

2023 Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Planning and Progress Template – CENTRE COUNTY

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Priority Initiative 1: County Programmatic Initiatives											
1.1A	Implement County Comprehensive Plan policies	Centre Regional Growth Boundary Full	CCPC, growth boundary municipalities	Ferguson, Patton, State	Ongoing	Educating municipalities, Updating local plans and	Education, outreach, 1	N/A	Local planning coordination	N/A	2023- No progress to date. Municipalities are strategizing ways to incorporate utility grade solar infrastructure into their plans which will have bearing on this Action
1.1B	Implement County Comprehensive Plan policies	Map existing AMD BMPs and address additional	Moshannon Creek Watershed Association,	Moshannon Creek	2021 – pilot initiation	Majority of Association’s work has occurred in Clearfield	Field work,	N/A	Project design	Assume \$500k needed per	2023 - Chesapeake Bay Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) is undertaking a technical review of AMD stream restoration and nitrogen processing.
1.1C	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Penns Valley, 2006 – Implement the Source Water Protection Plan	An annual review of the document and setting/fulfilling 1 goal. Partner with NRCS to determine eligibility of improvements regarding source water protection and the 2018 Farm Bill	Centre Hall Borough, Centre Hall Water Authority	Centre Hall, Millheim, Penn Township, Potter Township	1-2 years	Reinforcing the municipal role in coordinating with the water authorities to perform education and outreach. Recommendations include putting SWP plans on the municipal websites and consider annual/bi-annual joint meetings and informational mailings to property owners who are in proximity to Zone 1 (well heads). Source water projection is relevant to Chesapeake Bay pollutant load reductions because reducing pollution to groundwater reduces discharges to local streams, while contributing to the Bay goals and protecting local drinking water sources.	Educational flyer forms and activities lists. Coordination of meetings and continued education.	Minimal for printing, postage, website maintenance (\$250)	N/A	N/A	2023- No progress to date. CCPD staffing capacity needs filled to focus on Penns Valley. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024. 2022 - No update. 2021 - The Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission is gaining traction on completing the regional comp plan update and hosted a joint water systems operators’ meeting in July 2021. The outcome of the meeting was to foster better communication and thus coordination between the water systems to address operational issues. Future meetings may include the source water protection discussion to advance this initiative.

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1.1D	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Penns Valley, update – Facilitate efforts to minimize flood impacts	Not set in comp plan As outreach occurs in Penns Valley, be mindful of this need and be on the lookout for opportunity to advance the effort	Gregg Twp, Millheim Boro, Penn Township, Penns Valley Conservation Association	Within responsible party municipalities	5-10 years	Original discussions stemmed from landowner concerns regarding flooding and flood mitigation techniques. FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) was offered as a program solution but municipalities opted not to participate citing lack of administrative capacity. CRS includes incentives for adopting/enforcing higher floodplain development standards. Flood mitigation is relevant to Chesapeake Bay pollutant load reductions because stormwater controls for development are not designed to capture pollutants from storms >around 2". Flood controls can, if considered in design and maintained, capture pollution.	CRS program guides	N/A	Flood elevation certificates for program entry Administrative capacity	N/A	2023- No progress to date. CCPD staffing capacity needs filled to focus on Penns Valley. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024. 2022 - No update. 2021 - The administrative capacity is not yet in place and the conversations have not occurred. However, the implementation timeline is far enough out that this item can be reviewed in future progress updates.
1.1E -1	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Nittany Valley, 2004 – Evaluate areas to establish riparian buffers to stabilize stream banks and limit encroachment	Not set in comp plan Utilize Chesapeake Conservancy data set to identify buffer gap project opportunities (2021)	Municipalities, Conservation District, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Pheasants Forever, National Trout Unlimited	Region-wide on agricultural lands and developed land	5-10 years	No set means of evaluation outlined in comp plan and landowners' volunteering to plant riparian buffers unlikely. Adopting ordinances not likely on a regional scale but may require a pilot project in a willing municipality to demonstrate success.	Base mapping identification; landowner outreach; on the ground riparian project execution	N/A	Planning and construction guidance/standards	See Initiative 3.8	2023- No progress to date. CCPD staffing capacity needs filled to focus on Nittany Valley. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024. 2022 - Buffer gaps are mapped by Chesapeake Conservancy and can be utilized for project development/educational needs that support this goal. 2021 - The Nittany Valley's concentration is on public safety issues and moving into Hazard Mitigation Plan goals. However, the implementation timeline is far enough out that this item can be reviewed in future progress updates.
1.1E -2	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Nittany Valley, 2004 – Implement a well head/borehole protection for water wells	Not set in comp plan Should outreach occur in Nittany Valley, be mindful of this need and be on the lookout for opportunity to advance the effort	Municipality, Centre County Planning Office	Marion Township	5-10 years	With no public water system this would take the place of the traditional source water protection plan.	May take place in the form of an ordinance vs. plan	N/A	Guidance/standards	Assume \$300,000 planning cost	2023- No progress to date. CCPD staffing capacity needs to filled to focus on Nittany Valley. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024. 2022 - No update. 2021 - The Nittany Valley's concentration is on public safety issues and moving into Hazard Mitigation Plan goals. However, the implementation timeline is far enough out that this item can be reviewed in future progress updates.

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1.1E-3	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Nittany Valley, 2004 Participate in source water protection planning	Complete a SWP for Walker Twp. Water Association 2021 – meet with Walker Township and Water Association to facilitate discussion and identify if a feasibility study should be conducted	Municipality, Water Association, DEP, Consultant	Walker Township	1-2 years	The Association structure vs. Authority structure has proven to be problematic for both DEP technical and financial assistance. The water system has been non-compliant in recent years and is in need of expensive repairs. The township should discuss the feasibility of taking over the system under an authority and complete a SWP.	Further discussion with township; consultant driven plan.	N/A	N/A	Assume \$300,000 planning cost	2022 - no progress 2021 - The Walker Township Water Association continues to address system wide issues related to installing new pipe and new hydrants, so source water planning is not (from their perspective) a high priority. Walker Township has not vocalized their position on acquiring and operating the system under an authority structure. CCPCDO will continue the discussion in 2022, but it is unlikely that a source water protection plan will formulate in this area in the near future.
1.10E-04	Advance Centre Region Climate Action and Adaption Plan	Participate in the development of “Clean Healthy Water” goals	Centre Region Planning Agency, Council of Governments Climate Action and Adaption Technical Advisory Group, Centre County municipalities with Climate Action Plans	Centre Region	Ongoing	Connect our plans in meaningful ways so that climate action and local water quality goals can mutually benefit	Plan development	N/A	N/A	N/A	2022 - The final plan indicates a minor connection of clean water to climate adaptation benefits, so there is limited expectation for benefits by 2025. 2021 - The first half of 2021 was spent on getting public input on the development of a Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to help prioritize the strategies to include in the plan. The Executive Summary and full reports of the Centre Region Sustainability Survey and the community forum on Addressing Climate Impacts in the Centre Region are available on the COG website https://www.crcog.net/climateaction and https://centresustains.com/ . (COG website direct URLs to survey and forum pages: https://www.crcog.net/sustain-survey and https://www.crcog.net/climate-forum) The second half of 2021 was spent writing the CAAP and having the 6 municipalities adopt it. The Plan was made available for public review in fall 2021 fall. Information can be found at www.crcog.net/climateaction and on FB and IG @centreregionalplanning. The Clean Healthy Water chapter ties to CAP goals and joint implementation will be planned in 2022.
1.1F-1	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts Milesburg/Boggs, ongoing – Work with respective water authorities to implement Source Water Protection Plans	Bi-annual review of plan and joint meeting	Milesburg Borough and Mylesburg Borough Water Authority; Boggs Township and PA American Water; Bellefonte Borough/Authority	Within the Zone 1 and Zone 2	1-2 years	Reinforcing the municipal role in coordinating with the water authorities to perform education and outreach. Recommendations include putting SWP plans on the municipal websites and consider annual/bi-annual joint meetings and informational mailings to property owners who are in proximity to Zone 1 (well heads).	Educational flyer forms and activities lists. Coordination of meetings and continued education	Minimal for printing, postage, website maintenance (\$250)	N/A	Assume \$300,000 planning cost	2023 - CCPD continues to work with Milesburg/Boggs to update their plan. CCPD staffing capacity needs filled to focus on these municipalities. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024. 2022 - Planning staff attending Spring Creek Watershed meetings to gage more about implementation of the Phase 3 component. Some consideration may be given from Boggs to explore a well head protection overlay ordinance however much education will be needed. 2021 - This goal drew some interest at June’s comp plan team meeting and concerns about the extent of future development in the Spring Creek Watershed impacting the Big Spring aquifer were voiced. Team members anticipate future land swaps between the state and private developers that are at the aquifer’s headwaters. The Milesburg Borough Water Authority routinely sends DEP reports to customers, so upon plan adoption, this could be a priority goal to launch implementation.

