

Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Programmatic Recommendations Template

Action #	Description	Performance Target(s)	Expected Timeline	Potential Implementation Challenges	Potential Recommendations on Improvement	Resources <u>Needed</u>				Review Checklist Comments
						Technical	Suggested Source	Financial	Suggested Source	
Programmatic Recommendation 1:										
1.1	Access to DEP, EPA, DCNR, NRCS existing project locations and amounts	This update would create a better overview of areas that need work within the county and a better understanding of what is already being recorded	2022	Push back from regulatory agencies and release of information.	Knowledge of current and existing projects to capture and plan for areas that still need assistance	Release of information	Agency coordination, DEP	N/A	N/A	
1.1a* (AG 1.2)	Create a dashboard on Practice Keeper so different entities can see other BMP entries from other agencies	Allow all entities the ability to see existing projects and locations that were previously entered by another agency into the Practice Keeper Dashboard	2022	Release of information	Knowledge of current and existing projects to capture and plan for areas that still need assistance	Database creation	Agency coordination, DEP	Time for creation and implementation	State funds	
1.2	Change Grant application processes to have a rigid schedule of application date, award dates, and access to funding dates	This implementation of grant schedule will assist in planning and implementation of the projects the funding was awarded to and will speed up the timeline	2023	Hard to identify strict timeline for funding availability	Better structure in grant process time so that planning and implementation are seamless	grant timeframe alterations	Existing grant sources and grant applications	N/A	N/A	
1.3	Revise BMP contract terms on projects to allow for unforeseen circumstances such as operational closures, shutdowns, for protecting the individuals under contract	Allows contracted individuals a safeguard in the event of operation closure, sale, or transfer of business during the contract term.	2025	Changes and alterations to contract structures	Alterations on structure to allow for contract termination if business goes under or needs sold/terminated	Contract writing alterations	Agency coordination	N/A	N/A	
1.4* (SW 2.2)	Revise stormwater regulations to include 30% overdesign culvert replacements to account for	This revision will allow for the replacement of culverts to be 30% overdesigned to account for increased flood events from climate change	2023	Push back from regulatory agencies	Allowing oversized culvert size installation to account for increased flood event occurrence	Design recommendations or manual	PennDOT and DEP	N/A	N/A	

	increased flooding events									
1.5	Change program standards for Chesapeake Bay Program Technician	This change in program would allow for no inspection requirements within the Chesapeake Bay Technician job requirements while maintaining other job aspects at a county level	2025	Splitting Job responsibilities between county and state levels.	This program improvement could be accomplished by providing optional levels of participation by conservation districts to receive funding for CB Technicians that would include technical assistance and BMP project coordination without requiring farm inspections or other regulatory aspects of the program.	DEP CBO willingness to allow adjustment to existing program	DEP and CBO	N/A	N/A	
1.6* (AG 1.2)	Dedicated staff from DEP or Conservation District to Verify and Report BMPs	Dedicated staff member at district level or state level to verify and report BMPs implemented within the county into Practice Keeper	2022	Funding to implement position	Allow for specific staff to handle reporting and verification so existing staff can continue normal duties.	Qualified staff that understand the data entry programs	TCCD or DEP	Funding for position	State Funds \$80,000 for full time staff member	

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

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

1. **Inputs** – The statewide and/or federal policies, regulations, initiatives, programs, funding and resources that will help your county meet its goal.
2. **Process** – What are the changes that need to occur for the county to be successful in the process? These are the action items listed under each priority recommendation.
3. **Outputs and outcomes** – Both short and long-term. These are the programmatic recommendations identified by each county. Performance targets identify your county’s needed change in order to meet your county goal.
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 Programmatic Recommendation: 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 “what, when and how” of the plan:

Description = What. This may include programs that address prevention, education, or changes to the current policy and regulation. A programmatic or policy effort will allow for the completion of cation items listed in the Planning and Progress Template.

Performance Target = How. This is an extension of the Description above. The performance target details the programmatic change that will enable you to complete the action items identified in the Planning and Progress Template. This can be a further description of the challenge to implementation from the Planning and Progress Template.

Expected Timeline = When. Provide the needed completion date for the programmatic recommendation that will assist your county in meeting its goal. This should be a reasonable expectation, based on knowledge and experience, that will aid in tracking progress toward addressing the Priority Initiative.

Potential Implementation Challenges = This field will note challenges and issues that may delay program implementation (Description). Potential challenges may relate to your county Planning and Progress Template.

Potential Recommendations on Improvement = This field will note recommendations on how to change or improve the program (Description).

Resources Needed: Technical & Funding = This field will note technical and financial resources needed/outstanding to implement the program (Description).