

Conowingo WIP and Financing Strategy Timeline

This timeline reflects the development of the Conowingo WIP (CWIP) and the financing strategy. A timeline is under development for two-year milestones and achievement of Conowingo WIP planning targets. Grantees* plan to meet with CWIP Steering Committee (SC) on a monthly basis.

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Deliverable / Action	Timeline	Proposed Timeline (3-31-2020)	Input Needed from CWIP SC
Work begins on development of the CWIP financing system assessment and the CWIP financing strategy	July 2019	July 2019	Ongoing feedback from monthly SC meetings; quarterly updates will be provided to the SC on the development of the CWIP financing strategy. Dates proposed below and subject to change.
Work begins on the CWIP economic development investment plan	July 2019	July 2019	Ongoing feedback from monthly SC meetings
Develop targeting methodology for list of priority BMPs identified by TetraTech	Aug - Sept 2019	Aug - Sept 2019	Tetra Tech analysis
SC monthly meeting: Approve targeting methodology for initial list of BMPs; finalize list of priority BMPs; finalize focal geographies; and approve outreach materials	September 23, 2019	September 23, 2019	Targeting methodology for initial list of BMPs; List of priority BMPs; List of potential focal geographies; Outreach materials
Financing Advisory Committee established	October 2018	October 2018	Financing Committee will meet quarterly; will briefing SC on a regular basis
Develop targeting methodology for additional BMPs	October 2019	October 2019	Final list of priority BMPs
SC monthly meeting: Approve final targeting methodology for all BMPs	October 2019	October 2019	Targeting methodology for all BMPs
Disseminate project information to stakeholders on CWIP approach via fact sheet, webinars, and targeted meetings with key stakeholders	October - November 2019	October - November 2019	Focal geography selection; approval of outreach materials
SC monthly meeting: Evaluate BMP opportunity analysis progress; update on development of CWIP financing strategy	November 2019	November 2019	BMP Opportunity Analysis update
Apply targeting methodology for initial list of priority BMPs to develop basin-	October – December 2019	October – December 2019	Initial targeting methodology approval

scale BMP Opportunity Analysis for draft WIP			
SC monthly meeting: Approve BMP Opportunity Analysis	December 2019	December 2019	BMP Opportunity Analysis Results
Develop draft and final CWIP CAST scenarios	December 2019 (draft) – April 2020 (final)	December 2019 (draft) – April 2020 (final)	Basin-scale BMP opportunity analysis; CAST scenario recommendations
SC monthly meeting: Review/approve CAST scenario draft results; update on the CWIP financing system assessment	January 2020	January 2020	CAST scenario draft results; written summary and update of CWIP financing system assessment
Grantee submits draft CWIP to CWIP SC for a two-week review period	January 24 – February 7, 2020	January 24 – February 7, 2020	Draft CWIP
Grantee revises draft CWIP based on CWIP SC feedback	February 7 - February 21, 2020	February 7 - February 21, 2020	Selection of priority implementation scenario(s)
SC monthly meeting: Review draft CWIP	February 2020	February 2020	Draft CWIP
CWIP SC sends advance copy of draft CWIP to PSC for a two-week review period	February 21, 2020	February 21, 2020	Review of draft CWIP by SC; Revisions requested by EPA and SC regarding scenarios and narrative in the draft CWIP
Grantee re-submits draft CWIP CAST Scenarios to CWIP SC for approval to input into CWIP	<i>NEW</i>	March 30, 2020	SC reviews and identifies preferred/recommended CAST Scenarios for PSC consideration. All scenarios will be presented to PSC.
SC monthly meeting: Grantee presents CWIP CAST Scenarios to the SC for review and discussion	<i>NEW (as part of re-submission)</i>	April 3, 2020 April 15, 2020	Selection of recommended implementation scenario(s) for PSC consideration.
SC monthly meeting: Review draft CWIP; Update on the CWIP financing system assessment and update on the CWIP financing strategy development	April 2020	April 15, 2020	SC reviews full draft CWIP; written summary and update of CWIP financing system assessment
SC monthly meeting: Review draft CWIP	<i>NEW (as part of re-submission)</i>	May, 2020	Schedule SC meeting the week of May 4 Recommend draft CWIP by SC to PSC
CWIP SC sends advance copy of draft CWIP to PSC for a 3-week review period	<i>NEW (as part of re-submission)</i>	May, 2020 – May 22, 2020	PSC comments submitted to grantee by May 22, 2020
Grantee revises draft CWIP based on PSC feedback	<i>NEW (as part of re-submission)</i>	May 22-June 19, 2020	Four-week revision period