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1.1F-2	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts	One-time adoption of ordinance with enforcement contingent upon program cycle of inspection and tank pumping.	Boggs Township, SEO	Upper Boggs Township beyond public sewer extent	5 years	Public acceptance and public hearing meetings may be contentious given associated program fees needed for program sustainability. Landowner education will be needed to promote proper on-lot septic system maintenance and risks to groundwater resources. DEP involvement through Act 537 may act as a catalyst.	N/A	N/A	Inventory of property owners with on-lot systems; program tracking software; SEO.	\$90,000 per year – employee budget, assume \$12,000 per year is recouped through permit fees	<p>2023- CCPD continues to work with Milesburg/Boggs to update their plan. CCPD staffing capacity needs filled to focus on these municipalities. CCPD hopes to fill required position to advance this initiative in 2024.</p> <p>2022 - Municipal staff changes at Boggs will likely delay this item 6-12 months. Solid examples of other programs available for consideration when time appropriate.</p> <p>2021 - Boggs Township expressed concern about how to start up the program and what costs are associated. They seem open to discussing the program further in concept if the CCPCDO can provide some initial technical support and program start-up costs would be covered by grant.</p>
1.2A	Implement County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2015, update kickoff JUNE 2020)	Improve flood prone areas with BMPs that also enhance water quality	CCPC, municipalities	Spring Mills (Penns, Sinking Creeks); Coburn (Penns, Elk, Pine Creeks)	2023-2025	Funding, land for BMPs	N/A	N/A	Planning, engineering, permitting, construction	\$5,000,000	<p>2023- An update is slated for 2024. All municipalities have been asked to adopt resolutions and contribute their projects to this initiative.</p> <p>2022 - Spring Mills/Coburn listed similar 2021 HMP goals for flood protection measures. More feedback on community interest will be gained at the HMP annual review September 2022.</p> <p>2021 - No discussions with Penns Valley regarding hazard mitigation have taken place to date, though this is not planned to start until 2023.</p>
1.2B	Implement County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2015, update 2020-2021)	Improve flood prone areas with BMPs that also enhance water quality – <i>address tributaries impaired by ag activities (Little Marsh Creek) and tributaries (Holt Run/Bald Eagle Creek) impaired by pathogens downstream of Milesburg Borough and upstream of Bald Eagle State Park</i>	CCPC, Milesburg Borough, Boggs Township, Centre County Farm Bureau, Bald Eagle Creek Watershed Association, Trout Unlimited, National Fish and Wildlife Service	Milesburg Boro, Boggs Twp (lower Bald Eagle and Spring Creek);	2021 – review flood-resulting pinch points and map out upstream BMP opportunities	Funding, local/landowner interest	Planning		Planning, engineering, permitting, construction for ultimate solution	\$5,000,000	<p>2023- An update is slated for 2024. All municipalities have been asked to adopt resolutions and contribute their projects to this initiative.</p> <p>2022 - Partnership between Centre County Conservation District and the Farmland Preservation program continued. One field meeting with Conservation District staff and Farmland Preservation coordinator occurred with a current preservation applicant which resulted in one additional conservation plan input into PracticeKeeper.</p> <p>Joint inspections will continue to take place on both preserved and applicant farms.</p> <p>2021 - Centre County Conservation District established a partnership with the Farmland Preservation program in Centre County planning. County staff and HRG created and mailed a letter about the CAP to all 53 preserved farms in the region. To date, two field meetings with Conservation District staff and the Farmland Preservation coordinator occurred regarding new preserved easements, which resulted in two additional Ag E&S plans to be input into PracticeKeeper.</p> <p>No additional mailings are planned – working on in-person meetings with preserved farm owners to discuss conservation plans & BMPs on property. Currently at 4 field meetings for farmland preservation applications – resulted in two additional Ag E&S Plans to be input into PracticeKeeper as well as two Conservation Plans to be developed. The County Farmland Preservation Program received a grant from American Farmland Trust to create an Action Plan for Soil Health for Preserved Farms. The Centre County Conservation District will be assisting their office with plan development and implementation.</p>

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1.3	Update/draft Act 167 Plans	Address climate change storm intensities and enhanced water quality needs with respect to development and agriculture Create new model stormwater ordinance that would require/incentivize additional protections for streams (high quality and impaired)	CCPC, municipal engineers, PSU	Countywide	2021 – discuss interest to pursue and funding opportunities	Should local involvement exist, funding for Plan update	Institutional knowledge	N/A	Act 167 Plan Development	\$350,000-	2022 - The 2022/2023 state budget includes new funding to support the development of Act 167 plans. Centre County currently areas within the County with no Act 167 plan, but with new funding plans to explore opportunities to develop an Act 167 Plan. 2021 - The CAP team discussed the existing Act 167 Plans and resulting model ordinances with key local stakeholders. The results of the discussion is that the ordinances are working as expected for flood mitigation and water quality is addressed through calculations. MS4s will be updating their ordinances based on the new DEP model ordinance in line with their permit implementation schedule.
1.4	Implement County Farmland Preservation Program with farmland preservation program incentives enhancement	Total preservation farm goal (53 farms in program currently – 8,019 acres, average purchase price \$2,291 per acre, ADD 1-2 FARMS EACH YEAR ON AVERAGE) Farmland Trust – 15 parcels Preserved farms will implement and maintain pollution control BMPs beyond what is required for compliance	Centre County Farmland Trust and Centre County Agricultural Preservation Coordinator, NRCS, ClearWater Conservancy, PennAg Industries Association, PDA	Ag land use area that fits farmland preservation criteria	2021-2022 – explore incentive opportunities	Operator acceptance, additional resources for plan development (requirement of program), additional staff need to handle inspection and paperwork, incentivize BMP installation as a farmland preservation goal, O&M partnership, verification, landowner acceptance/potential barriers to land preservation goals	Guidelines update recommendation Priority recommendations, easement revision recommendations, supplemental BMP funding research	N/A	Guideline updates Practice Keeper data input/management Legal Support	Assume \$150,000 per farm → \$900,000M \$60,000 per year Assume \$10,000 budget	2023- Partnership between Centre County Conservation District and the Farmland Preservation program continued. Five farms have been slated for preservation in 2023. Typically three farms are preserved annually, but extra funding supported two additional farms entering into preservation. 2022 - Partnership between Centre County Conservation District and the Farmland Preservation program continued. One field meeting with Conservation District staff and Farmland Preservation coordinator occurred with a current preservation applicant which resulted in one additional conservation plan input into PracticeKeeper. Joint inspections will continue to take place on both preserved and applicant farms. 2021 - Centre County Conservation District established a partnership with the Farmland Preservation program in Centre County planning. County staff and HRG created and mailed a letter about the CAP to all 53 preserved farms in the region. To date, two field meetings with Conservation District staff and the Farmland Preservation coordinator occurred regarding new preserved easements, which resulted in two additional Ag E&S plans to be input into PracticeKeeper. No additional mailings are planned – working on in-person meetings with preserved farm owners to discuss conservation plans & BMPs on property. Currently at 4 field meetings for farmland preservation applications – resulted in two additional Ag E&S Plans to be input into PracticeKeeper as well as two Conservation Plans to be developed. The County Farmland Preservation Program received a grant from American Farmland Trust to create an Action Plan for Soil Health for Preserved Farms. The Centre County Conservation District will be assisting their office with plan development and implementation.

