

2016 Fall WIP Regional Workshops



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Local Engagement

In the fall of 2016 Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Cabinet agencies¹, in conjunction with the Harry R. Hughes center for Agro-Ecology, hosted five WIP Regional Workshops². The workshops were conducted during the months of September and October in Central Maryland, the Upper and Lower Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, and Western Maryland with the purpose of providing a platform for local and State agencies to interact and share information.

These regional workshops provided local partners with an opportunity to take stock of local and Bay restoration progress, become familiarized with the on-going midpoint assessment of the 2010 to 2025 Bay TMDL implementation process, review funding opportunities and changes in State funding program priorities, preview the State's current thinking on the Phase III WIP development process and the EPA's preliminary expectations, as well as to begin collaboration with local partners on the alignment of local and State priorities. Moreover, the Phase III WIP workshops provided a key mechanism by which local partners could express their past experiences and voice their opinions regarding the pending Phase III WIP development policies and process.

Fall 2016 WIP Regional Workshop Presentations

Presentations from the 2016 Fall Regional Workshops are available to view and download at the **Harry R. Hughes center for Agro-Ecology**:

<https://agresearch.umd.edu/agroecol/educationoutreach/2016-fall-wip-workshops>

Looking Forward

Over the coming months, the Bay Cabinet agencies will continue to engage local partners in a series of events to support the development of Maryland's Phase III WIP. A

¹ Maryland Department of Environment, Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources.

² WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan to achieve nutrient and sediment Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) reduction goals for the Chesapeake Bay by 2025.

draft of the Phase III WIP will be submitted to the EPA in August 2018 with the final Phase III WIP being due to the EPA in December of 2018.

Specific events will be announced via the Local Partner Engagement section of Maryland's Blueprint for Bay Restoration web page. You may also receive announcements via email by signing up below.

WIP Email List

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