



CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL PHASE III WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
URBAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING
 June 26th, 2019, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 Brite Transit Facility, 51 Ivy Ridge Lane, Fishersville, VA 22932

Meeting Summary

In attendance:

Patrick Wilkins, City of Staunton	Tim Castillo, ACSA
Danielle Raines, City of Staunton	Sara Bottenfield, DEQ- Harrisonburg
Jason Weakley, VDH	James Davis-Martin, DEQ
Rachel McCuller Winter, Headwaters SWCD	Dale Chestnut, JMU
Sharon Foley, HRRSA	Joseph Culman, JMU
Genevieve Goss, Valley Conservation Council	Lisa Perry, Rockingham County
Morgan Shrewsbury, Augusta County	Rebecca Stimson, City of Harrisonburg
Rebecca Joyce, CSPDC	Sandra Stuart, NBSWCD
Hunter Moore, CSPDC	

Welcome and Introductions

- Hunter welcomed the group, introduced James Davis-Martin, and everyone else introduced themselves.

Update on WIP III

- Hunter gave an update on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission’s (CSPDC) recent activities with the Watershed Implementation Plan Phase III (WIP III), including the status of contract deliverables such as the interim reports, draft Scope of Work for 2020, compilation of GIS data and BMP warehouse training.
- Hunter also discussed the SLAF needs assessment survey and other surveys to come. James Davis-Martin stressed the importance of the completing the SLAF survey.



Priority Project Matrix

- Hunter provided hard copies of the updated matrix for the group and explained that it would continue to be developed more in the next few months.
- Hunter highlighted the top priority BMPs in yellow that are the group's focus (Nutrient Management Program, Septic Pumping, Urban Stream Restoration, Detention Pond / Restoration, and Tree Planting)
- Hunter asked if there were any questions on the matrix and there were none.

BMP & Programmatic Action Roadblocks

- Hunter explained DEQ's application for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grant. DEQ is asking the PDCs for project ideas.
- James assisted with a discussion on potential project ideas for the CSPDC region, local issues for implementation of BMPs and programmatic actions, and next steps.
- The group discussed a potential project to survey detention pond rehabilitation / retrofit opportunities. Another possible project of having a dedicated person to provide guidance and direction to churches and businesses that need detention pond rehabilitation / retrofits was also discussed. Funding that could be used to research ownership of facilities that need attention and provide outreach materials for businesses / churches such as flyers for education and awareness were also discussed as potential projects.
- Identifying Urban Stream Restoration locations was also discussed as a possible project. The region could potentially use the funding for a dedicated person to identify project locations. Lidar data could be used to analyze depths of stream banks and identify long stretches of bank to identify most cost-effective projects.
- Attendees also discussed septic pumping assistance and possibly offering 50/50 cost assistance to owners with septic pumping (similar to a popular well-testing program). Identifying vulnerable rural areas or larger public buildings, such as schools, that need either an upgrade or a switch to sewer could also be a potential project.
- Identifying locations for Small Dam removal was another idea suggested. Partnering with Trout Unlimited or the Nature Conservancy to identify areas for Small Dam Removal could be potential options.



- Nutrient management was also discussed and included the suggestion of having a pool of resources on how to maintain a nutrient management program to refer owners; however, we are not sure how much interest there would be from owners.

Funding Opportunities

- Hunter provided an informational handout for the Virginia Water Revolving Fund with DEQ.
- Hunter explained that the loans could be used for Stormwater BMPs, Wastewater treatment facilities and more, and its anticipated to have over \$100 million in funds available.
- The deadline for applications is July 26, 201.
- Sara with DEQ announced that 319 funding will be coming out later this summer in August or September.

Community Updates

- Hunter asked the group if anyone would like to share current BMP implementation projects happening in their localities or organizations.
- Patrick with the City of Staunton discussed their RFP for stream restoration in Gypsy Hill Park, their work on preliminary retrofits for wet ponds, and a project in an older neighborhood where they will be implementing bioretention and pavers.
- Lisa with Rockingham announced that the Town of Elkton is working on an eroded bank of the South River which is cutting into an old landfill site.
- Morgan with Augusta County shared their work on a RFP for urban stream restoration and that they are looking for funding for dry ponds. Augusta County is looking into SLAF funding for this.
- Rebecca with the CSPDC, explained that the CSPDC is working on the Hazards Mitigation Plan and that VDEM funding could be used for some stormwater BMPs and local flooding issues.

Adjourn

- Before the meeting ended, Hunter reminded the group that the CSPDC is available to help with any grant writing assistance.



- Hunter also explained that the CSPDC is working on a WIP III micro-site that would include
- Hunter announced that the next meeting would be on August 29th. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.