

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead \* Manchester \* Mt. Airy \* New Windsor  
Carroll County Health Department



\* Sykesville \* Taneytown \* Union Bridge \* Westminster  
Carroll County Government

## WRCC Meeting Summary January 22, 2025

### **Attendees:**

#### Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- Zac Amoss, Westminster
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Andrea Gerhard, Westminster
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Greg Howell, Westminster
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Mark Mellendick, Westminster
- Dylon Miller, Westminster
- Steve Miller, Manchester
- Mike Rawlings, Westminster
- Jim Roark, Hampstead
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Vance Summerhill, Westminster
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

#### CC PLM:

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Andrew Gray
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Mitch Masser
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara

#### Health Department:

- Richard Brace
- Nicole Bowman

#### CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Hanley Allen, CC M&B

#### Guest Speakers:

- Rachel Stahlman, York County Planning Commission
- John Seitz, York County Planning Commission

### **1. Opening Statement**

#### **Chair**

Mr. Miller acted as Chair, as the Chair and Vice Chair were unavailable to attend the meeting.

#### **Vice Chair**

n/a

### **2. Approval of Meeting Summary – December 18, 2024**

Approval of the December meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Rodney Kuhns and seconded by Dick Swanson to approve the December 18, 2024, meeting summary. Motion carried.

### 3. York County Planning Commission Water Quality Initiatives – Rachel Stahlman & John Seitz, York County

- Mr. Seitz provided background information about York County, including the government structure, NPDES permit setting, and impaired water status in York County.
- He discussed initiatives to develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan and how it addresses or relates to TMDLs and some of the key highlights and contents.
- Ms. Stahlman described a few of their initiatives, such as the Countywide Action Plan, Watershed Alliance of York (WAY), and several projects with co-benefits.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- PowerPoint: *Water Quality Planning & Implementation in York County*

### 4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- The draft process and timeline for review and adoption of the WRE by the County and each municipality was reviewed. Key highlights of the process include:
  - ♦ review of the initial draft and revised drafts to produce a final draft,
  - ♦ review by the WRCC member with each respective planning commission and approval for 60-day review,
  - ♦ a joint public hearing with all planning commissions,
  - ♦ review by the WRCC member with their elected officials,
  - ♦ a joint public hearing with all elected officials,
  - ♦ and adoption and resolutions by each jurisdiction.
- Each WRCC member will be responsible to understand the plan document well enough to explain it to their respective planning commissions and elected officials. The comprehensive planner assigned to a municipality will assist with process logistics.
- This timeline represents the best-case scenario, assuming there are no delays and all jurisdictions commit to keeping on track with the timeline.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- *n/a*

### 5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara

- Ms. O’Meara provided an update on changes to the status of the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- *Municipal Project Status, January 2025*

### 6. Legislative Update – Brenda Dinne

- Ms. Dinne provided a summary of the water- and/or environment-related bills introduced to date in the Maryland General Assembly that may impact the municipalities or the NPDES MS4 permit work.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- *WRCC Legislative Update, January 21, 2025*

### 7. PFAS Discussion

- Nothing to update.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- *n/a*

## 8. Other

- February Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2025.
- PFAS Workshop: The Maryland Water Monitoring Council is holding a free workshop on PFAS at the same time as this meeting. Portions will be recorded and may be available at a later time for WRCC members to review.
- Well Levels: Zach Neal will send the updated water levels information in the next several days. It is too soon to see the impact of recent snow events on water levels.
- Solar Projects: Mr. Heyn shared that there are currently eight projects in Carroll County going through the CPCN application process with the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC). Based on the tone of the decisions thus far, it appears that the projects will be able to proceed. The County filed to intervene in the two projects on Fannie Dorsey Road.
- NPDES Good Housekeeping Plans (GHPs): Mr. Masser shared that he and Mr. Edwards are working through the list of properties that may need a good housekeeping plan based on the permit requirements. Once final determinations are made, they will reach out for final details.
- Salt Management Plans (SMP): These plans are due next year. Each municipality is at a different stage. Mr. Edwards indicated that five of the eight municipalities already have one in place. Three have standard operating procedures (SOPs). They will assist any municipality that needs help putting their SOPs into the SMP template. A salt data tracking template has been drafted per request by the municipalities. It will be made available once a final is ready.
- Water & Sewer Master Plan, Spring 2025 Amendments: Mr. Gray shared that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 30 on the 2024 fall amendments. The deadline for spring 2025 amendments is February 1.

