

TOWG Minutes 3.21.12

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting minutes from 2.22.12 meeting approved as presented

TOWG Work Plan Review- Branosky/Rhoderick

See workplan and notes

- 13 calls made to jurisdiction leads, list of issues created from response to interview questions, all pulled into workplan
- Please provide feedback by March 30th
- Input on workshop especially of interest

Updates from jurisdictions- Jurisdiction leads

DE

- convening steering committee to drive offset program
- sediment stormwater regulation- public comment period ends at end of the month
- Onsite ww regulation- contains general language about offsets, public hearing in May

MD

- Growth offset workgroup working on draft policy, stakeholder review April-June, plan to have final policy by November
- Dept. of Ag- have bill in legislature to increase authority to certify sediment
- Engaged in discussions w EPA on model
- Dept of Enviro. Accounting for growth is part of WIP, working to complete updates to WPA by end of month

PA

- 3rd auction for PennVest is occurring today
- Sellers tend to be non point and buyers tend to be point sources, but this is not a stipulation of auctions, just how it shakes out

VA

- Looking like we are falling under caps for all western shore facilities that could buy offsets
- Working to develop trading regulations through DCR, legislation seems to be moving along
- Regulations include some tweaks to existing programs
- Lot of interest from offset/trading markets as well as mitigation banks
- Compliance credit- created by point source when operating under cap

WV

- Enhancing final WIP to clarify
- Foster- Are all auctions in PA intrastate or are you beginning to look into interstate as well?
- Currently all intrabasin (i.e. Susquehanna to Susquehanna) but looking to expand
- Potent- if a mitigation bank creates credits, will they be able to stack other credits, like habitat?
- That is the intent, if looking to sell mitigation credit for nutrient value it is not eligible for sale on habitat market

Update on Trading Technology Evaluation Team (TTET) proposal- Selman

See Paper

- Submitted original to group in Sept, only received comments from PA
- Creating ad hoc wg under this group under this group formed to respond to approach/technology to create credits
- Next step is to pass up to GIT
- Kurt is doing scientific review, following guidelines acting as prototype
- Something needs presented to review group, not suggesting the group goes out and does all the work of a review
- Consider how this aligns with Bay Program protocols
- Hope this regional effort pulls from overall resources (EPA) and not have each state doing their own thing causing duplication
- Lew- Share CIG for suggestions for funding sources
- Selman- didn't think funding approach should be sustainable
- Suggestion- add piece about lit review, address funding, after making changes will take this to the GIT

Update on Mid- Atlantic Nutrient Credit Study- Stevenson/Abdalla

- Got technology group assembled and developed draft framework, then distributed to policy liaison group
- Hope to have something to share in April/May
- Project ends in July
- Rhoderick- this has been very extensive and we appreciate all the work going into it

Update Stormwater Technical Coordinator/Chesapeake Stormwater Network (CSN) 2012 Activities-

Scheuler

See Presentation

- Stormwater retrofits- close to wrapping up, working on verification piece
- Branosky- figuring out to treat 1 acre, looking at cost / lb N or P
- Cost are comparable, using simple method to calc load per acre, cost is lower if calculated using N load
- McGee- Panel 2 is looking at how states' post construction regulations equate to no net increase? In-stream processing benefits, would they include that in the map?
- Performance standard- wanted to document nutrient neutrality, got close to consensus but model 5.3.2 has difficulty w urban loading. State to state looks good but when you get down to zip code, it is mathematically difficult to develop unique loading per site. Stream panel is dealing w issue of using streams for reductions in nutrients along. Plan to deliver strong language that purpose if environmental and biological improvement.
- Maroon- interested in #12 special procedures? Have you had time to have discussions w Batiuk?
- I have talked w Rich. USWG has met and not at consensus, seems they will have subgroup to coordinate with this group summer/fall of this yr
- Great deal of variability of offsets, some for quality, some quantity, some P based, some cubic ft runoff
- Kelly- dollar figures, per acre per lb for 10 yrs?

- Current numbers pretty specific to MD, \$/impervious acre treated for 10 yrs, Maintenance computed for first 10 yrs
- Baldwin- something you are concerned about?
- Yes we are concerned, many are in beginning process of reporting, need to be sure any accounting we use accounts for net benefit
- Research done a few yrs back by CBF on site to site cost and found redevelopment often less expensive than new development
- Lbs per linear foot per year- panel hopes to move away from that and work toward practices in place
- When people are building BMP for trading, we need to coordinate and be tighter because someone is paying a price for an ensured reduction and want to ensure something is there, no over counting
- Can circle back on this in July as verification piece is worked out

Any Updates- Workgroup

- Give feedback on draft workplan by March 30th
- Will follow up on adjustments for technical group and send along to GIT

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