

Conowingo WIP Update

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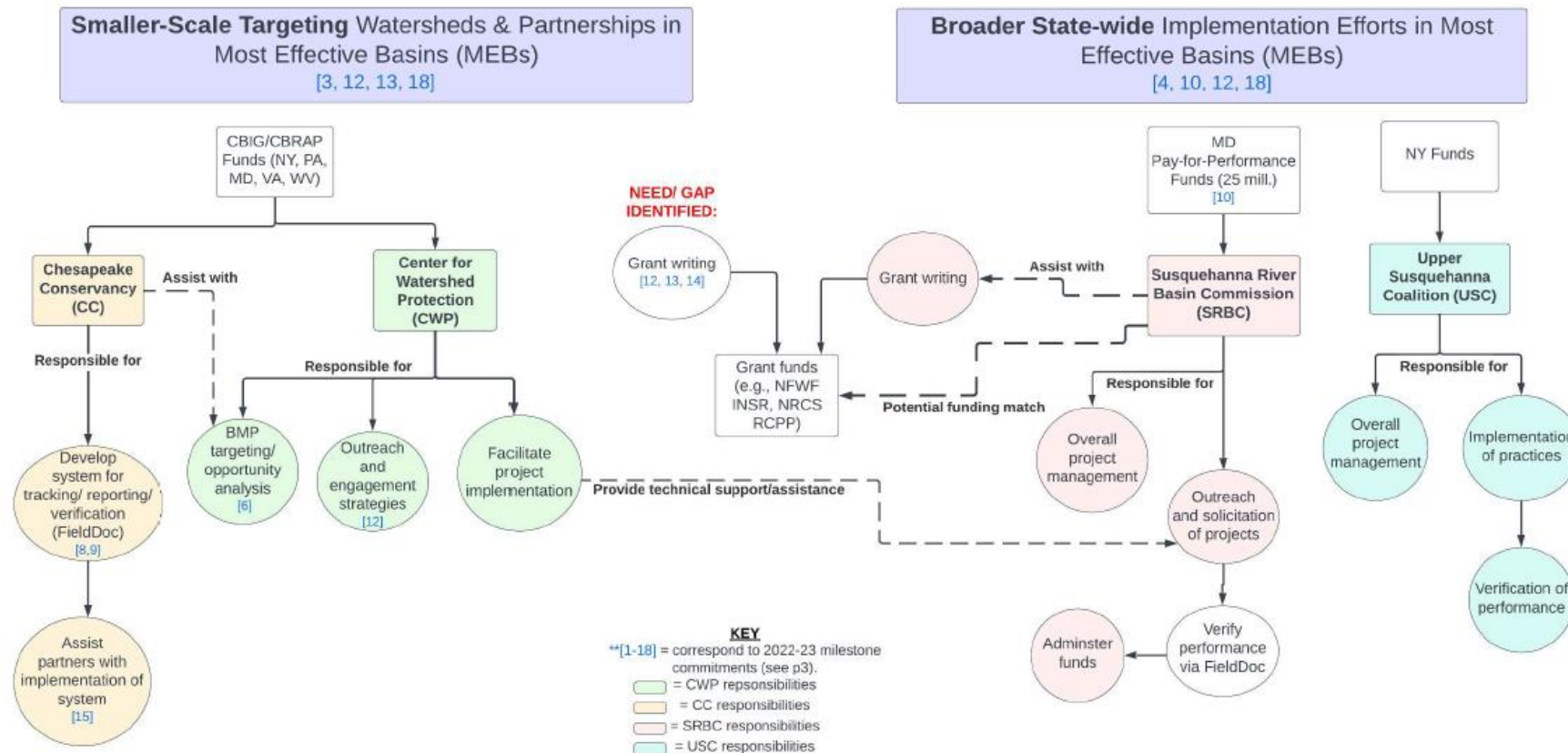
Agenda

- Conowingo Phase 1 Implementation Framework
- EPA Expectations
- Near-Term Next Steps
- Questions

