

Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Programmatic Recommendations Template

Action #	Description	Performance Target(s)	Expected Timeline	Potential Implementation Challenges	Potential Recommendations on Improvement	Resources Needed			
						Technical	Suggested Source	Financial	Suggested Source
Programmatic Recommendation 1:									
1.1	Develop a funding source for buffer establishment and maintenance including rental payments for agriculture.	Establish buffers and include funding to support a maintenance program and agriculture rental payments.	2025	Taking cropland out of production without payment could cause loss of income in these acres. No rental payment will last forever.	Provide rental payment similar to CREP or tax breaks for ground taken out of production.	Need dedicated staff that are familiar with buffers and can communicate with farmers	MCCD Staff CREP Staff Native Creations	\$300,000	CREP, Growing Greener, Chesapeake Bay Funding
1.2	Develop a funding source to establish buffers in developed and urban areas.	Persuade landowners in urban areas to plant buffers with an incentive program.	2025	Figuring out what funding source will be used and how to encourage landowners to install buffers.	Provide incentives or utilize pollinator mixes and flowering plants and shrubs for a positive visual response.	Need dedicated staff that are familiar with buffers and can communicate with private landowners.	MCCD Staff, Native Creations	\$100,000	Growing Greener, Chesapeake Bay Funding
1.3	Adopt a statewide or county wide buffer ordinance.	Develop an ordinance to mandate a stream buffer for any land with streams in the county.	2025	Landowner acceptance and minimum buffer width establishment.	Have a 15-foot buffer width requirement for everyone. Have grass buffers as option as well.	Ordinance developer	DEP/Montour County Townships	\$10,000	TBD
1.4	Regulate fertilizer application on lawns	Regulate the amount of fertilizer applied to lawns with the use of law when possible/necessary.	2025	Difficult to regulate amounts since it may reduce fertilizer sales and will be difficult to adopt a new law.	Have trainings on the number of fertilizers to utilize on yards for residences and develop a law to regulate it.	Nutrient/ Lawn Specialist	DEP	\$15,000	CAP
1.5	Enforce Act 167	Reduce rate and volume of stormwater to prevent streambank erosion through infiltration.	2025	There is no enforcement at any level. And no consistency with municipal and county engineers.	It needs to be enforced to make the program respectable.	Engineer	DEP	\$50,000	DEP
1.6	Develop Sewer Pumping Ordinance	Have every municipality establish an ordinance to have private septic systems pumped once every 3 years or as needed within that timeframe.	2023	Having all members of the municipality comply with the ordinance and resistance from residents.	Need to be enforced and punishment for not doing so. Make a public awareness campaign to promote pumping.	SEO, Municipalities, Sewer Companies	County, Local Companies	\$200,000	CAP, DEP

1.7	Funding for Act 537	Proper disposal and treatment of sewage waste to prevent stream contamination.	2022	Government budgeting and the availability of funds.	Enforcing the act and working more with private residents.	SEO	DEP, Townships	4,000,000	DEP
1.8	Floodplain Management	Follow ordinances to manage the floodplain.	2022	Lack of knowledge of Floodplain Ordinance.	Educate Townships of their responsibilities.	Training	FEMA	None	N/A
1.9	Develop block grant to be used between counties and partnerships.	Offer a grant that counties can apply for to make project implementation more efficient.	2022	Organizing the grant so that the application process is efficient and there is enough money to be distributed as needed.	Have another separate source of money for these types of grants.	Grant Program	DEP, MCCD, GG	Money to cover the grants	DEP, GG