



CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL PHASE III WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
URBAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING
 April 30th, 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Brite Transit Facility, 51 Ivy Ridge Lane, Fishersville, VA 22932

Meeting Summary

In attendance:

Patrick Wilkins, City of Staunton	Jean Andrews, ACSA
John Reeves, Local Citizen / Volunteer	Sara Bottenfield, DEQ- Harrisonburg
Jeff Rankin, Town of Glasgow	Jonathan Griffin, Rockbridge County
Rachel McCuller, Headwaters SWCD	Dale Chestnut, JMU
Trafford McCrae, City of Waynesboro	Sherry Ryder, Bath County
Natasha Skelton, Valley Conservation Council	Lisa Perry, Rockingham County
Genevieve Goss, Valley Conservation Council	Rebecca Stimson, City of Harrisonburg
John Ignosh, VT Extension	Anita Riggleman, HRRSA
Morgan Shrewsbury, Augusta County	Sandra Stuart, NBSWCD
Hunter Moore, CSPDC	Rebecca Joyce, CSPDC

MEETING NOTES:

- Before the meeting started, a question was asked about optional deliverable #8 and if the CSPDC would be perusing this item. Hunter Moore replied that the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is still deciding on which optional deliverables they would be participating in and wants to discuss this deliverable with the Health Department first.



Welcome and Introductions

- Hunter welcomed the group, and everyone introduced themselves.

Update on WIP III

- Hunter gave an update on the Watershed Implementation Plan Phase III (WIP III) process, including what the stakeholder group accomplished last year and what this next phase would look like. Hunter thanked everyone who participated in last year's efforts with the BMP Input Deck and Programmatic Actions Table.
- Hunter shared that the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) draft was posted online earlier this month and that the comment period is open until June 7th. DEQ is hosting two webinars that will give an overview of the draft plan on May 13th (one at 9am and 6pm). The State's final plan is due in August.
- Hunter discussed how the State made adjustments to all input decks across the state to meet the goal for the draft plan. This included revised totals for septic pumping and nutrient management, adding BMPs to state lands, and CAST model adjustments for climate change.
- Hunter explained that DEQ has contracted with PDCs to continue the momentum of WIP III planning and to explore ways to implement our region's identified BMPs. A handout was distributed to the group that summarized the CSPDC's minimum and optional deliverables for DEQ's contract.
- The CSPDC will hold two more meetings following this meeting and with a goal to identify and prioritize specific BMP implementation projects.
- Hunter shared that a potential, more permanent annual program between DEQ and the PDCs is possible, and it would focus on BMP implementation and environmental planning for our region.

Priority Project Matrix

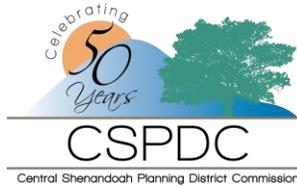
- Hunter showed a priority grant project matrix that she started and asked the group for input on additional priority BMPs and factors or information to include. The matrix listed the top BMPs identified from the survey she sent out last year for the WIP III process.
- Dale Chestnut suggested adding detention ponds and others agreed.



- Trafford McCrae discussed adding VDOT revenue sharing or smart-scale projects as a potential funding source for BMPs like impervious surface reduction.
- For the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grants, a group member suggested contacting David Hirschman as a resource for assistance with grant projects.
- It was mentioned that some funding sources want to see vetted projects and to include references of where BMPs are included in plans.
- Hunter explained that she would continue filling in this matrix and encouraged group members to send in their suggestions on developing the matrix. Once the matrix is complete, the group can rank the BMPs at the last meeting and identify specific projects.

Funding Opportunities

- Hunter announced that DEQ is planning on applying for the NFWF Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction grant and DEQ asked PDCs to provide two potential regionally-scaled BMP implementation projects or actions. Hunter provided handouts for both NFWF grant programs: The Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grant Program and the Small Watershed Grants Program.
- Rebecca Stimson suggested funding for a Nutrient Management Planner and also someone for a tree planting program.
- Natasha Skelton suggested using the funding for staffing for the localities.
- Patrick Wilkins discussed that it is difficult for localities to participate in regional projects because of requirements to reach local goals with limited funding at the local level.
- The group also discussed potential stream restoration projects and detention ponds. The consensus was that the group could identify similar projects for 3 or 4 localities for the potential NFWF funding. There is the possibility of using the same consultant for each project or have group purchasing.
- Morgan Shrewsbury mentioned a potential project of converting dry basins into bio-retention ponds.
- NFWF projects can be used to meet MS4 goals if they are innovative enough.
- Lisa Perry asked the group if there could be a potential regional project with golf courses and nutrient management. Nutrient management of HOAs, schools, and large churches was also discussed as a regional project, which could involve a Nutrient Management Planner or hiring consultant to analyze these sites.



- Natasha pointed out that implementing nutrient management at high schools or other schools makes for a great education and outreach component for grant application.

Break

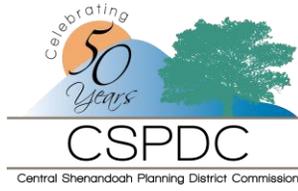
- The group took a short break before moving to the next item on the agenda.

BMP Warehouse Training

- Hunter showed the DEQ webinar on how to use the BMP Warehouse.
- After the webinar, Hunter asked if there were any comments, questions or issues using the BMP Warehouse.
- There was a question on how the information that gets submitted into the warehouse is related to the CAST model. Sara Bottenfield answered this question, concluding that the model does get updated to include the warehouse data.

Community Updates

- Hunter asked the group if anyone would like to share current BMP implementation projects going on in their localities or organizations.
- Trafford with the City of Waynesboro shared that he could work with Hunter on the local plans / ordinance deliverable. He also announced that Waynesboro's Riverfest event is on May 4th. On May 20th, Waynesboro will be doing wetland tours. He also discussed two current projects with Dupont including impervious surface reduction (6-acre lot from asphalt to meadow) and stream restoration.
- Morgan with Augusta County shared their current stream restoration project at Jennings Branch.
- Patrick with the City of Staunton discussed their stream restoration project at Gypsy Hill Park and converting dry ponds to wet ponds at Green Hills industrial Park.
- Dale with JMU shared their projects converting three retention ponds to wet ponds and a project involving a V-ditch drainage study at the football stadium.
- Rebecca with the City of Harrisonburg discussed their Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) expansion and planning of a stream restoration project.
- John announced that the City of Harrisonburg was recognized and awarded for their sustainability in stream cleaning projects for Blacks Run.



Adjourn

- Hunter announced that the next meeting would be on June 26th. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.