

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, anticipates meeting 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 would have the opportunity to identify capacity and funding needs and policy or programmatic recommendations for meeting agricultural sector local area planning goals.
8. DEQ anticipates contracting 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.
9. The local and regional representatives would 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 would 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. It is anticipated that DEQ would merge SWCD Area local area planning goals with PDC boundaries.
12. It is anticipated that contracted PDCs, with assistance from DEQ and DCR, would 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. It is anticipated that contracted PDCs would 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 would 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 local area planning initiatives can inform statewide policy and funding decisions.
14. DEQ would quantify local area planning goals in June; therefore, it is anticipated that these initiatives would be conducted from mid-summer to late fall.