



CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL PHASE III WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
URBAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING
 July 31, 2018, 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	Nesha McRae, DEQ- Harrisonburg
Jason Hartman, VDOT-Staunton District	Tara Sieber, DEQ- Harrisonburg
Morgan Shrewsberry, Augusta County	Sara Bottenfield, DEQ- Harrisonburg
Jeff Rankin, Town of Glasgow	Jeff Martone, City of Lexington
Dorothy Baker, DEQ- Richmond	Jason Weakley, VDH
Megen Dalton, Shenandoah Valley SWCD	Trafford McRae, City of Waynesboro
Chelsea Trice, Shenandoah Valley SWCD	Michael Ramsey, City of Waynesboro
Lacey Dean, VA Wilderness Committee	Sherry Ryder, Bath County
Sandra Stuart, Natural Bridge SWCD	Lora Johnson, VA Dept. of Forestry
Ashley Hall, Stantec (on behalf of VDOT)	Rebecca Stimson, City of Harrisonburg
Emily Bender, Valley Conservation Council	Kelley Junco, City of Harrisonburg
Natasha Skelton, Valley Conservation Council	John Hutchinson, Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation
Lisa Perry, Rockingham County	Liza Vick, CSPDC
Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC	Hunter Moore, CSPDC



MEETING NOTES:

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Bonnie Riedesel, the CSPDC Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an introduction to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).
- Those in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
- An overview of the agenda was presented by Liza Vick, a CSPDC Regional Planner.

II. Overview of the Phase III WIP Process

- A PowerPoint (attached) was presented to those in attendance to offer an overview of the Phase III WIP process by Liza Vick.
- Hunter Moore, GIS Specialist, presented a web app map. The purpose of the map was to offer a visual for those in attendance of the amount of unregulated developed space or “urban areas” present within the region and opportunities for best management practices to be implemented as there are many unregulated developed areas across the region.
- One question regarding the web app map was, “Are the VDOT service areas on the web app map”? The answer was, “No”.

III. Discussion of Stakeholder List

- A list of those who were contacted regarding the Phase III WIP process were presented to the group (the list can be found in the attached PowerPoint). Those in attendance were asked if there are other stakeholders who should be contacted. The following were suggested as additions to those being contacted regarding information about the Phase III WIP process:
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
 - Boxerwood
 - Service / Sewer & Water Authorities
 - Shenandoah and Upper James River Keepers
 - VCAP Coordinator



IV. Initial Review of Region's Urban BMP Data

- Liza Vick presented an initial review of the Region's Urban BMP Data using the Central Shenandoah Excel File (attached).
- The following are questions that were asked during the initial review:
 - What are the limiting factors of the 2025 Available acres column in spreadsheet? (answered)
 - Will this spreadsheet be sent digitally? Yes
 - Why isn't sediment a focus in this plan? *It is not included in the Bay TMDL*
 - Is land conservation a tool / credited in the model? *There are BMP's related to this, but as far as how they are credited in the model that question has been forwarded to model developers.*
 - Is the VCAP program included in this process? *VCAP is the VA Conservation Assistance Program administered by SWCDs. It is an urban cost-share program providing financial incentives & technical and educational assistance to property owners installing eligible BMPs in the VA Chesapeake Bay area. VCAP can be included in the process by listing it in the programmatic actions template. Example: "Increased and sustained funding for VCAP".*
 - What is the purpose of the co-benefits list? *One benefit is that it allows locality staff to provide additional BMP benefits aside from water quality improvement to citizens and elected officials. Another benefit is that it provides those making funding decisions, information about how BMP implementation can serve multiple targets.*
 - How will we be selecting BMPs/what is the process? *It will be a group effort in which the CSPDC will offer scenario options to the meeting attendees and discussion will surround those. There will also be an opportunity to discuss programmatic actions, funding and capacity needs, co-benefits, and gaps in statutory/regulatory authority related to the BMPs that are selected.*
 - How are septic disconnect BMPs credited for nitrogen & phosphorus reductions? *There is not a phosphorus reduction credit, but there is a nitrogen reduction credit of 4.62 lbs of nitrogen per unit.*

V. Discussion of Regional Process and Resources Needed

- Liza Vick presented the Letter of Participation template.
- The letter of participation will need to be submitted or signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or equivalent of your Locality/organization.



- Your CAO can use the template provided by the CSPDC or documentation as simple as an email to liza@cspdc.org and hunter@cspdc.org stating “ xyz locality/organization agrees to participate in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan process” will work as well.
- The letter/statement of participation does not represent a commitment to implement BMPs, programmatic actions or strategies resulting from the meetings. It simply says that the locality/organization agrees to participate in the planning process.
- If there are any questions that you or your CAO have please contact the CSPDC.

VI. Public Comment

- Comments received from the audience:
 - During the BMP review particular focus should be on the notes column and not the number of acres. Plan for lengthy meeting when discussing and selecting BMPs. (*This comment was regarding the BMP input deck.*)
 - In Rockbridge County there are still straight pipes. Is there any funding available for the removal of the straight pipes? (*Answer: Funding for such a project is quite variable.*)
 - A Doodle Poll could be useful for coordinating the SWCD joint meeting in November.

VII. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 22, 2018
Thursday, September 20, 2018
November (TBD)