

APPENDIX A
Draft Conowingo WIP Guiding Principles for PSC Review
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1. **Fairness Principle:** Strive for fairness, equity, and feasibility among state, local, and federal and other partners participating in the Conowingo WIP regarding level of effort, financing, tracking, resource sharing, and third party access.
2. **Governance Principle:** Operate as an Action Team as defined in the document “Governance and Management Framework for the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership”. Strive for consensus using the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Consensus Continuum as described in the document. When consensus cannot be reached, the issue will be deferred to the PSC with a summary of the issue and the different options and opinions expressed by the members.
3. **Consistency Principle:** Ensure consistency with the EPA Phase 3 WIP expectations and Conowingo WIP framework documents.
4. **Transparency Principle:** Establish clear tracking, accountability and verification consistent with expectations for jurisdictions and to transparently demonstrate which practices are planned for, implemented and maintained in the Conowingo WIP vs state WIPs in order to avoid double-counting.
5. **Efficiency in Innovation Principle:** Implement the Conowingo WIP building on existing, successful programs, as much as is feasible, to avoid creating duplicative bureaucracies. At the same time, strive for innovation, leverage new technologies, and, where appropriate, develop new implementation approaches.

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**APPENDIX B – Schedule for Development
Conowingo Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)**

OPTION 1 --- CONCURRENT SUBMITTAL

<u>December 2017</u>	Received PSC Approval on Conowingo WIP framework and the first cut of the Conowingo pollutant reduction targets to address this additional load.
<u>March 2018 - March 2019</u>	The Conowingo WIP Steering Committee, including a representative from each jurisdiction and the Chesapeake Bay Commission work collaboratively to begin development of the Conowingo WIP to include: 1) finalizing the Conowingo WIP framework, pollution reduction target(s), and resource sharing commitments; and, 2) working with EPA, other federal partners, and the third party to develop a financing strategy that leverages technical assistance, in-kind services, and federal, state, local and potential private sector funding sources.
<u>September 2018</u>	EPA prepares a draft RFP for an award of a cooperative agreement or contract to manage and oversee the pooled resources and to facilitate the development and implementation of the Conowingo WIP, as guided by the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee.
<u>Sept. 2018 – March 2019</u>	EPA selects the RFP awardee and, building on the decisions made to date, the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee continues drafting the Conowingo WIP with support of the awardee to include a finance strategy for the Conowingo WIP, additional local government and public engagement strategies, identifying specific reduction practices and a timeline, funding sources, the methodology for addressing any identified gaps and provisions for contingencies.
<u>April 1, 2019</u>	The Conowingo WIP Steering Committee submits a draft Conowingo WIP to the PSC for review and comment.
<u>April 8, 2019</u>	The PSC submits comments to the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee.
<u>April 12, 2019</u>	States will post their Draft Phase III WIPs on their respective websites for Partnership review and comment.
<u>April 12, 2019</u>	DRAFT Conowingo WIP posted on the CBP website for a 30-day public comment period ending May 13, 2019.
<u>June 7, 2019</u>	Partnership Comments Due on States' Draft Phase III WIPs.
<u>July 5, 2019</u>	The Conowingo WIP Steering Committee addresses all comments and submits a final draft to the PSC for final review and comment.

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July 19, 2019

The PSC submits any final comments to the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee.

August 9, 2019

States will post their FINAL Phase III WIPs on their respective websites.

August 9, 2019

The CBP partnership will post the FINAL Conowingo WIP on its website

October 1, 2019

The Conowingo Steering Committee and the third party will begin full plan implementation utilizing funding allocated to the plan for federal FY 2020.

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Determine the role of Exelon in the implementation of the Conowingo WIP based on the outcome of Maryland's decisions regarding 401 certification and the resultant court cases.

Biennially

EPA to evaluate the effectiveness and progress of the Conowingo WIP, pursue additional funding sources to help with implementation, identify additional mitigation options and recommend options to the PSC, as necessary.

Summer 2023

The PSC will reevaluate and make any necessary corrections based on EPA's biennial evaluations of the Conowingo WIP implementation, recommendations from the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee and any other factors.

2025

Consistent with the 2014 Watershed Agreement and the 2010 TMDL, a goal will be to have all practices in place to achieve the necessary nutrient and sediment reductions by 2025.