock Creek Watersheds	2021-2025	Project match on larger projects, Prevailing wage, increased wait times for funding and farmer resistance	Engineering and design support	NRCS, PSU Extension, Consultants, SCC, PACD		NRCS funding, Growing Greener	Engineering, design, and permitting support	NRCS, PACD, Consultants	\$1,000,000.00 per year to increase overall project numbers	REAP, Grants NRCS DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program WRPP Growing Greener	

		and NRCS workload. Project number could increase if smaller projects are obtained. Potentially 10-12 additional projects												
1.8	Operation Transition and Land Retirement Assistance	Assist farmers that are transitioning operation types with the necessary BMP and management practices and consult individuals that are removing lands from production. Provide assistance with reforestation, recreational management, CREP and Wildlife habitat improvements <u>10 farms per year</u>	BCCD, NRCS, PSU Extension	County	2022-2025	Outreach to Landowners, Potential for Long Term Contracts. Maintenance for proposed BMP's	Planning Documents, Education	NRCS, PSU Extension, Consultants, SCC, Foresters	Plantings, and seed for land retirement plantings	K-10, CREP	Staff to complete recommendations	NRCS, DCNR, BCCD, Consultants	Funds for Plan Writers and new BMP being implemented, Plan Revisions	State Grant Programs DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program WRPP Growing Greener \$75,000.00 per year

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Each county-based local area will use this template to identify:

1. Inputs – These are both existing and needed resources, public and private, to implement the identified priority initiative. These include both technical and financial resources, such as personnel, supplies, equipment and funding.
2. Process – what is each partner able to do where and by when. These are the action items listed under each priority initiative.
3. Outputs and outcomes – both short and long-term. These are the priority initiatives identified by each county. The performance targets are the intermediate indicators that will measure progress.
4. Implementation challenges – any potential issues or roadblocks to implementation that could impede outputs and outcomes.

Asterisk: Place an asterisk next to the action number(s) for action items that appear in both the County Planning and Progress Template and the Programmatic Recommendations Template.

For each Priority Initiative or Program Element: Use the fields, as defined below, to identify the inputs and the process that will be followed to achieve each priority initiative. This is the “who, what, where, when and how” of the plan:

Description = What. This may include programs that address prevention, education, or as specific as planned BMP installations that will address the Priority Initiative. A programmatic or policy effort will require some ability to quantify the anticipated benefits which will allow calculation of the associated nutrient reductions.

Performance Target = How. This is an extension of the Description above. The Performance Target details the unique BMPs that will result from implementation of the Priority Initiative and serves as a benchmark to track progress in addressing the Priority Initiative. Performance Targets may be spread across multiple Responsible Parties, Geographies, and Timelines based on the specifics of the Initiative.

Responsible Party(ies) = Who. This is/are the key partner(s) who will implement the action items through outreach, assistance or funding, and who will be responsible for delivering the identified programs or practices.

Geographic Location = Where. This field identifies the geographic range of the planned implementation. This could extend to the entire county or down to a small watershed, based on the scale of the Priority Initiative, range of the Responsible Party, or planned funding/resources. *NOTE: Resource limitations alone should not limit potential implementation as additional funding may become available in the future.*

Expected Timeline = When. Provide the expected completion date for the planned activity. This should be a reasonable expectation, based on knowledge and experience, that will aid in tracking progress toward addressing the Priority Initiative.

Resources Available: Technical & Funding = This field will note technical and financial resources secured/available to implement the program (Description). This is the total of the resources identified in the County Resources Inventory Template below allocated to the priority initiative as a whole; or, if available, to each action.

Resources Needed: Technical & Funding = This field will note technical and financial resources needed/outstanding to implement the program (Description). This is the total of the additional resources projected and identified as needed in the County Resources Inventory Template below allocated to the priority initiative as a whole; or, if possible, to each action.

Potential Implementation Challenges/Issues = This field will note challenges and issues that may delay program implementation (Description).