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1.5A	Establish funding/staff support to assist the Agricultural community (day to day support) 1140 ag parcels in Centre Co	700 farms have their plans, including NRCS plans, might get up to 900 farms as this grant gets finished → focus on BMP implementation for these farms 86,000 50,000 total acres under manure management plans/ nutrient management plans 70,000 50,000 total acres under ag E&S plans	CCPD, CCCD, Contracted planners	Centre County ag land	2021-2025	Limited compliance activities by DEP. Insufficient funding for public sector staff to assist the ag community.	Field verification, troubleshooting	N/A	1 engineer, 1 planner, 2 technicians	\$350,000 per year \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$1,237,500	<p>2023- CCCD has hired a new Watershed Specialist in support of this initiative. Penn State University is creating a Center for Agriculture Conservation Assistance which will support the agricultural community and train conservation professionals in agricultural BMPs.</p> <p>2022 - The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds applied for a Growing Greener grant totaling \$1.6 million to support additional ag engineering needs along with increased farm visits.</p> <p>CAST Progress Reports trend analysis have been used to determine new BMP goals.</p> <p>2021 - Information pulled from October 1, 2020 through July 15, 2021 (not inclusive of information in PracticeKeeper prior to this date):</p> <p>New Act 38 plan acreage: 1,753 acres New MMP plan acreage: 4,322 acres New Ag E&S plan acreage: 5,546 acres</p> <p>The Centre County Conservation District applied for, and received, a Growing Greener grant to pay Contract Plan Writers to develop plans for interested farmers in Centre County. The Plan Writer develops both plans (not Act 38) if needed by the operation. The grant pays the Plan Writer directly (anywhere from \$350-\$1500 per plan). The grant requires the farmer to pay \$50 (total), which considerably alleviates the financial burdens associated with obtaining plans. Daina Beckstrand is the certified Act 38 Specialist in the office and she reviews all Act 38 plans for Centre County producers. Allyson Ulsh is working under a provisional certification to also review Act 38 plans.</p>
1.5B	Develop plans	2 plans per month per consultant, assume backlog is complete (ag E&S and manure mgmt. plans)	CCCD, Contracted planners	Centre County ag land	2022-2023	Utilize outreach program to get landowners signed up for this during Winter 2020/2021	Contracted planners	\$50/plan to be paid to contractor	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- Through their 649 Growing Greener Grant funding, CCCD contracted with commercial plan writers to prepare plans. The contractors have prepared 70 plans for Centre County through 2023.</p> <p>2022 - Currently, only one of our three plan writers is still active, though one may begin writing plans for us again by the end of the year. The conservation district is requesting a one-year extension on the growing greener 701 grant used to pay the plan writers and may consider adding another plan writer in 2023 to bring our writer back up to three.</p> <p>2021 - Now working with three plan writers (new plan writer started in June 2021). January 2020 to July 2021, 31 plans written by private plan writers through the District's Growing Greener grant. 6/1/2019 (Date of grant received) – Plan Writers first began in January 2020, Total as of 8/23/2021 is 35 plans written.</p>

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1.5C	Chesapeake Bay Technical Inspection/ Plan Data Gathering	Collect data regarding existing farm plans and implementation progress 50 farms per year --> 200 farms through 2025	CCCD	Ag land use area	2021-2025	Farmer knowledge of the location and contents of their plan, obtaining copies of existing plans to determine if they are up to date	Site visits and plan reviews	\$200,000	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- 52 inspections have occurred. Currently in Phase 1.</p> <p>2022 - The Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Inspection Program is two inspections behind from the previous fiscal year, increasing the required inspections for the present year to 52. All farms inspected are still in the Phase 1 stage.</p> <p>2021 - The Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Inspection Program is on schedule for 2021 and plan information is being entered into PracticeKeeper as part of the program workflow. As of May 31, 2021: 51 farms inspected. The Phase 1 inspection scope is completed in addition to farm networking, operational details, funding programs and the farmer’s resource concerns.</p> <p>Implementation is discussed in relation to BMPs listed in the plans as well as updating plans at the time of inspection to include BMPs that have been installed but not previously recorded in existing Plans. “Inspections” are often not the forefront of the conversation as the term does not foster a two-way relationship within the agricultural community.</p>
1.5D	Other Plan Data Gathering	Collect data regarding existing farm plans and implementation progress ~45 farms per year --> 170 farms through 2025	CCCD, HRG, Ag Consultants, NRCS, Chesapeake Conservancy	Ag land use area	2021-2025	Farmer knowledge of the location and contents of their plan, obtaining copies of existing plans to determine if they are up to date	50 farm visits per year Existing Plans data sharing Request/review plans as part of farm support	Conservation Plan Inventory	Existing plan data	Assume 20 plans per year (\$120,000 per year)	<p>2023 - Conservation District staff continue to populate PracticeKeeper with existing agricultural plan information as Bay inspections occur. Further, the BMP Verification funding secured in 2022 was used to field verify practices that already exist in the field. The entire dataset has not yet been field verified but the Conservation District continues to utilize part of its annual budget to further map and verify practices across the County. A subconsultant, HRG, was hired to run remote sensing methods and field verify grazing and other structural agricultural practices in two townships.</p> <p>2022 - In the Spring of 2022, HRG participated in a beta testing group for the PracticeKeeper 3rd Party Module. PADEP initially released the module in June of 2022 before recalling the system for additional bug fixes. Phase 2 of the BMP verification grant submitted by the Foundation for PA Watersheds includes budget for interns from Susquehanna University to enter BMPs into PracticeKeeper.</p> <p>2021 - As of July 15, 2021: 11 additional plans (not collected through inspection program). Farmers provided them to the Conservation District as a result of their relationships with landowners and staff’s discussions with them during phone calls, REAP application rounds, etc.</p>

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1.6A	LandscapeU Partnership – Planning	Receive project opportunity/prioritization deliverable to assist with 2021 implementation steps	PSU Profs – Erica Smithwick, Jason Kaye; graduate students	Legacy sediment landscapes Riparian Properties Preserved Farms	2021	Student ownership of assignment, water quality monitoring data compatibility/consistency, GIS knowledge	Prioritization deliverable Background data Spring Creek Watershed Atlas WRMP Report	N/A	N/A	N/A	2022 - Students advanced the 2021 research in the 2021-2022 school year. WQ monitoring status database and mill dam story map with some project location priorities have been provided. We'll see if the 2022-2023 cohort of students are interested in advancing these studies into implementation (Action 1.6B). 2021 - Centre County received the student reports from the 2020-2021 academic year and is considering the conclusions for next steps and additional student project opportunities. Link to one of the public reports: Overlap of Biophysical Need for and Sociodemographic Indicators of Willingness to Adopt Riparian Buffers in Centre County, PA (psu.edu)
1.6B	LandscapeU Partnership - Implementation	Develop graduate students so that they can effectively engage in landowner outreach during implementation years	PSU Profs – Erica Smithwick, Jason Kaye; graduate students	Legacy sediment landscapes Riparian Properties Preserved Farms	2022-2025	Continued graduate engagement as students graduate through program, implementation funding	Outreach boots on the ground	N/A	Digital and print materials highlighting local projects	TBD – might link to other Priority Initiatives' budgets	2023 - Students advanced the 2022 research in the 2022-2023 school year. The students advanced the research from the 2022-2023 school year by utilizing the GIS base created by previous students and implementing similar analysis in the Marsh Creek watershed. The students also focused on adoption of riparian buffers with the Plain Sect Community in that watershed. Their work provides base maps and initial/potential riparian buffer project locations. 2022 - See note from 1.6A. Also, notably, the new Chesapeake Bay technician hired this year attended LandscapeU classes, so in a way, we've already achieved the performance target. 2021 - Centre County received the student reports from the 2020-2021 academic year and is considering the conclusions for next steps and additional student project opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year.
1.6C	Quantify Land/BMPs Managed by Penn State University	Work with office of physical plant and other PSU groups to ensure that water quality improvements that they manage are captured in CAST/FieldDoc	PSU Office of Physical Plant?, PSU College of Ag Sciences	PSU owned/manage d land in Centre County	2021	Getting maximum credits for experimental BMPs	Institutional knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	2022 - FieldDoc project entry for existing projects continues to be on hold by PADEP. 2021 - This initiative is on hold until FieldDoc is running for urban BMP data collection. Ag BMPs will be documented in PracticeKeeper as appropriate.
1.6D	Leverage Ag Progress Days as an opportunity to educate more farmers on local water quality issues and solutions	Have a booth and class(es) at Ag Progress Days 2021	CCCD, CCPD, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Conservancy, 4R Alliance	Countywide	2021	Preparation time, county staff availability, opportunity to encourage farm stakeholders to participate with us	Educational materials and demonstration exhibits	NFWF grant funding, assume \$5,000 could be invested in this	Class offering	N/A	2022 - Centre County Conservation District continues to participate in Ag Progress Days each year. 2021 - Centre County Conservation District staff participated with the riparian buffer tour and pollinator plots, while providing educational materials at Ag Progress Days. The Conservation District also presented information at the Grange Fair.

