

# Conowingo WIP Update

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# Agenda

- ▶ Status of Outreach and Engagement
- ▶ Top Comments and Questions To Date
- ▶ Overview of Financing Strategy Structure
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Summary

# Conowingo WIP Outreach/Public Comment Meetings

## Pennsylvania

- ☑ November 13 - Pennsylvania DEP Agricultural Advisory Board and State Conservation Commission Nutrient Management Advisory Board
- ☑ November 19 - Bedford County
- ☑ November 20 - York County
- ☑ December 7 - Centre and Cumberland Counties
- ☑ December 9 - Lebanon County
- ☑ December 10 - Adams and Franklin Counties
- ☑ December 14 - Pennsylvania State-wide Stakeholder
- ▶ TBD - Lancaster County (postponed from prior date)

## Maryland, New York, and Bay-Wide

- ☑ November 18 - Cecil County Maryland
- ☑ November 20 - Harford County Maryland
- ☑ November 24 - Watershed-wide Stakeholders
- ☑ November 30 - New York Stakeholders
- ☑ December 1 - Baltimore County Maryland
- ☑ December 4 - Maryland Water Monitoring Council
- ☑ December 4 - Chesapeake Bay Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- ☑ December 8 - Maryland State-wide
- ▶ January 7, 2021 - New York Stakeholders (Tentative)
- ▶ January 13, 2021 - Maryland State-wide

# Top Comments, Questions, and Issues To Date

- ▶ Concerns about adopting the Conowingo WIP (CWIP) without the financing strategy in place
- ▶ How pay-for-performance translates to the farmer
- ▶ Questions about the dredging opportunity to meet the CWIP goals and outcomes
- ▶ A desire to see more involvement from Exelon Corporation
- ▶ More flexibility on Best Management Practices (BMPs) across the primary geography
- ▶ Concerns about additional load reduction in counties where they are already at capacity on BMP implementation goals toward PA Phase 3 WIP
- ▶ Concerns about competition with Phase 3 WIP for cost-effective opportunities
- ▶ Concerns about lack of local capacity to take on additional responsibility
- ▶ Concerns about potential competition for urban BMP implementation opportunities within Phase II MS4 communities in Maryland
- ▶ Concerns about CWIP integration with the Nutrient Management Program in Maryland
- ▶ Questions regarding tracking/reporting implementation, how projects will be separated from the Phase 3 WIP, who is responsible for making that decision, and who is responsible for verification
- ▶ Concern in New York about the geography being too limiting, primary areas have been a focus in the past
- ▶ Questions about the origins of the target loads associated with the Conowingo Infill, how the modeling was conducted, and why sediment is not included in the target

# Financing Strategy Structure

- ▶ Financing Strategy Assumptions
  - Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership will have ultimate responsibility for funding
  - Public Funding alone will not be sufficient
  - Restoration success will require public/private partnerships
- ▶ Enabling Conditions
  - Efficiency
  - Scale
  - Durability

Deliverable	2020	2021												2022		2023
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Spring	Winter	Spring
DRAFT CWIP Financing Strategy to CBPO and Steering Committee	Dec 10															
End DRAFT CWIP public comment period	Jan 20															
Presentation to PSC on Draft Financing Strategy	Late Feb/Early March															
Revised Draft Final CWIP and Financing Strategy to Steering Committee	Late March															
PSC Meeting to Discuss Revised Draft Final CWIP, Financing Strategy and Comment Responses	Late April/Early May															
PSC approves to send Draft Final CWIP and Financing Strategy for final EPA review	May or June 2021															
Final CWIP economic development investment plan will be submitted to the Steering Committee	July															
Placeholder for EPA feedback regarding final evaluation of the Draft Final CWIP before posting to CBP website	Summer 2021															
Draft plan for the CWIP financing authority submitted to Steering Committee	Dec 2021															
Begin launch of CWIP financing authority	Spring 2022															
Implementation of investment activities															Winter 2022-2023	

# Summary

- ▶ Public comment period extended to January 20, 2021
- ▶ Outreach actively being conducted in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York
- ▶ Common trends and themes in comments provided to date
- ▶ Timeline is draft and we will keep the PSC involved in any needed changes
- ▶ Draft financing strategy is under review and will be presented to PSC at  
next meeting