### *Reference/Attachment:*

- *n/a*

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Rodney Kuhns to adjourn the January 22, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025*

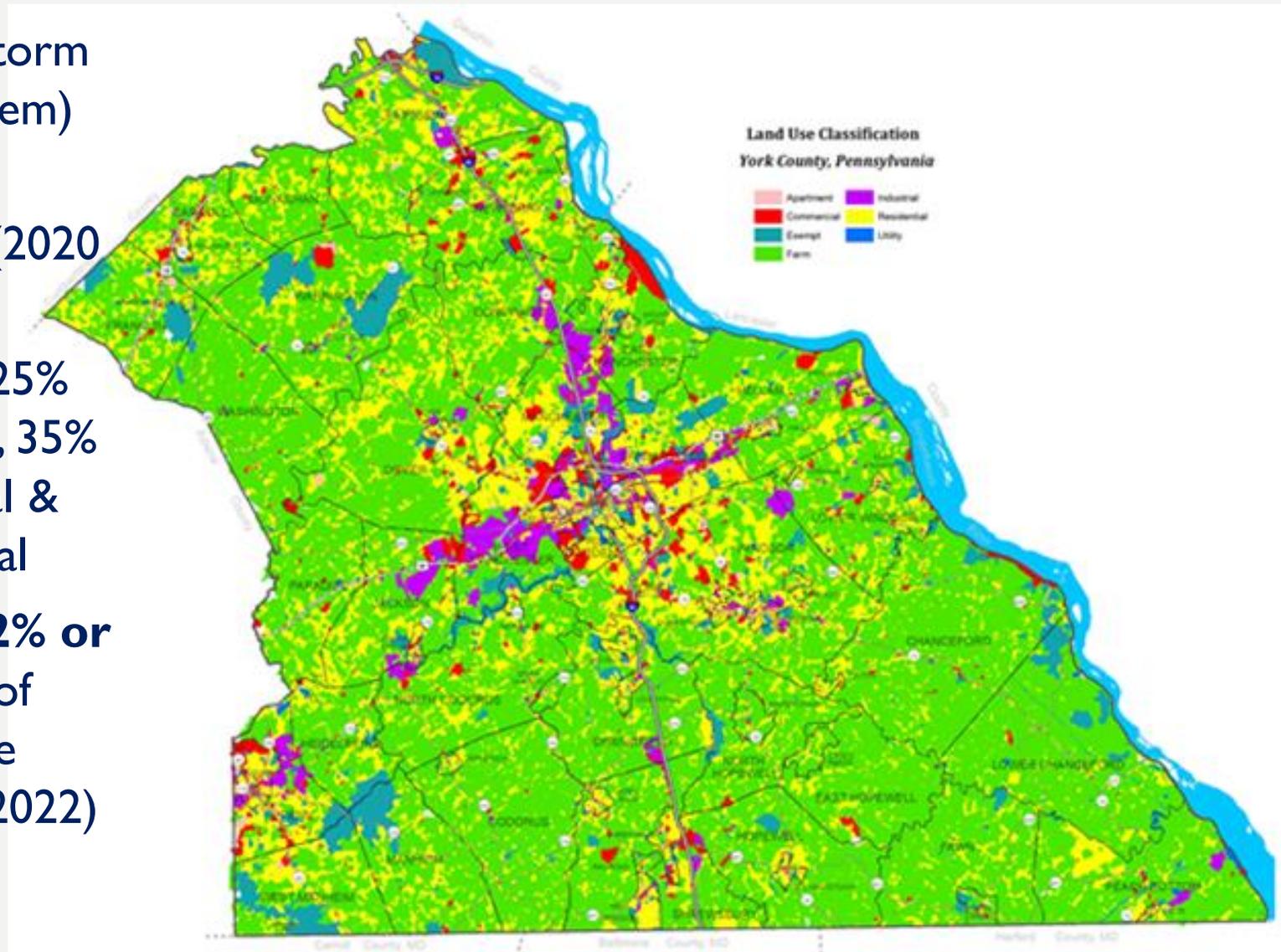
# **Water Quality Planning & Implementation in York County**

**JOHN SEITZ, WATER RESOURCES COORDINATOR**

**RACHEL STAHLMAN, COUNTYWIDE ACTION PLAN COORDINATOR**

# YORK COUNTY SNAPSHOT

- 72 Municipalities (47 are MS4s – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)
- 456,438 Residents (2020 Census)
- Land Use: 25% Developed, 35% Agricultural & 40% Natural
- Approx. **52% or 868** miles of Streams are Impaired (2022)

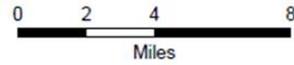


# Impaired Stream Causes York County, Pennsylvania

## Legend

-  Streams
- Impaired Stream Causes\***
-  Sediments
-  Nutrients
-  Nutrients And Sediments
-  Other
-  Pathogens