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1.7	Water quality communication plan, leveraging existing documents and covering topics including Homeowner Guide to protecting Drinking Water, Agricultural Practices and BMPs that reduce pollution, Methods and land use controls that protect groundwater quality and control quantity (Riparian & Forest Buffers, slope control), Proper Turf Management Methods (Natural Landscaping and/or Chemical Application and Treatment Measures), The Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater, Urban/Suburban BMPs	Develop messages and audience; execute plan and distribute messaging through staff and partners	Board of Commissioners staff, Penn State Sustainability Institute, PA DEP Northcentral Office, Penn State Extension (Master Gardeners), PA Rural Water Association, Penn State LandscapeU, Clearwater Conservancy, Trout Unlimited (Spring Creek Chapter), Penns Valley Conservation Association, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Moshannon Creek Watershed Coalition (Association), Bald Eagle Watershed Association, USDA-NRCS, DCNR, PSU AEC	Countywide	2023-2024 - launch of new plan based on baselining completed in 2022.	Simplifying the resources that are available	Communications skillset	N/A	Website development and continued maintenance	\$30,000 per year	2023- CCCD's Nutrient Management Technician and Watershed Specialist are reviewing existing resources and incorporating them into education and outreach across Centre County. 2022 - The Conservation District's new Nutrient Management Technician is reviewing available resources and will make recommendations on the best communication strategy moving into 2023 and beyond. 2021 - Conservation District staff have developed content for a CAP website and post educational information on Facebook. County Planning staff are taking the lead on branding and a written communications plan/message strategy, to be completed by the end of the year.
1.8	Countywide WQ Credit Offset Pilot Variables to consider: ● # of Farms/Forest preserved within the Corridors of Opportunity (COO) ● Miles of riparian buffer created within COOs. ● # of Ag. BMPs established within COOs. ● Miles of Stream stabilization and restoration within COOs. ● Spring Creek Watershed Resource Monitoring Quarterly Progress ● # SWM facilities maintained within municipal park systems ● Acres of Preserved Open Space and Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Demonstrate measurable success of a pilot project area where MS4-regulated areas and non-regulated areas can benefit from achieving sediment and nutrient goals	Centre County Municipalities, Centre County Agricultural Preservation Program, the Centre County Farmland Trust, Centre County Conservation District, Clearwater Conservancy, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Trout Unlimited (Spring Creek Chapter), Penns Valley Conservation Association	MS4 watershed HUC12 pilot area	2021	DEP acceptance of approach, permit compliance coordination among sectors	Engineering/MS4 permit requirement coordination Project opportunity ideas	N/A	For implementation, if the pilot works, 1 FT-MS4 Coordinator, 1 FT ag-Coordinator Project design and construction	\$150,000 per year Unknown until concept is developed and cost savings are calculated	2022 - No update. 2021 - HRG had a discussion with the Harris Township engineer to brainstorm pilot project areas that would be potential candidates for a more cost effective and local water quality beneficial approach to implementing their MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). Because cost effective projects have already been identified across all of the MS4s in the county, we will explore candidate projects over the life of the CAP but will likely not pursue implementation of any until the municipalities’ next MS4 permit application requirement is known.

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Priority Initiative 2: Reporting and Tracking											
2.1A	Existing BMP cataloguing (quantity and location) for select BMPs, expanding on general recommendations provided in QAPP BMPs = forest buffers, urban forest buffers, grass buffers, urban grass buffers, wet ponds and wetlands, fencing	Expand use of existing buffer layer with urban hydrology layer R&D into distinguishing ag, pasture, and turf covers from grassed buffers Manual digitizing where leaf-off <1 ft resolution imagery is available Back check with staff field views where required Add data to Practice Keeper or another batch upload option (FieldDoc)	Lead - Chesapeake Conservancy Stakeholder peer review - PSU, USGS, Farm Bureau, PDA, EPA	Centre County	2021 – cataloguing 2022 – Practice Keeper batch upload processing and field views	EPA acceptance of the approach, further refine guidance in QAPP so that counties can accomplish this or so that the state can take the burden off of counties, utilize the approach to catalogue existing BMPs and do on the ground verification where required for reporting purposes, this is an accelerated BMP catch up approach while we continue to provide support to farmers on planning and BMP installs, reduce the amount of interruption of government entities to compliant farm operations	Precision Conservation Tools General Methodology Outline BMP Field backcheck	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/method refinement	\$46,000 (2021 only) Assume \$200,000 annual salary/benefit (per person) need for 2 staff people to follow up on BMP verification annually	2023- A subconsultant, HRG, was hired to run remote sensing methods and field verify grazing and other structural agricultural practices in two townships. District Technicians have integrated BMP verification into their daily workload. CCCD hired a summer intern to help advance this goal. 2022 - In December of 2021, Centre County was awarded \$30,000 to conduct BMP Verification. Centre County elected to use some of the money on the remote sensing analysis focusing on six priority BMPs including: Barnyard Runoff Controls, Animal Waste Management Systems, Forest Buffers, Grassed Waterways, Streambank Exclusion Fencing and wet ponds/detention basins. Remote sensing data analysis performed by the Chesapeake Conservancy is being finalized in August of 2022 and results are provided in an online ArcGIS Portal. Qualified 3rd party staff will begin field verification efforts to verify the remotely identified practices. A BMP Verification Quick Guide is being developed by HRG to assist with field verification efforts. 2021 - Funding for the initial BMP cataloguing project has not been obtained. HRG and Chesapeake Conservancy are working on a white paper that will be presented to DEP. This white paper outlines the need for more remote sensing work to be done, specifically, by taking next steps with the NRCS PA BMP Remote Sensing Pilot Project (Potomac River Basin) process and findings. By taking this step, the initiative is behind schedule and not yet funded, but we hope to build momentum toward a successful outcome, including buy-in from EPA/Bay Program.
2.1B	Identify future ag/urban project opportunities using automated means	BMP opportunity analysis – ag conservation, land retirement, alternative crop, forest conservation, stream restoration Back check with staff field views Batch upload to FieldDoc to calculate credit opportunity	Lead - Chesapeake Conservancy Stakeholder peer review - PSU, USGS, Farm Bureau,PDA, municipalities with MS4 permits	Centre County	2023 – cataloguing 2024 – batch upload processing and field views 2025 – implementation focus	Different data set scales/precision	Precision Conservation Tools Batch Upload Processing BMP Field Check	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/method refinement	\$44,000 (2021)	2023- As a part of the Chesapeake Conservancy's Cooperative Agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Program, the CIC has been working to adapt the USDA Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF) toolbox and produce its related GIS conservation practice opportunity outputs for the entire watershed. The toolbox outputs a suite of NRCS agricultural practice opportunities at the field scale -- some have direct equivalents to Bay Program BMPs, while others do not. Since there are many assumptions made to produce these opportunity footprints across the entire watershed, they are not intended to be ground truth and should only serve as a high level reference for helping to plan efforts in combination with expert on-the-ground input. The outputs are expected to be publicly available after June 2024. 2022 - No progress to date. 2021 - See 2.1A for progress as this initiative is a companion initiative.

