

Proposed Timeline for Conowingo WIP Development

- The Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP) Request For Applications (RFA) was released on Monday, February 4, 2019. Applications were due March 20, 2019. It is expected that the cooperative agreement will be awarded to a third-party organization by July 8, 2019. The full RFA schedule is below.
- The CWIP Steering Committee (SC) developed a timeline for CWIP development, evaluation, and finalization. However, the delay in releasing the CWIP RFA has impacted the CWIP development schedule, even with contractor resources provided to the CWIP SC in the interim.
- A proposed revised schedule for CWIP development is below that is intended to allow some time for the third-party organization to come on board after the cooperative agreement is awarded in July, and to finalize the CWIP. This schedule also considers the following:
 - It is recommended that the submission, review, and finalization of the CWIP should not conflict with the schedule for the Phase III WIPs, given the time and resources needed by the jurisdictions and EPA to conduct the review and evaluation process of the Phase III WIP documents.
 - It is recommended that the CWIP development and finalization processes should be completed before the end of December 2019.

<u>Action/Deliverable</u>	<u>Current Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Issuance of CWIP RFA	February 4, 2019	N/A	
CWIP RFA application submission deadline	March 20, 2019	N/A	Allows for a 45-day submission period
CWIP RFA Review Panel convenes and reviews proposals	March 20, 2019 – May 3, 2019	N/A	Review panel has 45 days to review proposals and make a final selection
Tetra Tech begins review of jurisdictions' Phase III WIP scenarios and begins formulating draft CWIP scenarios in coordination with CWIP Steering Committee (SC). This includes working with the SC on a prioritization strategy.	April 12, 2019	N/A	
EPA notifies applicants of results	May 3, 2019	N/A	Approximate date. At this time the successful applicant will be encouraged to informally engage in the CWIP process.
Tetra Tech Report out to the CWIP SC on CWIP scenario and prioritization results and starts transition work to third party awardee.	May 12, 2019	N/A	
Applicant submits federal cooperative agreement to EPA	June 3, 2019	N/A	Approximate date; applicant has one month to submit proposed work plan and budget for EPA review
Tetra Tech contract period ends and documentation delivered on project	June 12	N/A	

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targeting methodology and CAST scenarios for implementation of the draft CWIP			
EPA awards cooperative agreement	July 8, 2019	N/A	Approximate date; work plan and budget are finalized, and cooperative agreement is in place
CWIP Steering Committee meets with targeted stakeholders to receive input on draft Conowingo WIP approach		August 9, 2019	Webinar format in advance of PSC approval to ensure feedback from key stakeholders is considered.
CWIP SC sends advance copy of draft CWIP to PSC Work accelerates on draft CWIP financing strategy	April 1, 2019	September 6, 2019	Allows eight weeks for the third-party organization to finalize draft after the projected award date of July 8, 2018. The third party will also be encouraged to initiate work on the draft CWIP financing strategy.
PSC submits comments on advance copy to CWIP SC	April 8, 2019	September 20, 2019	Revised schedule provides the PSC with a 2-week advanced review period
Draft CWIP posted to CBP website; kicks off public review and comment	April 12, 2019	October 4, 2019	Provides two weeks for CWIP SC to revise draft based on advanced PSC review <u>Please note that Virginia remains concerned about the delay in release of the draft Conowingo WIP, but agreed to the steering committee's majority opinion so that these decisions could move forward.</u>
Draft CWIP Public Informational Meeting		October 18, 2019	Webinar format
Comment period closes	May 13, 2019	November 1, 2019	Maintains 4-week public review of draft CWIP
CWIP SC revised draft CWIP based on stakeholder feedback	May 13 – July 5, 2019	November 1 – November 29, 2019	Revised schedule reduces the time to revise the draft CWIP based on public/partnership review from the original schedule by four weeks (four-week period, as opposed to 8-week period)
CWIP SC submits revised draft CWIP to PSC for advance review	July 5, 2019	November 29, 2019	
PSC submits comments to CWIP SC on revised draft	July 19, 2019	December 13, 2019	Revised schedule allows for a 2-week PSC advanced review period and is consistent with the current schedule

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Final CWIP posted to CBP website	August 9, 2019	December 23, 2019	Provides one week for CWIP SC to revise draft based on advanced PSC review
Draft CWIP financing strategy submitted by applicant to the CWIP SC. SC also seeks independent technical review prior to submittal to PSC.	N/A	January 10, 2020	Initial draft financing strategy provided to the CWIP SC for initial review. Steering Committee to seek independent peer/technical review of draft financing strategy
Draft CWIP financing strategy submitted to the PSC for review	N/A	March 22, 2020	Draft financing strategy to be submitted three months after finalization and posting of the CWIP
Comments from the PSC due to CWIP SC on draft CWIP financing strategy	N/A	April 19, 2020	Allows for a one-month PSC and general public review period
Revisions to draft CWIP financing strategy based on feedback received from PSC	N/A	April 19 – May 17, 2020	Provides one month for revisions to the CWIP financing strategy
PSC fatal flaw review of CWIP financing strategy	N/A	May 17, 2020 to May 24, 2020	A draft final version will be submitted to the PSC for a one-week fatal flaw review prior to finalization
Fatal flaw comments due to CWIP SC	N/A	May 24, 2020	
Public comment period on CWIP financing strategy		May 31, 2020	30-day public comment period on CWIP financing strategy commences
Public comments received on CWIP financing strategy		July 1, 2020	Public comments addressed through comment/response document.
CWIP financing strategy finalized		July 19, 2020	
EPA evaluates CWIP progress	Biennially	Biennially	Same schedule
PSC will make any necessary adjustments to CWIP based on EPA's biennial evaluations	Summer 2023	Summer 2023	Same schedule