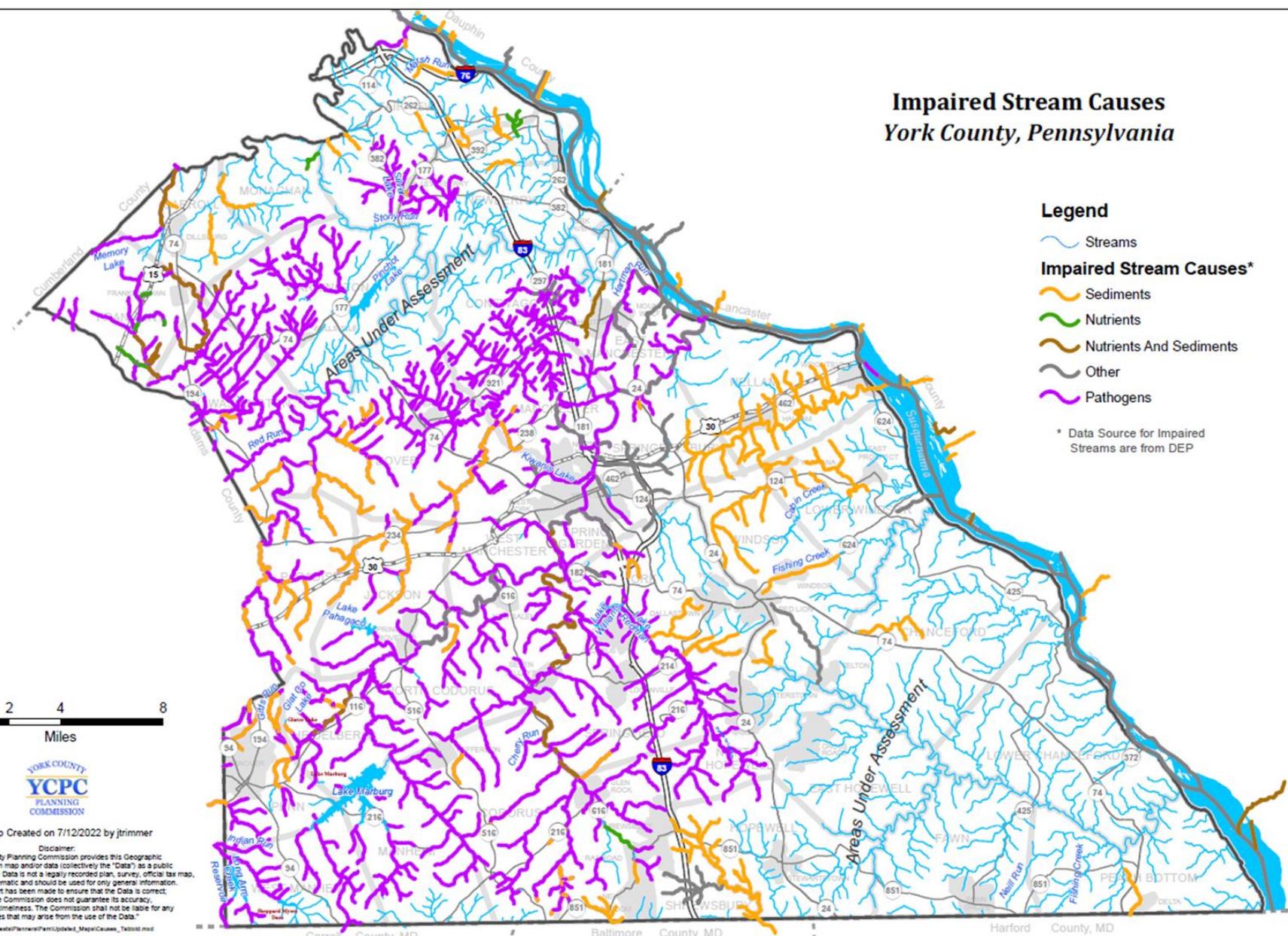
\* Data Source for Impaired Streams are from DEP



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**Integrated  
Water  
Resources  
Plan**



*Identifies water quality/  
quantity priorities critical to  
sustainability.*

**York County  
Comprehensive  
Plan**

*Guides the growth &  
development of York County.*

**Countywide  
Action  
Plan**



*Component of PADEP  
Chesapeake Bay Watershed  
Implementation Plan with  
goals on reducing nutrients in  
waterways.*

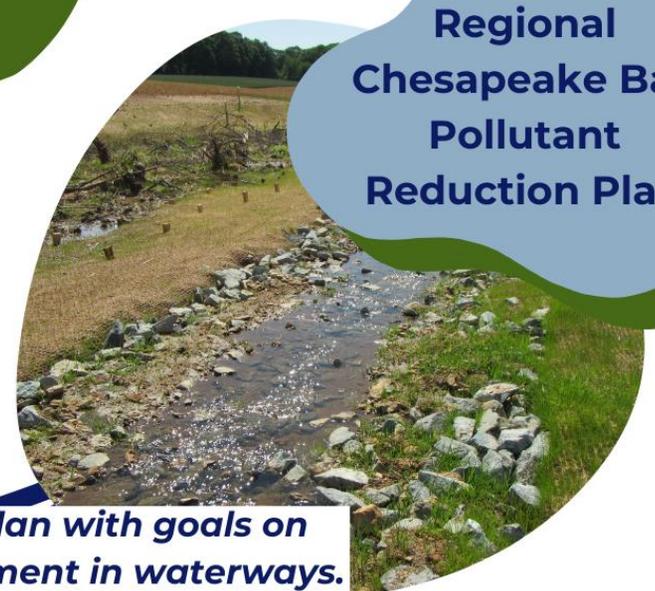
**YORK COUNTY  
YPCPC  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

**Open  
Space and  
Greenways  
Plan**



*Designates areas of open  
space to be protected.*

**Regional  
Chesapeake Bay  
Pollutant  
Reduction Plan**



*A regional plan with goals on  
reducing sediment in waterways.*

# YORK WATER PLANNING HISTORY

**2002**

YCPC hires full-time staff to track water issues

**2003**

York County Comp Plan – Water Resources Plan

**2004**

YCPC Staff attends meetings for Bay Trib. Strategy

**2005**

YCPC attends a meeting in each York municipality to update/advise on future Bay regulations

