

Phase II WIP Webinar Schedule and Final Guidance Overview 08-11-11



Latest News

- October 5 Letter from EPA:
 - Acknowledges model limitations at local scale
 - Relaxes expectations relative to quantitative local targets:
 - More focus on local programmatic actions than on BMP load reduction analyses
 - Option to document WIP at the major basin scale
 - WIP must articulate that local partners understand their share of responsibility
 - Letter to be posted on MDE WIP webpage

WIP Development Schedule

- Key Concepts:
 - March 30, 2012 is still the official WIP deadline
 - July 2, 2012 WIP refinements due to MDE. EPA will accept if consistent with public comments on Bay TMDL.
- Schedule:
 - Nov. 1: Draft State 2013 Milestones due to EPA
 - Nov. 18: Local partners submit draft information that is ready to the State:
 - 2013 Milestones
 - WIP MAST Scenarios (Interim & Final)
 - Report Narratives

WIP Development Schedule (con't)

- Dec. 15: Draft WIP due to EPA for their preliminary review and comment. Local teams are encouraged to review this draft version.
- Early-Jan. 2012: Final Statewide 2013 milestones due to EPA. These will be informed by local milestone submittals.
- Jan. 2, 2012: Local teams offer revisions of MAST scenarios and WIP scenarios to State.
- Jan. 15: Start public review of Phase II WIP
- March 1: End public review of Phase II WIP
- March 30: State submits Phase II WIP to EPA

WIP Development Schedule (con't)

- March 30 – June 30, 2012:
 - EPA will use WIPs to revise Bay TMDL and will initiate a public review of revised Bay TMDL
 - Local Teams may continue to refine MAST scenarios, WIP narratives and Milestones.
 - Local Teams are encouraged to conduct local reviews by the public and local elected officials.
 - Local Teams are encouraged to comment on Bay TMDL during public review (timing TBD).
- July 2: Local submittal to MDE of final, locally approved MAST scenarios, milestones and WIP narratives.
- Post-July: EPA accepts amendment to Maryland Phase II WIP as necessary and if consistent with public comments on proposed changes to the Bay TMDL.

Maryland's Phase II Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan

Section I: Maryland's Phase II WIP Strategies

Section II: Engaging Our Local and Federal Partners

Section III: County Area Phase II WIP Strategies

Appendices

Section I: Maryland's Phase II WIP Strategies

- Current Loads, Allocations, Strategies at major basin-scale.
- Strategies will reflect, as much as possible, MAST scenarios from local teams.
 - Interim Strategy (2017) must achieve 70% of Final Target statewide.
 - Final Strategy will build on local MAST scenarios and be supplemented by the State if necessary.
- It will note Maryland's intention for continued local team contributions during the WIP public comment period and in response to comments on Bay TMDL.
- The input decks submitted to EPA will be interpreted as basin-scale plans that are subject to change through adaptive management.

Section III: County Area Phase II WIP Strategies

1. Overview of Local Team's Process
2. County Area Phase II WIP Strategies
 - What? Brief descriptions of Interim (2017) strategies by source sector.
 - How & When? Brief descriptions of approach to accomplishing the strategies with key steps (schedule) that addresses funding by source sector. (programmatic)
 - NOTE: Programmatic steps for FY2012 & FY2013 equal programmatic 2-year milestones!
 - Local WIP Strategy Guidance/Template is forthcoming.

Note on Funding Strategies

1. SW Permits are required to meet certain goals regardless of the WIP
2. Address on 2013 Milestones
3. Identify steps for securing funding recognizing the political process is uncertain.
4. Consider commitment to participate in any State efforts to create new revenue sources.

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3. Local 2013 Milestones:

- SFY July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013
- Focus on Programmatic Milestones
- Implementation Milestones in terms of units of activity, e.g., acres managed, systems upgraded.
- Local governments, SDCs, federal and State agencies.
- Brief description of thinking behind milestones, e.g., *“We don’t currently have a program, therefore our first step is to consider options for a program.”*
- Describe ability to implement the milestones, e.g., *“For 2012 the milestones reflect current budget. For 2013, milestones reflect reallocation of funds.”*

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4. Tracking, Verification and Reporting Methods
5. Relationship of any Local Watershed Planning Frameworks to the WIP (Optional)
 - E.g., Phase I MS4 Permit TMDL implementation plans, Reservoir action plans, future WREs, etc.
 - Provides broader context for WIP, explains how the pieces fit together
 - Provides assurance that refined planning will be an on-going process.
6. Identify technical discrepancies and recommended future steps (Optional)

What will Not be Included in March WIP

- Local Current Capacity Analyses
- Local Allocations by Sector
- Local BMP and Reductions Summaries
- Local Cost Estimates

Supplemental Technical Guidance

- Suballocations to Federal and Municipal Phase 2 MS4s
- Creating Consolidated Team MAST Scenarios
- How to Submit MAST Scenarios to the State
- How to Address Over Estimates of the Number of Septic Systems
- Trading in Time
- Construction Allocation
- 2017 Target
- Non-Regulated Stormwater