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2.2	Improve continuous data collection on urban structural and non-structural practices	Add development-related BMPs to CAST/FieldDoc so that as land use data sets are updated, there are accompanying BMPs	Municipal engineers, Bellefonte Borough, Chesapeake Conservancy?	Urban/suburban landscape	2023-2025	Non-MS4 engagement (what's in it for them if they don't already have a BMP database?), difficulty obtaining past information (MS4s typically have databases from 2003-present)	Reporting platform	N/A	Training	N/A	<p>2023- No progress to date.</p> <p>2022 - Phase 1 of the BMP verification remote sensing analysis includes analyzing Centre County for Wet Ponds and Detention Basins. These BMPs will need field verified. Additionally, PA DEP has updated FieldDoc to allow for additional reporting of urban practices.</p> <p>2021 - The CAP team discussed the existing Act 167 Plans and resulting model ordinances with key local stakeholders, and the need for urban BMP reporting was also discussed. Since the County records plans that are as-builts, it is possible to go back through the plans and capture BMPs for reporting in FieldDoc. Going back to 2010 is an option since that's when operation and maintenance agreements started to be required.</p>
2.3	Implement a documentation program for commercial and homeowner nutrient applications in developed lands	Support fertilizer legislation - where legislation requires reporting, be the data clearinghouse	Centre County - department to be determined	Countywide	TBD	Education of responsible parties, receiving timely information, training on reporting system, will need direction from State on what's expected and any reporting system that's developed	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<p>2022 - On July 11, Governor Wolf signed SB 251, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Senator Gene Yaw (R) and Senator Carolyn Comitta (D), into law. Pennsylvania now has a law governing turfgrass fertilizer application dates, practices, rates, and type of fertilizer used. We are uncertain on how documentation and crediting will occur with the new bill.</p> <p>2021 - This initiative is being pursued by legislators. HRG has coordinated with the Chesapeake Bay Commission staff on the topic and receives periodic updates.</p>
Priority Initiative 3: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions											
3.1	Implement BMPs from Growing Greener plan development farms	Design and install four manure management systems and AHUAs per year (20 systems total) 13 acres of treated area, assuming we build 20 more loafing lots (5 farms per year)	CCCD, NRCS, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Conservancy	Centre County ag land	2021-2025	Having enough in-house technical assistance capacity to see projects from concept through construction	Design, construction oversight	N/A	N/A	Assume 5 projects per year, \$440,000 each, \$2,200,000 per year (construction and technical assistance), \$6.6 M total (2023-2025)	<p>2023- Both 2022 projects have been completed. two additional projects were identified and should be complete by the end of 2023.</p> <p>2022- Existing plans and verified BMPs continue to be reported through PracticeKeeper. As of 8/15/2022, projects to install four manure management systems or protected AHUAs have been completed, one more is expected to be completed by the end of the year and another by spring of 2023.</p> <p>2021 - The majority of plans drafted to date have documented existing BMPs. Those plans and BMPs are being reported through PracticeKeeper, contributing to our overall goals.</p> <p>As plans are written, Plan Writers will write in BMPs that can be implemented within 3 years of the plans' date of development. The Growing Greener Plan Writing Grant is mostly dedicated to assisting farms with plan development and documentation of BMPs already implemented on the operation. The District has other Growing Greener grants dedicated to installing new BMPs to protect resource concerns on Centre County operations as well as CAP Block Grant funding and CEG Grant funding.</p>

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3.2	Implement Halfmoon WIP	WIP approval – 2021 Implementation Grant Application – 2022 – see plan (when approved) for BMP specifics Partial Implementation – 2023-2025 Implement land retirement to pasture - 178 acres. BMP verification will support the goal.	Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Centre County Conservation District, Dr. Preisendanz Lab Group of Penn State University, DCNR, Chesapeake Conservancy, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Keystone 10 Million Tree Partnership, Penn State Agriculture & Environment Center, Huntingdon County Conservation District, ClearWater Conservancy, Partners for Fish & Wildlife, Penn State Extension, USDA ARS Pasture Systems and Watershed Management Research Unit	Halfmoon Watershed – Halfmoon Township and Ferguson Township	2021-2025	Funding, landowner interest in BMPs, implementation partner coordination	Outreach and coordination	\$5,000	Design, permit, construction oversight	\$4,700,000 Land Retirement \$500 per acre: \$89K total	<p>2023- A large scale full farm implementation project was completed in partnership between the Chesapeake Conservancy, the Clearwater Conservancy, the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, and HRG. The project included wetland and riparian buffer restoration, streambank regrading and channel protection, 2 livestock stream crossings, a 39' x 47' roofed manure storage facility, a 39' x 104' roofed HUAP, agricultural stormwater management, livestock access roads, livestock water facilities, 3,700 LF of streambank fencing, 6,840 LF of pasture fencing, and the closure of a 245,700 CF earthen manure lagoon.</p> <p>2022 - A Halfmoon WIP implementation team is being co-lead by Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Chesapeake Conservancy. Centre County Conservation District applied for 319 funding to implement early action projects in the watershed that are not already funded by the non-profit partners.</p> <p>2021 - The Halfmoon WIP was approved by EPA. The plan development partners plan to get together in late summer/early summer to discuss next steps and will likely apply for 319 funding in Spring 2022.</p>
3.3	Accelerated implementation of Rapid Delisting Catchment Strategy through the Precision Conservation Partnership	Implement 9 previously scoped projects resulting in 29 acres of forest buffer, 9.4 acres of fencing with buffer, 11 acres of wetland restoration, 5,000 LF of stream restoration	Chesapeake Conservancy and the Precision Conservation Partnership stakeholders	Beaver Branch, Halfmoon – Bald Eagle, Halfmoon – Loveville, Elk Creek, Tributary to Pine Creek	2021-2030	Reinvigorating landowner interest, design/permit/construction schedules, construction match dollars	Program management and GIS Landowner Outreach	\$500,000	N/A	\$16,000,000	<p>2023- RCPP funding has opened in Centre County and focuses on Rapid Delisting Catchments. One project has been contracted through that funding in 2023. Additional projects have been identified by the new Watershed Specialist that will include stream restoration and buffer projects.</p> <p>2022- Running statistics for the Partnership's implementation include 15 private properties where projects have occurred, 20,000 trees planted, 7400 ft stream restoration, 1200 ft of buffer, 1500 ft fencing, 1200 live stakes planted, and ag operation BMPs. All BMPs funded/installed by the Partnership are reported to PADEP through the funding reports. Fundraising continues including applications for ag BMPs to funded through Growing Greener, EQIP, and the 319 application noted under Action 3.2.</p> <p>2021 - The Precision Conservation Partnership implemented 4 restoration projects during spring 2021 including 24.63 acres of forest buffer, 4.63 acres of herbaceous buffer, 890 linear feet of streambank fencing, and 910 linear feet of in-stream restoration within rapid stream de-listing catchments. This fall we have 6 additional projects fully funded where restoration will begin in rapid stream de-listing catchments. These include an additional 18.3 acres of forest buffer, 2.2 acres herbaceous buffer, 4 acres of wetland restoration, and 11,172 linear feet of streambank fencing.</p>

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3.4	Fish Hatchery Nitrogen Reduction	Address nitrogen discharges associated with fish hatchery locations – amend how they are viewed in CAST, collect environmental monitoring information to confirm/refute that they are elevated nitrogen producers, plan/design/construction nitrogen-reducing treatment system	PA Fish and Boat Commission, DEP Northcentral Regional Office, local watershed group, TU, Western PA Conservancy	Countywide	2024-2025 – investigation 2022 – next steps	Stakeholder interest, treatment challenges	CAST insight Hatchery operation insight	N/A	Monitoring study	N/A	2023- No progress to date. 2022 - Organizational connections have been made but not action to date. 2021 - A hatchery tour is being coordinated between PFBC and HRG during 2021. We will view the existing facilities and treatment methods and identify potential improvement needs during the tour.
3.5	4R Practice Education and Implementation	Transition manure management plans to nutrient management plans and incentivize implementation Increase existing 4R practice adoption by: 3,000 acres of N Rate, 2,800 acres of P Rate, N/P Timing and N/P Placement by 1,400 acres	4R Alliance, CBF	Priority HUC	2021-2022	Landowner interest, BMP verification (annual), CBF staff loss who had a lot of landowner relationships	Educational support	CBF grant	Cost share recommendations/equipment/software	50000 \$10 per acre of advanced nutrient management planning per typ: total cost for all is \$114,000	2023 - Transitioning manure management plans to nutrient management plans is impractical for landowners as it is expensive and they require renewal every three years. This is not a priority for the Conservation District and there has been no progress to date. 4R implementation continues to occur on a farmer-driven basis. Reporting of it only occurs when the farmer works with the Conservation District on a project or if they are reviewed for a Bay inspection. HRG has worked with the counties on methods to integrate supplement NM reporting into current workflows in the Chesapeake bay Contract, Nutrient Management Contract, current PSNT programs, and equipment rental programs. HRG also provided outreach at several events to increase adoption of 4R practices within the region. 2022 - County staff turnover led to a loss in communication regarding this action. No workshops are currently in the works. Communication required between new staff members to regain momentum. 2021 - 4R Alliance staff turnover has reduced communication with the County team. Outreach restrictions due to COVID have also made having workshops to garner landowner interest more challenging. Two workshops are currently planned be held: Late August PACD-funded Homeowners Conservation Workshop, Spring 2022 PACD-funded/Chesapeake Conservancy Partnership Plan Writing Workshop in Elk Creek Watershed.