**2011**

Integrated Water Resources Plan Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan

**2013**

YCC4CW develops York County Watershed Implementation Plan

**2013**

York County MS4's request Stormwater Feasibility Study

**2014**

YCSWC develops Regional CBPRP for MS4's

**2015**

YCPC leads development of Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study

**2016**

YCPC goes to all municipalities with update on S/W Authority efforts/next steps

# YORK WATER PLANNING HISTORY

**2017**  
YCSWC  
develops  
Regional  
CBPRP for  
MS4 permit

**2018**  
YCPC leads  
development of  
County Stormwater  
Authority  
Implementation  
Plan

**2018-Present**  
York County  
Regional  
Chesapeake Bay  
Pollution  
Reduction Plan  
Implementation

**2018**  
YCC4CW starts  
developing model  
Clean Water Plan  
to meet York  
County targets  
per PA WIP III

**2019**  
DEP accepts  
York CAP and  
allocates  
funding to  
County for  
Implementation

**2020**  
YCPC hires  
full-time staff  
to implement  
CAP

**2020-Present**  
York CAP  
Implementation

# YCPC, YORK COUNTY, & WATER

Goal: Restore and maintain health of County's water resources, both surface & ground water

IWRP

Education &  
Outreach

Collaboration  
&  
Coordination

Maintain the  
"Big Picture"

# IWRP VISION

## **Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP)**



**A component of the York County  
Comprehensive Plan**

- Ties everything together
- Flexible and adaptable
- Utilizes existing information instead of duplicating existing efforts
- Creates a consistent and uniform “process” for all who use it
- Identifies deficient areas and includes recommendations
- Complies with existing regulatory requirements
  - MPC (Plan for reliable supply of water)
  - Act 167 (stormwater management plan)
  - Act 222 (State Water Plan)

# IWRP GOALS

## **Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP)**



**A component of the York County  
Comprehensive Plan**

- Provide a broad spectrum of water resource management information
- Integrate water resource considerations into planning, land improvement, infrastructure, agricultural, conservation, and preservation activities
- Demonstrate consistency with Federal/State statutes and programs
- Determine needs and gaps in the management of water resources
- Protect and conserve water resources
- Educate and engage stakeholders

# REGIONAL CBPRP

## **YORK COUNTY REGIONAL CHESAPEAKE BAY POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN (2018-2023)**

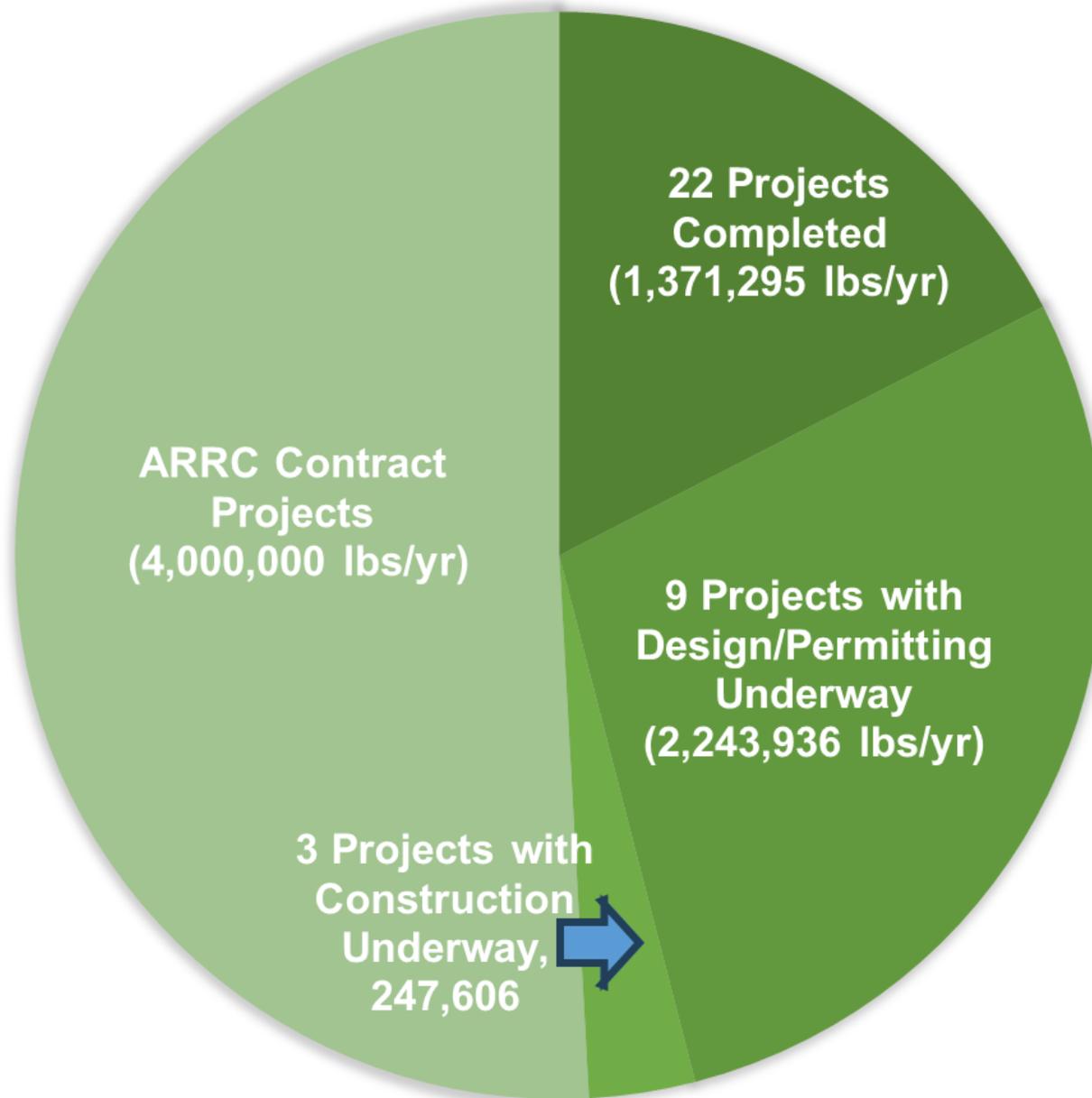
SUBMITTED TO PA DEP SEPTEMBER 15, 2017  
(REVISED AND RESUBMITTED OCTOBER 10, 2017)  
(REVISED AND RESUBMITTED DECEMBER 8, 2020)  
APPROVED BY PA DEP 12/15/2020  
(MS4 PAG-13 GENERAL PERMITS EFFECTIVE 01/10/2021)