SC monthly meeting: update on CWIP financing strategy development	June 2020	June 2020	Schedule SC meeting the week of June 22
PSC decisional meeting/call	<i>NEW (as part of re-submission)</i>	June 22-26, 2020	Schedule a call with PSC for approval of draft CWIP for publishing for public comment
Draft CWIP posted to CBP website; kicks off public review and comment	March 13, 2020	July 1, 2020	
Public Comment Period / Stakeholder Outreach	March 13, 2020 – May 8, 2020	July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020	Draft CWIP
SC monthly meeting: CWIP economic development investment plan – draft case study, analysis, literature review, and initial assessment	July 2020	July 2020	Schedule SC meeting the week of July 6 or 13 Draft documents (lit review, case study, initial assessment) for SC review
Comment period closes	May 8, 2020	July 31, 2020	Draft CWIP
Grantee revises CWIP based on public review and comment	May 8, 2020 – May 22, 2020	July 31 – August 31, 2020	Four-week revision period;
SC monthly meeting: Grantee reports on public comments to SC	May 2020	August 2020	Schedule SC meeting the week of August 10
Develop project-specific BMP opportunity blueprint for priority geographies to inform milestone planning	6-12 months (Delivery Aug 2020 – Feb 2021)	6-12 months (Delivery Aug 2020 - Feb 2021)	Priority Geographies; basin-Scale Opportunity Analysis; Deliverables from Chesapeake Conservancy's CBP Work
Grantee submits revised draft final CWIP to CWIP SC	May 22, 2020	September 1, 2020	CWIP SC has one-week review prior to September CWIP SC meeting
SC monthly meeting: review revised draft CWIP; update on CWIP financing strategy development	May 2020	September 9, 2020	Schedule in-person 4-5 hours SC Meeting for September 9 Revised draft CWIP (incl. Public Comments);
CWIP SC reviews draft final CWIP for a one-week review; submits comments to grantee	May 22 – May 29, 2020	September 9 - September 18, 2020	One- week review period for CWIP SC after September SC meeting (total of two weeks for SC review)
Grantee revises draft final CWIP based on CWIP SC feedback	June 5, 2020	September 18 - October 9, 2020	Comments from SC on revised draft CWIP; three-week revision period for grantee
SC monthly meeting: review/discussion of draft final CWIP based on grantee revision	NEW (no meeting previously scheduled for October)	October 9, 2020	Schedule SC meeting for October 9
CWIP SC submits draft final CWIP to PSC for advance review	June 5 – June 12, 2020	October 9 - 23, 2020	PSC has two-week review of draft final CWIP
PSC submits comments to CWIP SC and grantee on draft final CWIP	June 12, 2020	October 23, 2020	

Grantee revises draft final CWIP based on PSC feedback	June 12 – June 19, 2020	October 23 – November 6 2020	comments from PSC on proposed CWIP; two-week revision period
SC monthly meeting: update on CWIP financing strategy development	NEW (no meeting previously scheduled for November)	November 6, 2020	Schedule SC Meeting for November 6
Final CWIP posted to CBP website	June 19, 2020	November 9, 2020	
SC monthly meeting: Grantee reviews and submits draft CWIP financing strategy to SC	December 2020 (No meeting previously scheduled for December)	December 2020	SC review and comment of draft financing strategy
Begin design of CWIP financing authority structure	December 2020	December 2020	
Grantee reviews and incorporates SC feedback into revised CWIP financing strategy	December 2020 – March 2021	December 2020 – March 2021	Discussions with SC ongoing during this period
Final CWIP financing strategy posted to CBP website	March 2021	March 2021	
Final CWIP economic development investment plan will be submitted to the SC	July 2021	July 2021	
Draft plan for the CWIP financing authority submitted to SC	December 2021	December 2021	Draft plan for SC review and feedback. This plan will be an extension of the financing system business plan and will focus on institutional structure
Begin launch of CWIP financing authority, which includes implementing the business plan: executing institutional structure, governance systems, staffing, etc.	Spring 2022	Spring 2022	
Implementation of investment activities	Winter 2022 - 2023	Winter 2022-2023	Once the authority leadership, staffing, and institutional structures are in place, financing activities will begin