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Approach to Setting Local Planning Goals **West Virginia**

West Virginia “local”

*Select counties or sub-counties –
developed lands*

Conservation Districts – agriculture

West Virginia measurable goals

- *Numeric goals for priority BMPs for agriculture*
- *Numeric and/or programmatic goals as determined for developed lands*

West Virginia engagement strategy

- Local Goals not mandated but self - identified
- Outreach Meetings
 - Sectors
 - Local governments
 - Regional Planning and Development Councils
 - Watershed Associations
 - Conservation Districts
 - Scientists and Academia
 - Public
- Public Input
- Decision Support Tools
 - CAST
 - Monitoring Trends
 - Co-benefits




West Virginia's schedule

- Outreach Schedule
 - Monthly since January 1, 2018 with various groups
- Local planning goals
 - Draft – December 1, 2018
 - Final – August 9, 2019

West Virginia's Approach for tracking progress

- *WV focus is on reaching broad, overall goals*
- *review progress toward local goals annually through two year milestones and annual progress reporting, follow up, adaptively manage*





West Virginia Successes & Challenges to Date

- Successes
 - Solid preparation by partners prior to meetings to identify documented local priorities
 - Use of CAST to understand priority BMPs and level of effort needed
 - Good participation by technical service providers
 - Gained credibility, trust and buy-in from stakeholders as a result of the refined model and WV's progress through the Midpoint Assessment
 - Good attendance at sector and stakeholder meetings
- Challenges
 - Low attendance at public meetings
 - Stakeholder identification of local needs and priorities that result in minimal load reductions
 - Small, struggling local governments
 - Lack of strong local government system