PREPARED BY THE YORK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IN  
COOPERATION WITH THE YORK COUNTY STORMWATER CONSORTIUM

FUNDED THROUGH THE USACE SECTION 22 PROGRAM, YORK COUNTY,  
YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND  
YORK COUNTY STORMWATER CONSORTIUM

- Requirement for MS4 Permit holders
- Implemented through an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (YCSWC)
- 45 participants contributed \$12.8 million over 5 years for implementation
- Committed for 5 years (amendment extended permits through December 2025)
- Focus is sediment reduction



If all the Underway Projects are completed by 12/2025, the 6,486,667 lbs/yr goal will be exceeded by 1,376,170 lbs/yr



# WHAT IS THE COUNTYWIDE ACTION PLAN?

## STATE

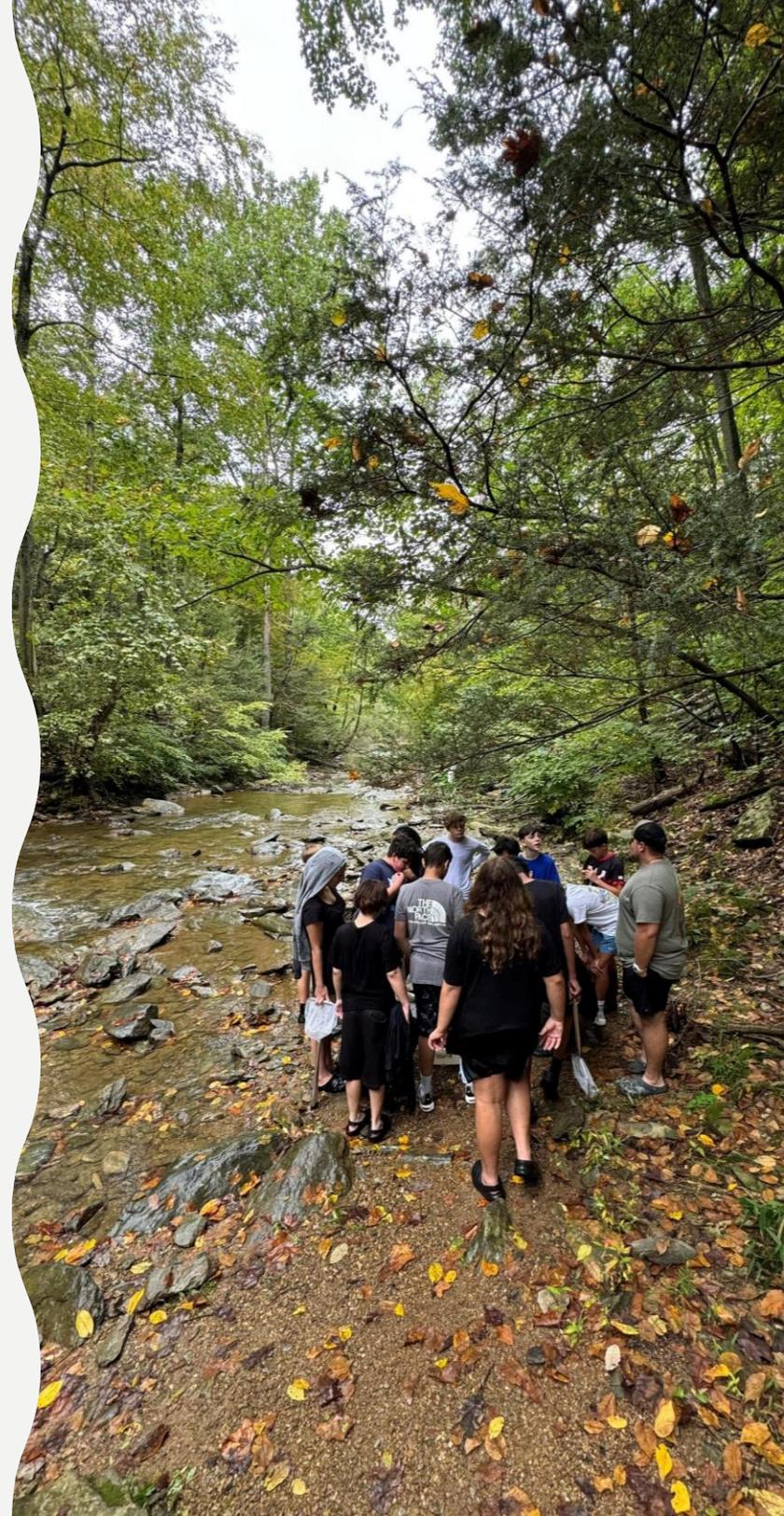
- PA has an obligation to clean our Chesapeake Bay watersheds through the Chesapeake Bay Agreement
- State sought help from community leaders to plan how to reduce pollution to Chesapeake Bay
- State selected 4 counties as early planners – York included
- To date, all Bay Counties in PA have written & are implementing CAPs