Phase 1 Implementation Framework

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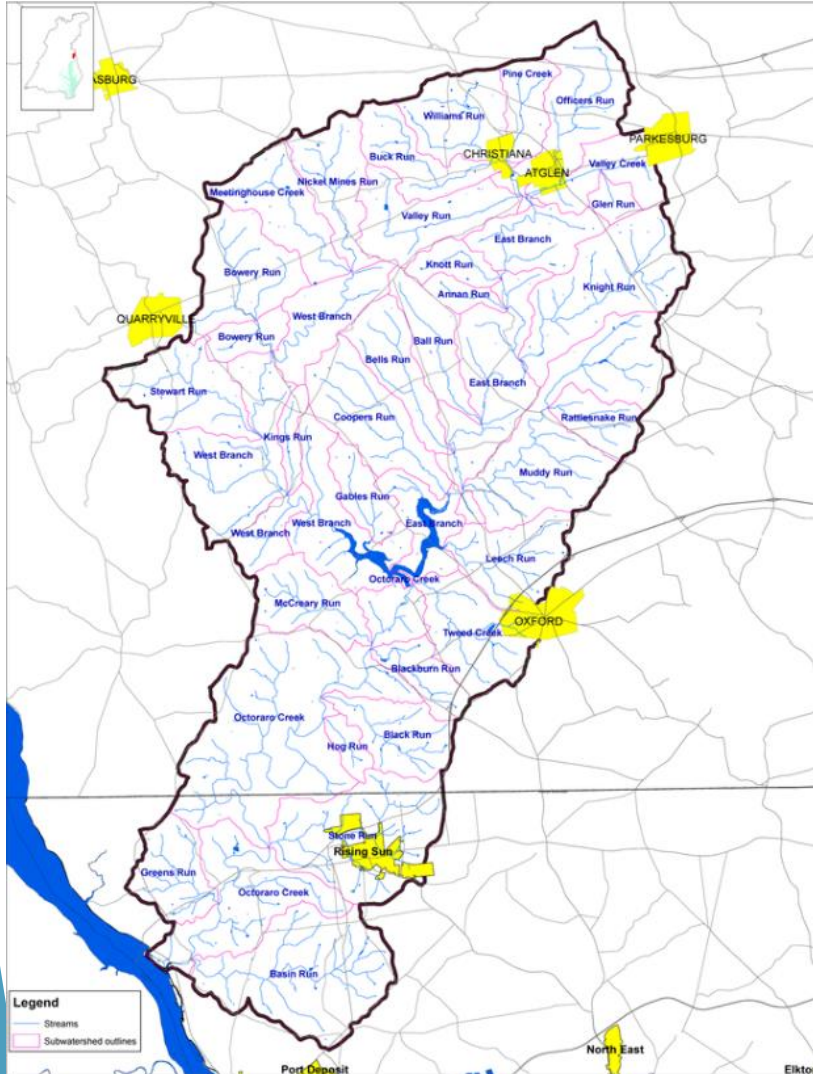
Conowingo Phase 1 Implementation Framework



Phase 1 Implementation Framework

- Smaller-scale watershed targeting and partnerships
 - **Core Conowingo Implementation Team** (MDE, NYDEC, PADEP, SRBC, NRCS, EPA, Center for Watershed Protection, Chesapeake Conservancy (CC), staffed by CRC) that provides tech/grant assistance.
 - CC “Opportunity Analysis” that identifies targeted areas for CWIP Best Management Practices
 - EPA continues to fund grantees through partnering jurisdictions’ CBIG/CBRAP

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- Smaller-scale watershed targeting and partnerships
 - **Octoraro Watershed – Lancaster and Chester, PA; Cecil, MD**
 - Octoraro Watershed Association (circa 1967)
 - Octoraro Source Water Collaborative (circa 2016) to reduce nitrate pollution in the Octoraro Watershed in Lancaster and Chester Counties
 - SRBC and Alliance for Chesapeake Bay funding an Amish Liaison
 - PA DEP will allocate more than \$1 million in FY23 EPA funds for implementing projects in the Octoraro Watershed

Phase 1 Implementation Framework

- Broader State-wide Implementation Efforts
 - PA's Clean Water Procurement Program
 - In May 2023, the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) published the final guidance and comment response document. PENNVEST and PADEP have been fielding questions from interested applicants.
 - The application round opened on June 30 and will close on September 1, 2023.

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- Broader State-wide Implementation Efforts
 - Maryland's Pay-for-Success Program
 - Recently finalized SRBC contract for Program Administration.
 - Next steps include outreach, solicitation and review of Project applications, review and execution of contracts and agreements, management and award of program monies for Pay-for-Success Contracts entered into pursuant to this Agreement.

EPA's CWIP Expectations

- Steering Committee members from MD, PA, and NY met with Acting EPA CBPO Director Campbell and staff to discuss the phased approach and outstanding questions as identified in the comment letters submitted to EPA in response to the draft EPA CWIP Expectations
- EPA's final CWIP Expectations is forthcoming

Near-Term Next Steps

- Continue to engage with federal, state, and local partners on implementation in targeted watersheds
- Conduct implementation outreach for Pennsylvania's and Maryland's Pay-for-Success programs
- BMP Expert Panels
 - Finalize USACE modeling scope for Conowingo dredging evaluation
 - SRBC to continue leading Freshwater Mussel working group efforts and coordination with the Bay Program
 - Acid Mine Drainage