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3.6	Low and no-till cover crop and tillage BMPs	<p>Determine feasibility of having a county cost share program to enhance adoption of the annual practice</p> <p>On an annual basis implement conservation tillage of 10,000 8,000 acres and high residue/no-till of 24,000 42,000 acres.</p> <p>On an annual basis implement 7,000 12,000 acres of traditional cover crops and 19,000 15,000 acres of cover crops with fall nutrients.</p>	CCCD, Centre Co Farm Bureau	Ag land use countywide	2022 – investigation 2023 – next steps	Capacity to manage the program, landowner interest	Transect survey Landowner education	N/A	<p>Cost share program development \$120,000 cost share budget per year</p> <p>Capital RC&D Improved Data Reporting \$90 per acre traditional per year: \$1.08M for a 3-year total of \$3.24M (incentive payment, capital RC&D) \$50 per acre fall nutrients per year: \$0.75M for 3-year total of \$2.25M \$50,000</p>	<p>2023- Through 2023 CAP Block Grant funding, CCCD developed a pilot cover crop incentive program. All acres applied for no-till which equaled 1,650 acres in the first year. CCCD will continue this program into 2024 and beyond as funding allows.</p> <p>2022 - The Conservation District is considering implementing an incentive program in 2023 if Block Grant dollars can be used for the effort.</p> <p>2021 - Additional documented no-till/cover crop practices this year, not inclusive of all recently entered plans in PracticeKeeper as documented in the GG Grant-funded plans - 1,041 – No till acreage 638 – Cover crop acreage 405 – Strip crop acreage Additional no-till operations are anticipated to come on line in the coming years as a result of 2021 REAP applications.</p> <p>As plans are developed through the Growing Greener grant and/or verified through the Chesapeake Bay Inspection Program and/or additional plan sharing within farm networks, these BMPs are listed in the plans, which are then documented into PK and linked to the plan in the system.</p>	
3.7	Implement more pasture management BMPs	<p>Off stream watering without fencing – 1,460 acres/10 farms</p> <p>Pasture Alternative Watering – 2,600 acres</p> <p>Prescribed grazing – 4,000 acres (50% by reporting)</p> <p>Horse pasture management – 50 acres/3 farms</p> <p>Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 365 100 acres (50% by reporting)</p> <p>Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 1,127 286 acres (50% by reporting)</p>	CCCD, NRCS, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Conservancy	Centre County ag lands – landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef	2025	Landowner education, BMP funding for non-buffer work, plan updates, data gathering	Landowner education Data gathering through Bay Tech visits	CBF grant	N/A	<p>Prescribed grazing: \$2.16M</p> <p>FB Buffer with Excl: \$525,000</p> <p>GB Buffer with Excl: \$137,500</p> <p>Pasture Alternative Watering: \$1.3M</p> <p>Off Stream Watering: \$730K</p> <p>Horse Pasture Management: \$25,000</p>	<p>2023- The large scale project referenced in Action # 3.2 incorporated rotational grazing systems, off stream watering, forest buffers and grass buffers. A second large scale project in Walker Township, expected to finish this year, will incorporate rotational grazing, a 50 ft forested riparian buffer, and streambank fencing. A smaller project in Union Township, expected to finish this year, will implement an off-stream watering system with streambank and pasture fencing.</p> <p>2022 - Phase 1 of BMP verification identified 149 potential hits for streambank exclusion fencing. This data set will allow for increased reporting of buffered acres with exclusion fencing. Further, the Conservation District is hoping to partner with Capital RC&D's grazing program professionals. A meeting is scheduled in summer/fall 2022 to discuss the opportunity.</p> <p>2021 - Additional documented BMPs this year, not inclusive of all recently entered plans in PracticeKeeper - 222 – Prescribed Grazing acreage</p> <p>Anecdotally, there is less pasture on operations than previously reported, so these targets may not be realistic.</p>

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3.8	Riparian buffer and re-forestation BMPs (not downstream from animal activities)	Partner with Chesapeake Bay Foundation to plant 100,000 trees (portion of 500,000 trees that will be RFPed for growers) 471 292 riparian forest buffer acres 1,714 1,175 riparian grass buffer acres 8 acres – urban forest buffer 3 acres – urban tree planting – target one landowner in urbanized area 200 25 acres – urban forest planting – target one large landowner in urbanized area	ClearWater Conservancy, CBF, watershed associations, Chesapeake Conservancy, Western PA Conservancy	Centre County	2022 – line up landowners 2023-2025 – implementation	Landowner partnerships, landowner education, volunteer acceptance of grass buffer plantings, grass buffer maintenance guide for farmers, routine site visits to confirm buffers are thriving, invasive species removal during establishment, it was recommended by their peers that ClearWater Conservancy serves as the lead site coordinator	Materials Mapping	Budget available to be determined	Implementation – design, equipment, materials	\$2,000,000 \$3,295,000 budget	2023- No buffers not downstream of animal activities are planned in 2023. The new CCCD Watershed Specialist is identifying potential sites for those types of buffers in 2024. 2022 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation was awarded an NFWF INSR grant including funding for riparian buffers (non-agricultural) and for building the workforce for implementation of riparian buffers. The Foundation also has funding for buffer bonus dollars where they pick up the NRCS cost share and the cost for installation of a buffer. Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify potential hits for grassed waterways and forest buffers implemented in the past 10 years. These potential BMPs will need field verified but provide a great opportunity to identify BMPs not currently reported. 2021 - Additional documented BMPs this year, not inclusive of all recently entered plans in PracticeKeeper - 3 acres – Riparian forest buffer Identified responsible parties continue to install new buffers and apply for funding on an annual basis. All projects will be reported through the funding agencies’ required system. Remote sensing capability regarding the aerial photo analysis performance targets still needs to be developed with State and Federal assistance as the County formalizes the need.
3.9A	Wetland restoration implementation on marginal production ag land	41 35 acres	Chesapeake Conservancy, Western PA Conservancy, Penns Valley Conservation Association	Halfmoon – Bald Eagle, Beaver Branch	2023-2025	Willing landowner; appropriate siting, design, and construction for successful restoration result	Landowner outreach	N/A	Preliminary design	Assume \$300,000 for land acquisition Assume \$100,000-\$11.55M project budget (design, permit, construction)	2023- No progress to date. 2022 - Existing partners lack wetland expertise (streamside work and agricultural BMPs expertise make up the current team). Human resources capacity has limited the communication with the identified landowner. It continues to be included in the suite of BMPs that the Partners promote in the Halfmoon watershed. 2021 - Property identified in Harris Township. Next steps include scoping the project in the field and meeting with the landowner in 2022.
3.9B	Wetland restoration implementation	Identify 1 large property owner from University of Vermont restorable wetland layer to install a 350-acre-treated wetland	Wildlife for Everyone, ClearWater Conservancy, Western PA Conservancy	Priority watershed (ag or non-ag)	ID landowner (2023) Funding (2024) Design/ permit (2025) Construction (2026)	WFE just finished up the Soaring Eagle wetland project, is there interest in another one? – same for ClearWater, landowner participation, permitting, funding	GIS mapping Landowner outreach	N/A	Preliminary design	\$500,000 See 3.9A	2023- No progress to date. Wetland restoration technical capacity continues to be a hurdle to initiate landowner outreach. 2022 - No progress made. Wetland restoration technical capacity is a hurdle to initiate landowner outreach. 2021 - Initial contact with a representative from Wildlife For Everyone was made without response. The CAP team would benefit from a partner organization taking the lead on this initiative. The schedule will need to be extended to insert the step of identifying a lead organization before or in parallel with identifying some candidate landowners.