## LOCAL

- Voluntary effort
- YCPC, YCCD + YCC4CW worked collaboratively to develop York's CAP to meet pollutant reduction goal
- In year 1 of implementation, rebranded WAY to be public facing implementation partner

# WHAT IS THE CAP?

- Goal is to reduce 4 million pounds of nitrogen from our waterways by 2025. PA's overall goal is to reduce 34 million pounds.
- Implementation began in January 2020
- York County Planning Commission is the lead agency responsible for implementation
- To date, YCPC has received more than \$4million from DEP for CAP project implementation
  - Coordinator
  - Project Implementation
- Commonly known that 2025 goals are unattainable
  - Annual estimated cost to implement is more than \$38 million
  - State programmatic changes are needed
  - PA DEP now planning for “Beyond 2025”



# WHAT IS WAY?

- Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) is used as the public facing entity implementing the CAP
- 501c3 nonprofit organization established in 2001 by YCCD
- Volunteer organization
- A stakeholder group with a voting Board of Directors
  - York County Conservation District, Lower Susquehanna River Keeper, York County Planning Commission, Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards and Master Gardeners, Engineers, Trout Unlimited, Teachers/Professors, and more
- 3 Committees: Project Implementation, Education & Outreach, Budget & Finance
- The mission of WAY is to improve York County's water, making it cleaner and healthier for all.
- Merged and rebranded stakeholder group YCC4CW with WAY in 2021

# WAY AT WORK FOR WATER QUALITY

- Strive to strengthen working partnerships with organizations/partners
    - YCCD, YCPC, ACB, MWS, LSRA, CBF, LC, USGS, SRBC, WPC, etc.
  - Educational outreach
    - Field trips
    - Stream Studies
    - Presenting in classrooms
    - Watershed Week
  - Always seeking implementation funding
  - Quarterly newsletter to inform stakeholders
  - Managing grants and projects
    - Able to work directly with landowners
    - Implementing projects with County CAP funding from DEP
    - Currently managing 13 grant funded projects
  - Partner with YCPC on innovative initiatives
    - Water Quality Monitoring
    - Riparian Forest Buffer Program
    - Freshwater Mussel research, restoration, conservation
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- A group of people are kayaking on a wide river. The kayakers are scattered across the water, some in the foreground and others further back. The background shows a range of mountains under a clear sky. The water is calm and reflects the light. The overall scene is peaceful and recreational.

# MULTI-BENEFICIAL PROJECT EXAMPLES

## UNT South Branch Codorus Creek Stream Restoration

Before



After



- PRP & WIP/CAP Credit
- 1,250 LF of stream restoration w. riparian planting
- Paid for with CAP Funds

# MULTI-BENEFICIAL PROJECT EXAMPLES

## UNT Bald Eagle Creek Stream Restoration

After



Before



- 2,157 LF of stream restoration, 1.25 acres of wetland restoration, 4,31 acres of riparian reforestation, 6,006 LF of stream fencing, cattle crossings
- Multiple partners, multiple funding streams including a settlement from NPDES violation

# MULTI-BENEFICIAL PROJECT EXAMPLES

The WAY Watershed Forestry Program has implemented 88.06 acres since fall 2023!



- Implemented with WIP/CAP funds
- Reimburses landowners \$6,000 per acre
- No minimum acreage requirements
- Program recipients have included: farmers, churches, HOA's, clubs, and homeowners
- RFB are keystone BMP
- Direct benefit for freshwater mussel conservation & restoration



WATERSHED FRIENDLY ALBERTA PROJECT  
CERTIFIED PROJECT  
water quality • water regeneration  
healthy habitat

# YORK'S WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

- York County Commissioners and United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- 6 WQM's capture readings from ~80% of the water outflow from the County.
- Continuously sample, every 15 minutes, in real time using a scientific method that shows trends for sediment and nutrients.
- [Link to view real time data on WAY's website under "resources"](#)





# HOPES FOR OUR WQM PROGRAM

- Use of local WQM data to improve the efficiencies of the Chesapeake Bay Model
- Use of local WQM data for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) reporting requirements
- Acceptance of local WQM data as proof that best management practices are operational, sound and improving water quality
- Better watershed management with integrated water resource planning



