

# Climate Change

## Quantitative Policy Options

- *Factor Climate Change into Phase III WIP Base Conditions:*
  - Use the 2025 climate projection scenarios as base conditions (informed by CBWM climate modeling results) in the establishment of the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs.
  - The climate change projection would be an added load that the jurisdictions would need to address in addition to their Phase III WIP planning targets, thereby increasing the level of effort.

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## Qualitative Policy Options

- *Optimize Phase III WIP Development and Adaptively Manage BMP Implementation:*
  - *Element A:* During the development of Phase III WIPs, jurisdictions will consider and prioritize BMPs that are more resilient to future climate impacts over the intended design life of the proposed practices.
  - *Element B:* Within a practical time-period applicable to an individual source sector, initiative or action, the Partnership will consider new information on the performance of BMPs, including the contribution of seasonal, inter-annual climate variability, and weather extremes. Jurisdictions will assess this information and their support programs and adjust plans through the two-year milestone process to implement their Phase III WIPs to better mitigate anticipated increases in nitrogen, phosphorus, or sediment due to climate change.
  - *Element C:* Jurisdictions will provide a narrative consistent with the Guiding Principles that describes their programmatic commitments to address climate change in their Phase III WIPs.