

2020 Chesapeake Bay Watershed PDC Locality Implementation Program

We are nearly done with this year's scope of work!

Activity 1

- A. 2021 scope – We aligned and integrated WIP with CZM as we discussed last month in the **Environmental Services Strategic Plan**, so now we can pull info from the plan to create our annual WIP scope of work. We've done so and will submit it to DEQ by Sept. 30. **Funding will increase from \$52,000 to \$58,000** (with a 25% match requirement).
- B. Facilitation (quarterly meetings) – **We doubled attendance this year!** Last year's attendance ranged from 7 to 10 participants (averaged 8.5), and this year's attendance ranged from 20 to 26 participants (averaged 22). Participants were engaged and grateful.
- C. Commission updates – August 17, September 21, and October 19 presentations.
- D. Marketing on WIP activities – We **updated the GWRC website** content on WIP activities. See "Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan" at <https://gwregion.org/environment/chesapeake-bay>.
- E. Coordinate with coastal PDCs – We participated in meetings, subgroup meetings, and grant writing.
- F. Attend regional meetings and share info – We attended numerous meetings and **shared key information**.
- G. Marketing on BMPs and local benefits – We **updated the GWRC website** on implementing BMPs. See "Community Participation" at <https://gwregion.org/environment/chesapeake-bay>.

The image shows a screenshot of a website with a dark red header that reads "Chesapeake Bay". Below the header, the main content area is titled "Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan". The text under this title describes how stormwater runoff carries pollutants to local waterways, causing harmful algae growth and oxygen depletion. It mentions that Virginia developed a Watershed Implementation Plan in phases (2010, 2012, and 2019) to reduce nutrient pollution. Below the text is a social media sharing bar with "Share" and other icons. To the left of the main content, there is a blue box with the text "Virginia's Watershed" in white. Below this, there is another blue box with the text "Watershed" in white. To the right of the main content, there is a section titled "Community Participation" which states that GWRC includes many waterways, battlefields, and historic sites, and that clean waterways are important for outdoor fun, public health, and natural habitats. Below this text is a photograph of a rocky stream in a forest, with the text "Our Local Waterways" overlaid in blue.

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H. Share BMP funding opportunities – We shared information on numerous grants throughout the year.

Activity 2

A. Assist localities with warehouse – We prepared and distributed a quick **reference guide** for reporting BMPs to the Warehouse.

B. Fill BMP data reporting gaps – We interviewed each locality on their BMP reporting process. We discussed each type of BMP that can be reported to the Warehouse to understand how the BMPs are tracked and who is responsible for reporting them. We did not identify any reporting gaps.

Activity 3

A. Develop list of projects and costs – We worked with our localities and partners over the year to **create a list of potential projects**.

E. Support forest conservation policies – We discussed options at a meeting and shared the “How To” Manual from the Healthy Watersheds Forest Initiative.

F. Grant writing – We offered grant writing support. **We developed three grant proposals and received one.**

H. Maintain a library of grant applications – We **created a library of grant applications** to use as templates for future proposals. NFWF hosts an elaborate web-based grant proposal submission database with several parts and prescriptive requirements for each part. We provided a copy of our proposal in a Word document indicating all the parts and requirements.

I. Fill WIP training needs – We originally anticipated working with DEQ and/or DCR to deliver 2 of their standard training events in GWRC region. With the restriction on in-person meetings, we shared hand-picked online learning opportunities with our localities nearly monthly.

Activity 4

C. Coordinate two stream clean ups – We partnered with Friends of the Rappahannock River to host the **stream cleanups**.

F. Implement tree planting – We partnered with Friends of the Rappahannock River for tree planting. **Over 1500 trees were planted.**

Activity 5

A. Interim report – Submitted.

B. 2021 scope – Will be submitted by September 30.

C. Final report – Will be submitted by December 31.