

REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE FOR LOCAL AREA PLANNING GOAL INITIATIVE

1. Develop planning goals for Load Allocations for agriculture, urban, forest and septic at basic county/city unit boundaries, to be aggregated into local area planning goals at regional scales described here.
2. Local area planning goals defined as pounds of N and P to be reduced from 2017 progress levels to Phase III WIP target levels.
3. Develop agriculture local area planning goals aggregated to Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) boundaries and SWCD Area boundaries.
4. Develop urban, forest and septic local area planning goals aggregated to Planning District Commission (PDC) boundaries.
5. Provide SWCD Areas and PDCs template best management practice input decks for meeting the local area planning goals; template input decks will be based on WIP II input decks to initiate discussions. Template input decks can be provided as a shared CAST scenario or as a preformatted Excel spreadsheet.
6. DCR, with technical assistance from DEQ, will meet with SWCD Area Directors, staff and stakeholders to evaluate the template input decks and make corrections and alterations based on local knowledge and local needs.
7. DCR and SWCD Areas will have the opportunity to identify capacity and funding needs and policy or programmatic recommendations for meeting agricultural sector local area planning goals. Their analyses will evaluate estimated implementation and maintenance costs and determine if locally-identified co-benefits will be addressed.
8. DEQ will contract with PDCs to convene local and regional officials, staff and stakeholders to evaluate the non-agricultural sector template input decks and make corrections and alterations based on local knowledge and local needs. VDOT, VDH and DOF are anticipated to participate in these discussions as well. These local PDC efforts will be informed by similar efforts during the Phase II WIP process. Their analyses will evaluate estimated implementation and maintenance costs and determine if locally-identified co-benefits will be addressed.
9. The local and regional representatives will have the opportunity to identify capacity and funding needs, local strategies or actions, and policy or programmatic recommendations for meeting local area planning goals.
10. For both the initial SWCD Area and initial PDC local evaluations, DEQ will provide resources such as data analysis tools, land cover data, mapping of locally impaired streams, information on the co-benefits of WIP implementation, estimates of Bay-model N and P reductions from prior efforts and existing programs, communication tools, and other mapping tools available through the Chesapeake Bay Program.
11. DEQ will further segregate SWCD Area local area planning goals consistent with PDC boundaries. Approximately 15 PDCs are within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and 5 SWCD Areas are within or partially within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
12. Contracted PDCs, with assistance from DEQ and DCR, will convene local and regional representatives and SWCD Area representatives to discuss outcomes of the prior evaluation efforts, compare recommendations and needs, share information and tools, and identify opportunities for collaboration. Contracted PDCs will report findings from the local area planning goals initiatives to DEQ using the template input decks and other agreed upon reporting templates.
13. These local area goals and plans will inform the statewide Watershed Implementation Plan of “groundtruthed” best practices, efficiencies in efforts and costs, the potential for co-benefits, capacity and funding needs, and sustainable policy or programmatic recommendations. It is anticipated that these

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local area planning initiatives can inform statewide policy and funding decisions. The outcomes, next steps and use of the local area goals and plans will be clearly specified to all participants.

14. PDC and SWCD Area meetings will be open to the public and public noticed. Local stakeholders from the agriculture, development and conservation communities will be encouraged to attend.
15. DEQ will quantify local area planning goals in June; therefore, it is anticipated that these initiatives would be conducted from mid-summer to late fall.

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