# FRESHWATER MUSSEL RESEARCH, RESTORATION, & CONSERVATION

**NEEDLEPINDER DEFENDER**  
CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION \* PENNSYLVANIA \* CBF.ORG

Mussel Survey Datasheet *David's Place, 2.0 (Harrisburg)*

Date *9/11/24* Site *Conowingo Wash* Personnel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start GPS *40.0959387* Start GPS *-76.847939* County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Survey Time *2:51* Weather Conditions (past 48 hrs): *clear/sunny* # of Divers \_\_\_\_\_

Width *48* m x 2 = *94* ÷ # of Divers *16* = *910* mins surveyed

Overall Stream Conditions:  
 Temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °C DO \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l pH \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conductivity \_\_\_\_\_ µS TDS \_\_\_\_\_ ppm Turbidity \_\_\_\_\_  
 PO<sub>4</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l NO<sub>3</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l Alkalinity \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l  
 Bedrock \_\_\_\_\_ Boulder \_\_\_\_\_ Cobble \_\_\_\_\_ Gravel \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: *- site located D50 of Bul*

Species	Live	Fresh Dead
<i>ELIO</i>	<i>96, 80, 80, 87, 70, 69, 104 105, 92, 96, 95, 90, 114, 93 82, 72, 77, 84, 83, 75</i>	
<i>LACARE</i>	<i>79, 81 87, 90</i>	
<i>ALMA</i>	<i>58</i>	

*(Three mussels are placed on the form: one above ELIO, one between ELIO and LACARE, and one below ALMA)*

**Creek Connections** **PENNSYLVANIA'S RIVER SHOPS** **GAME COMMISSION 1895** **WILDERNESS FIRST AID**

- Partnership with Western PA Conservancy
- 2 surveying seasons completed, 09/23 & 09/24
- Have located 7/12 basin species
- Wish to research correlation between FWM and WQM
- Goal is large scale restoration
- Next 1-3yrs more surveying, hotels, restoration begins

# THANK YOU!

# QUESTIONS?



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# MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

January 22, 2025

## FUTURE PROJECTS:

**Michael's Property (Hampstead)** – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

**Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead)** – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive.

## CONCEPT DESIGN:

**Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead)** – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. Comments were returned to CLSI, the County is currently looking into how this project would impact a project at Hampstead Valley 2/3.

**Manchester East (Manchester)** – CLSI is working on the concept design of a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the WWTP. A revised concept plan was submitted and is currently being reviewed. The County met with the property owner to discuss the appraisal that was received, we will be reaching back out to Bitzel & Associates to re-evaluate based on information provided by CLSI.

**Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster)** – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits. Century is currently working on a conceptual design. The geotechnical evaluation was completed and the report has been sent to the engineer. We anticipate a concept submittal this month.

**New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor)** - A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed wetland facility. A concept plan was submitted and review comments were sent back to BAI.

**Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)**- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. WRA is finalizing the concept plan for the surface sand filter. A plan was received on January 7<sup>th</sup> for review.

## PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

### FINAL DESIGN:

**Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead)** – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. CLSI is working on a dam breach analysis which is being requested from MDE Dam Safety. The Joint Permit Application has been submitted to MDE, MDE Dam Safety provided comments and we are working to address those. An onsite meeting with the Army Corps of Engineer and the Town on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are working on addressing comments received. *This project was submitted to DNR Grants Gateway for construction funding earlier this month.*

**Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead) (DNR Grant Award- \$1,000,000)**– Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. The recent concept submittal was approved with comments from the Town and Stormwater Management. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is working on the preliminary plans. The Joint Permit Application has been submitted to MDE, we've received comments and have addressed them. Comments were received by MDE Dam Safety, that we are working to address and respond back. The Army Corps of Engineers has issued their permit for this project. Final plans were reviewed, and comments were returned to Wallace Montgomery.

## CONSTRUCTION:

### TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:

**All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.**



# WRCC Legislative Update



## 2025 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation

Status: As of January 22, 2025

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p><b>HB 38</b>  <b>SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING - SCHOOL ZONES AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCES</b>            Requiring each county board of education to submit a certain report to the Department of Planning and the Interagency Commission on School Construction each year; repealing the authorization of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to make an enrollment deduction under certain circumstances; prohibiting a county's adequate public facilities ordinance from restricting housing developments after a certain period of time; and generally relating to school zones, school construction, and adequate public facilities ordinances</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0038F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0038F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Awaiting hearing date</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Could potentially impact ability to apply APFO school standards to certain development projects</p>
<p><b>SB 149/HB 128</b>  <b>RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS FROM EXTREME WEATHER (RENEW) ACT OF 2025</b>            Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to or mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to conduct certain audits of the Fund and of the appropriations and expenditures made for the purposes of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program; and generally relating to the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0149F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0149F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0128F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0128F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Awaiting hearing date</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 1/23</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Could create additional funding source for climate change mitigation or adaptation projects</p>

## Bill + Description

## Status + Position

### SB 245/HB 279

#### MUNICIPALITIES - ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS - SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries; and generally relating to municipal annexation resolutions

#### Bills:

- **SB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0245F.pdf>
- **HB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0279F.pdf>