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3.10	Non-urban stream restoration	37,600 feet (7 miles) installed, 72,400 feet of verified stream restoration Assume two project installs per year per contractor team 22,200 LF in TU planned projects	CBF, Chesapeake Conservancy, TU National, Spring Creek TU, NFWS, Western PA Conservancy, Penns Valley Conservation Association	Rapid delisting areas	2021-2022 2023-2024 2025	Design/permit/construction cycle seems to work in two-year increments, there is an assumption that eroded/degraded streams exist based upon 403(d) listing – should that not be the case in the field, adjust quantitative goal down and ensure buffers are in place	GIS Design/GP-1 permit	Existing grant	Design, permit, construction services	Assume \$400/LF - \$14 M for total project delivery, floodplain restoration concept, not O&M Assume \$50/LF - \$1,110,000 for TU-lead projects	2023- The 2023 CAP Block Grant funded two sub awardee stream restorations. The first, through a partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Spring Creek Trout Unlimited chapter restored 1,000 feet of eroding streambank and created in-stream fish habitat by installing six log-framed stone deflectors with three clusters of random boulder placement in the Spring Creek Watershed. The second was a subaward to the Spring Creek Trout Unlimited. A total of 525 linear feet of stream were addressed with mud sills and rock cross vanes to reduce erosion through bank stabilization. Fish habitat was improved through riffle enhancement and GP-1 structures. This project also occurred in the Spring Creek Watershed. 2022 - \$200,000 NFWF Grant for Park Hills Drainageway, regenerative stream conveyance, final design and permitting, construction to start late 2022/early 2023. 2021 - See Initiative 3.3 for update.
3.11	Implement more barnyard runoff control/loafing lot management/ag stormwater management	110 total acres treated. 59 acres to reach that goal.	CCCD, Chesapeake Conservancy, NRCS	Livestock farms	2021-2025	Mapping challenges, typical logistics regarding landowner buy-in and project development/funding	N/A	N/A	Consultant for program management and project delivery	\$1.8 M per year, \$9 M total Barnyard Runoff Control \$250K per project, assume 1 acre per project \$5.25M in total	2023- The large scale project referenced in Action #3.2 incorporated a 39' x 104' roofed HUAP and agricultural stormwater management. Another large scale project in Harris Township, expected to be completed this year will install a 60' x 120' roofed HUAP and stormwater management practices. Similarly, the large scale project in Walker Township, referenced in Action #3.7, will install a 50' x 168' roofed HUAP and stormwater management practices. 2022 - Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify where barnyard clusters are located and determine if they are livestock operations or poultry operations. Current pace of new BMP implementation is about 2 projects per year. 2021 - CEG and Block Grant funding are being spent on projects that support this initiative. Five projects are on schedule to be completed this year including roofed heavy use areas and manure storage BMPs.

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3.12	Animal waste management BMP implementation for livestock	8,500 7,400 AUs managed through new BMPs	CCCD, SCC, CEG Program (future years)	Livestock farms	2021-2025	Current capacity through NRCS and CCCD implements about 5 farms projects per year; Time to get through planning, design, and construction; outreach to smaller farms that likely need the assistance; match cash value for small farms; readiness to plan/implement projects when outreach efforts yields willing landowners	Project implementation – 2 farms/year Project implementation – 3 farms/year	Assume \$280,000/year Assume \$420,000/year	Design, permit, construction services	Assume 2- projects per year, \$130,000 each, \$260,000 per year, \$1.3 M total Animal waste management system \$250,000 per project, assume 200 AUs per project \$9.25M in total	2023- The large scale project referenced in Action #3.2 incorporated a 39' x 47' roofed manure storage facility. All three large scale projects referenced in Action #3.11 include manure stacking areas. 2022 - BMP Verification Phase 1, shows the potential to report an additional 110 animal waste storage facilities currently not reported through PracticeKeeper. 2021 - CEG and Block Grant funding are being spent on the construction of projects that support this initiative. 1800 AUs are being managed by these newly installed projects including beef, dairy, horses, swine, and poultry operations.
3.13	Mitigation Banking Pilot Project	Floodplain restoration and/or wetland restoration project that achieves future MS4 permit sediment compliance for a currently waived Township while yielding nitrogen reductions for UAJA's benefit	UAJA, Benner Township, Spring Township, Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority	Benner Township and/or Spring Township	Regulatory approval (2021-2022) Design/permitting (2023) Construction (2024-25)	Landowner participation, regulatory compliance (MS4 – sediment and WWTP NPDES – nitrogen), funding for construction, recreational opportunity based on project location and public accessibility	Long term operation and maintenance Municipal/landowner coordination	N/A	Design, permit, construction services	Assume 2500 LF project, \$750,000 project budget	2022 - no update. 2021 - This initiative is on hold pending updates from DEP to the mitigation banking process, regulatory changes to Chapter 105, and the next MS4 permit requirements for municipalities.
3.14	Runoff Reduction Performance Standard and Storm Water Treatment Performance Standard Implementation	Implement existing ordinances at local municipal level Catalogue existing BMPs that fit into this category and newly built ones Runoff Reduction - 1,640 acres treated, stormwater treatment - 341 acres treated.	CCPC, CCCD, developing municipalities	County-wide	Ongoing 2021-2025	Coordination/training for municipal staff, FieldDoc batch opportunity, non-MS4 engagement (what's in it for them?), difficulty obtaining past information (MS4s typically have databases from 2003-present)	Reporting platform	N/A	Training Municipal Data Input	N/A Assume \$5000 administrative cost per municipality per year and 7 developing municipalities à \$35,000 per year \$1.9 M overall project budget	2023- No additional progress to date due to focus on MS4-credit projects by MS4s and lack of capacity to map Chapter 102-related existing runoff rate mitigation BMPs. 2022 - urban BMP cataloguing is started in this year's BMP Verification program. Should it continue to be funded, additional watersheds and BMP types will be added to the program. 2021 - This initiative is on hold until FieldDoc is running for urban BMP data collection.

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3.15	MS4-related Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan Implementation	Plan implementation by end of current permit term Implement bioretention (7 AT), buffers, stream restoration (4,800 LF), street sweeping (151 miles), etc.	Harris Township, Patton Township, College Township, State College Borough, Ferguson Township	Joint urbanized planning area	2025	Municipal capacity to implement plans (technical, financial)	Municipal engineer design/permit, construction readiness	Unknown	N/A	\$4.5 M overall project budget	2023 - MS4s continue to implement their joint PRP. 2022 - MS4s continue to implement their joint PRP. 2021 - The municipalities are on track regarding implementing the joint Pollutant Reduction Plan. As BMPs are implemented, they will be reported through the MS4 Annual Reports.
3.16	Conservation Landscape/Turf to Meadow Conversion/Watershed Forestry Initiative	Promote new program and enable one large tract landowners' participation (20 acres of conversion)	CCPC, DCNR, Western PA Conservancy, ClearWater Conservancy, Penn State Ag/Turf Program	Developed areas in Centre County municipalities	2023-2025	Landowner education and acceptance	Planting plan assistance	N/A	N/A	\$5,000 per acre (forest) ; \$2,500 per acre (meadow) → \$1050,000 (budget for all forest)	2023- CCD is investigating a pilot Conservation Landscape Program in Centre County. They are meeting with neighboring counties who have implemented similar programs and determining the feasibility of such a program in 2024. 2022 - no update. 2021 – Consistent DCNR Conservation Landscaping program funding is needed for the County to promote the opportunity and enable our partners to take the lead on a large-scale project.
3.17	Impervious surface reduction project	Identify a blighted/flood-prone area that could be converted to a park (8-acre area)	CCPC, CDBG-eligible municipalities	Centre County Boroughs	ID landowner (2021) Funding (2022) Design/ permit (2023-2024) Construction (2025)	Lack of local interest, property purchase/donation, suggested to explore below South Hills Plaza, streets perpendicular to Easterly/Westerly Parkway	Mapping	Available budget to be determined	Design, permit, construction	\$7,000,000	2022 - No progress. 2021 - No progress has been made to date due to team capacity and a lack of need for MS4 credit. It is also not a high priority due to low nitrogen reduction potential and high anticipated capital cost.

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3.18	Continue dirt and gravel road program	200,000 feet overall restored through past projects and future projects	CCCD	Countywide	2025	Continue D&G Road program funding	Education, technical assistance, project oversight	\$175,000 per year	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- 2 DGR projects complete: Howard Township - Schwab Town Road Phase II: Approx. 590 LF, Total Roadway Project Length: Approx. 1,561 feet (Phase III planned for 2024-2025); Snow Shoe Township – Black Bear Road: Approx. 1,750 LF.</p> <p>2 LVR projects complete: Potter Township - Strawberry Hill Road: Approx. 2,087 LF; Rush Township – Richard Street Spur: Approx.. 200 LF.</p> <p>2022 - Nearly 11,500 feet of roadway will be improved through the DGLVR program in 2022. Another 8,300 feet of roadway projects are planned for 2023 as of now.</p> <p>2021 - Current Conservation District records indicate that the cumulative goal of 200,000 feet has been met, but the last CAST reporting run (2018) indicated that only about ¼ of that has made it to CAST. We'll need to rectify that with our DEP partners, including potential reverification of projects that were completed before 2010. Also, funding has been used for stream crossings, which have many benefits, though do not result in significant project length. A place to report these positive impacts should also be identified, or Conservation District staff should be trained, for reporting those improvements as they also result in sediment and nutrient reductions.</p>
3.19	Operation and Maintenance Performance	Cultivate a partnership(s) with volunteer groups or contractors who we can direct landowners to who have interest in assistance with O&M of practices that we facilitate	Volunteer group, contractor	Countywide	2023-2025	Volunteer training, liability, materials/equipment funding	Technical guidance Volunteer maintenance labor	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- HRG met with Back County Hunters and Anglers and made great connections. PA Regional director is from State College and wants to be more engaged in projects. If a project is located on a Public Access property, BHA will support the project through social media outreach and provide member volunteer support for plantings. They are also interested in providing maintenance on riparian buffers or CREP on public access areas for farmers who don't have time.</p> <p>2022 - Project partners are recognizing that maintenance budget needs to be included in funding applications. A Riparian Rangers team could be formulated in the future, pending Alliance for the Bay capacity.</p> <p>2021 - In 2022, discuss the need with Native Creations, US Fish and Wildlife Partnership for Fish and Wildlife, and Clearwater Conservancy to see what model has worked for them and if it can be scaled.</p>

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3.20A	Private Funding	Identify some private funding sources that may be able to supplement public funding sources/existing sources utilized for stakeholders	Existing project implementer networks, Ag Choice Farm Credit?	Centre County	2023-2025	Need to expand network, educational aspect of less common funders, logistics of utilizing unproven funding sources (or lesser known)	Financial services	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>2023 - FFAR and Walton Family Foundation opportunities did not proceed. No progress to report from County-led activities. Chesapeake Conservancy continues to demonstrate project value to private foundations and those dollars eventually are invested on farms in the Rapid Delisting watersheds.</p> <p>2022 - HRG and LFT are exploring potential opportunities to apply to the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) and the Walton Family Foundation's new program, Achieving Conservation through Targeting Information, Outreach and Networking (ACTION) to support innovative research that increases adoption of conservation practices. A potential grant application would bolster farm visits in Centre County to increase the adoption of Conservation Practices.</p> <p>2021 - As a result of a successful application submitted by the PADEP Chesapeake Bay Office, the CAP Team worked with Millersville University through the Governor's Office of Performance Through Excellence to identify private entities who may have interest in investing in local clean water projects. The student team also developed a flyer that we can use when performing initial outreach with the identified entities.</p>
3.20B	Public/Non-profit Funding	Fill-out our public/non-profit source list	Central PA Conservancy, Western PA Conservancy, Natural Lands Trust, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Hamer Foundation	Centre County	2024-2025	Partners use similar funding sources, becoming more competitive	Financial services	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- The list continues to be static. Our group continues to analyze new funding programs coming from State and Federal sources and will revisit this list for match/partner opportunities.</p> <p>2022 - The list of potential funding partners was completed and is now static. As our group analyzes the new funding programs coming from State and Federal sources, we'll revisit this list for match/partner opportunities.</p> <p>2021 - We are on track to complete the list of potential funding partners during 2021.</p>
3.20C	Public/private Farm BMP sponsorship program	Utilize REAP program to leverage funding, sponsor farmers who perform BMPs and pay them cash from tax rebates that corporation receives from funding the program	SCC, The Nature Conservancy, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, PennAg	Centre County	2024-2025	Corporate interest,	Initial coordination	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>2023 - No progress. See progress under 3.20B as this is a companion initiative.</p> <p>2022 - No progress. See progress under 3.20B as this is a companion initiative.</p> <p>2021 - See Initiative 3.20A for progress as this is a companion initiative. Rather than having private donors provide funding to Centre County, the goal of the Millersville University project was to suggest to companies to sign up to be a REAP sponsor.</p>

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Priority Initiative 4: Research, Education, and Training											
4.1A	Incorporate existing water quality monitoring data into Chesapeake Data Explorer/ Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative database	Successful data input/acceptance by ALLARM program by end of 2021	ALLARM, Keystone Water Resources Center – Spring Creek, Senior Environmental Corps, PSU, watershed associations	Countywide	2021-2025	Data precision, QAQC, opportunity to educate landowners about local stream health and what they can do about it	Data QAQC and training Data Input	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>2023- Capacity changes with the Coordinator and Conservation Districts has pushed the convening of the Watershed Specialists. We will reevaluate in 2024 if this should be a priority at the County level or if it should be scaled to the State or Federal level.</p> <p>2022 - ALLARM is in the process of developing citizen scientist monitoring data collection protocols to assist with stream health data collection. Should the protocol be approved, it will be shared with all Counties.</p> <p>2021 - ALLARM worked with local partners to obtain data, clean and organize it to Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative standards, geo-reference the data, and upload the data to the Chesapeake Data Explorer.</p>
4.1B	Initiate additional water quality monitoring sites that promote long-term trend evaluation at key locations in Centre County	<p>Location identification, financial and volunteer budget analysis, and initial landowner communication by end of 2021</p> <p>CAST-21 acknowledgement of our data</p> <p>Map existing monitoring locations</p> <p>Expand monitoring based on Corridors of Opportunity area monitoring gaps</p>	ALLARM, Keystone Water Resources Center – Spring Creek, Senior Environmental Corps, PSU, local watershed associations	To be determined	2023-2025	<p>Land access, expanded volunteer need, equipment/materials budget, Consistent data collection, QAQC continuation</p> <p>Consideration to expand the Keystone Water Resources Center to cover places like Bald Eagle, Buffalo Run, etc. to get a continual basis</p>	\$30,000 intern salary budget QAQC	N/A	Sample Collection for new sites identified through CAP implementation	\$10,000 EQUIPMENT	<p>2022: In the fall of 2022, HRG will convene the Watershed Specialist to identify the largest "gaps" of water quality monitoring data, develop strategies to comprehensively incorporate new data to support CAP efforts. Further, the LandscapeU project that analyzed Centre County data sources/status will be included in a County-specific strategy to expand monitoring.</p> <p>2021 - See 4.1A progress</p>

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4.2	Enhance the capacity of local watershed associations for short-term success and long-term sustainability	<p>Share each other's social media content</p> <p>When developing water quality projects, include them in the scoping/funding process</p> <p>When we utilize/obtain funding for outreach, reserve some for partner promotional items (hats, shirts, etc.)</p> <p>Encourage project implementation on the watershed level so that these partners enhance their relationships with non-peers with a co-benefit of diversifying their membership</p>	Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Bald Eagle Watershed Association, Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, National Trout Unlimited, Penns Valley Conservation Association, Moshannon Creek Watershed Association	Countywide	Ongoing	Continued coordination among a lot of active groups, keep project leads list active so that watershed approach to grant applications can be developed well in advance of submittal deadlines, see if Spring Creek Watershed Commission could serve as the coordinating party	Social media shares Project development support	Limited match	N/A	\$5000 per organization to produce promotional materials (hats, shirts, stickers) for members	<p>2023- The CCCD has hired a new Watershed Specialist who will add capacity to this initiative. HRG has also reconnected with the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and is helping build capacity with that watershed association to advance their project implementation goals.</p> <p>2022 - County staff turnover resulted in a loss of communication between certain county staff and local watershed associations. Those conversations have begun again. Social media content will continue to be shared and relationship between county and local watershed associations rebuilt.</p> <p>2021 - COVID-related restrictions and delays on last year's projects have resulted in fewer organizational meetings than in past years. Organizations that are project-focused continue to work with landowners, solicit funding, and complete designs and construction at a pace of a about four projects per organization per year. They all continue to need additional membership, grant funding, and technical assistance to scale efforts up, though fortunately implementation has not slowed down.</p>
4.3	Farm decision maker trips to showcase BMPs that work	Two trips per year, increase participation by 10% each year	CBF, CCCD, NRCS, County Farm Bureau	Centre County	Fall and Spring of each year	Promotion to increase participation each year, expand logistics/# of local and Bay trips to allow for increased participation, consider alternative transportation options to canoes if it helps to scale up the initiative	N/A	Trip coordination and field facilitation	N/A	\$2000 per year to expand resources	<p>2022 - This program has not picked up post-COVID and needs a supplemental funding source from CBF. Educational trips will continue to be a communications strategy.</p> <p>2021 - Initial steps have been taken to determine if a trip can be scheduled for Fall 2021. COVID restrictions condensed the amount of time in 2021 where the trips could realistically occur.</p>