#### > **Status:**

- ♦ **SB:** Hearing 1/21
- ♦ **HB:** Hearing 2/4

> **Other:** May create additional step in muni process

### SB 250

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - FEES, PENALTIES, FUNDING, AND REGULATION

...; authorizing MDE to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances and requiring MDE to establish the fees by regulation; authorizing MDE to establish a certain fee for the Responsible Personnel Training Program Certification; requiring MDE to deposit certain fees into the Maryland Clean Water Fund; into the State provide certain information to MDE as a condition precedent to the issuance or renewal of the license; altering certain application fees under the wetlands and waterways program and requiring MDE to issue a public notice of certain adjusted fees in a certain manner; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance for the repair, upgrade, or removal of private dams; authorizing MDE to provide loans from the Private Dam Repair Fund to certain dam owners for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration to administer loans from the Private Dam Repair Fund in a certain manner; requiring interest earnings of the Private Dam Repair Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring certain dam owners to register with MDE; requiring MDE to establish and collect certain registration and permit fees and deposit the fees into the Private Dam Repair Fund; altering certain penalties and requiring penalties for certain dam safety violations to be deposited into the Private Dam Repair Fund; altering certain dam safety requirements; ...; altering certain surface mining license and permit fees; and generally relating to fees and penalties assessed, funding provided, and regulation by MDE

#### Bills:

- **SB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0250F.pdf>
- **HB:** n/a

#### > **Status:**

- ♦ **SB:** Awaiting hearing date
- ♦ **HB:** n/a

> **Other:** Would impose annual registration and fees on all dams. Fees go into Private Dam Repair Fund.

- ♦ **PLM:** Oppose due to 1) increased fees and work for annual dam registration and 2) fees go into fund only available to private dam owners
- ♦ **MACo:** No position

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<p><b>SB 265/HB 25</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT</b>            Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; providing for the issuance, modification, renewal, denial, or revocation of a reservoir augmentation permit under the Program; requiring certain revenues to be used for the operation and oversight of the Program; and generally relating to the establishment of the Reservoir Augmentation Program</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0265F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0265F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0025F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0025F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 1/28</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 1/29</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Would require for placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Could impact Westminster</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 266/HB 286</b>  <b>LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY - PLANNING PRINCIPLES</b>            Altering the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to local comprehensive planning and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0266F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0266F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0286F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0286F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 1/21</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 2/4</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Revises State planning visions for comp plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PLM:</b> Comp plans will need to incorporate. No red flags but should incorporate ag land preservation/conservation as well due to State goals from 2023 Maryland the Beautiful Act.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 290/HB 362</b>  <b>NATURAL RESOURCES - ROADSIDE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NOTIFICATION ACT</b>            Requiring an applicant for a roadside tree removal permit to provide certain notice to certain persons in a certain manner; and generally relating to roadside tree removal permits.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0290F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0290F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0362F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0362F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Awaiting hearing date</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 2/12</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Requires additional public notification to abutting &amp; adjoining property owners by applicant to permit to cut tree in public ROW. Could create additional costs if done frequently.</p>

## Bill + Description

## Status + Position

<p><b>HB 340</b> <b>CLIMATE CHANGE - ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTIONS, CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND, AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any suit or action that holds certain entities accountable for tortious or otherwise unlawful conduct that has contributed to climate change; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council to provide information to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly on climate change and the distribution of the Fund; etc.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SB:</b> n/a</li><li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0340F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0340F.pdf</a></li></ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li><li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 2/11</li></ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Would create a fund (from penalties for noncompliance by publicly traded coal, oil, or gas entities) to pay for programs that prevent, mitigate, or repair harms caused by climate change. Also would establish advisory council, which would be required to prepare a report identifying climate change impacts/consequences and how to mitigate them. 1 member from MML. No big red flags.</p>
<p><b>SB 430/HB 503</b> <b>LAND USE - REGIONAL HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE GAP (HOUSING FOR JOBS ACT)</b></p> <p>Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning to calculate certain regional housing infrastructure gaps; providing for the apportionment of regional housing infrastructure gaps to counties and incorporated municipalities; authorizing local jurisdictions to reduce local housing infrastructure gaps in a certain manner; establishing that certain local jurisdictions have an affirmative obligation to expeditiously approve housing development project applications; etc.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0430#">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0430#</a></li><li>• <b>HB:</b> Not available yet as of Jan 22 AM</li></ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Awaiting hearing date</li><li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Awaiting hearing date</li></ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Apportions gap in housing units to counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>PLM:</b> PLM actively preparing comments to send to MACo by Jan 24</li></ul>

FYI... *These bills do not appear to either be relevant to or impact the municipalities:*

- **SB 42 ENVIRONMENT - INTERJURISDICTIONAL WATERSHEDS - FLOOD MANAGEMENT**
- **SB 117/HB 131 ENVIRONMENT - BAY RESTORATION FUND - SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM**
- **SB 399 NATURAL RESOURCES - WILDLAND AREAS - OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

<p><b>SB XX</b></p> <p>xxx</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> XXX</li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> XXX</li> </ul>	<p>› <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b></li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b></li> </ul> <p>› <b>Other:</b></p>
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