

Conowingo WIP and Financing Strategy Timeline

This timeline reflects the development of the Conowingo WIP (CWIP) and the financing strategy. A timeline is under development for two-year milestones and achievement of Conowingo WIP planning targets. Grantees* plan to meet with CWIP Steering Committee (SC) on a monthly basis.

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Deliverable / Action	Timeline	Input Needed from CWIP SC
Work begins on development of the CWIP financing system assessment and the CWIP financing strategy	July 2019	Ongoing feedback from monthly SC meetings; quarterly updates will be provided to the SC on the development of the CWIP financing strategy. Dates proposed below and subject to change.
Work begins on the CWIP economic development investment plan	July 2019	Ongoing feedback from monthly SC meetings
Develop targeting methodology for list of priority BMPs identified by TetraTech	Aug - Sept 2019	Tetra Tech analysis
SC monthly meeting: Approve targeting methodology for initial list of BMPs; finalize list of priority BMPs; finalize focal geographies; and approve outreach materials	September 23, 2019	Targeting methodology for initial list of BMPs; List of priority BMPs; List of potential focal geographies; Outreach materials
Financing Advisory Committee established	October 2018	Financing Committee will meet quarterly; will briefing SC on a regular basis
Develop targeting methodology for additional BMPs	October 2019	Final list of priority BMPs
SC monthly meeting: Approve final targeting methodology for all BMPs	October 2019	Targeting methodology for all BMPs
Disseminate project information to stakeholders on CWIP approach via fact sheet, webinars, and targeted meetings with key stakeholders	October - November 2019	Focal geography selection; approval of outreach materials
SC monthly meeting: Evaluate BMP opportunity analysis progress; update on development of CWIP financing strategy	November 2019	BMP Opportunity Analysis update
Apply targeting methodology for initial list of priority BMPs to develop basin-scale BMP Opportunity Analysis for draft WIP	October – December 2019	Initial targeting methodology approval
SC monthly meeting: Approve BMP Opportunity Analysis	December 2019	BMP Opportunity Analysis Results

Develop draft and final CWIP CAST scenarios	December 2019 (draft) – April 2020 (final)	Basin-scale BMP opportunity analysis; CAST scenario recommendations
SC monthly meeting: Review/approve CAST scenario draft results; update on the CWIP financing system assessment	January 2020	CAST scenario draft results; written summary and update of CWIP financing system assessment
Grantee submits draft CWIP to CWIP SC for a two-week review period	January 24 – February 7, 2020	Draft CWIP
Grantee revises draft CWIP based on CWIP SC feedback	February 7 - February 21, 2020	Selection of priority implementation scenario(s)
SC monthly meeting: Review draft CWIP	February 2020	Draft CWIP
CWIP SC sends advance copy of draft CWIP to PSC for a two-week review period	February 21, 2020	Approval of draft CWIP by SC
SC monthly meeting: Update on the CWIP financing system assessment and update on CWIP financing strategy development	March 2020	Written summary and update of CWIP financing system assessment
PSC submits comments on advance copy to CWIP SC and grantee	March 6, 2020	
Grantee revises draft CWIP based on PSC feedback	March 6 - March 13, 2020	PSC comments; Approval of draft CWIP by SC
Draft CWIP posted to CBP website; kicks off public review and comment	March 13, 2020	Approval of draft for public comment
Public Comment Period / Stakeholder Outreach	March 13 - May 8, 2020	Draft CWIP
SC monthly meeting: Grantee submits financing system assessment to SC	April 2020	Review and approval of financing system assessment
Comment period closes	May 8, 2020	Draft CWIP
Grantee revises CWIP based on public review and comment	May 8 - May 22, 2020	report on public comments; draft CWIP
Grantee submits revised draft final CWIP to CWIP SC	May 22, 2020	
SC monthly meeting: review revised draft CWIP	May 2020	revised draft CWIP (incl. Public Comments)
CWIP SC reviews draft final CWIP for a one-week review; submits comments to grantee	May 22 - May 29, 2020	

Grantee revises draft final CWIP based on CWIP SC feedback	June 5, 2020	comments from SC on revised draft CWIP
CWIP SC submits draft final CWIP to PSC for one-week advance review	June 5 - 12, 2020	proposed CWIP
PSC submits comments to CWIP SC and grantee on draft final CWIP	June 12, 2020	
Grantee revises draft final CWIP based on PSC feedback	June 12 - June 19, 2020	comments from PSC on proposed CWIP
SC monthly meeting: update on CWIP financing strategy development	June 2020	
Final CWIP posted to CBP website	June 19, 2020	
SC monthly meeting: CWIP economic development investment plan – draft case study, analysis, literature review, and initial assessment	July 2020	Draft documents (lit review, case study, initial assessment) for SC review
Develop project-specific BMP opportunity blueprint for priority geographies to inform milestone planning	6-12 months (Delivery Aug 2020 - Feb 2021)	Priority Geographies; basin-Scale Opportunity Analysis; Deliverables from Chesapeake Conservancy’s CBP Work
SC monthly meeting: update on CWIP financing strategy development	September 2020	
Grantee submits draft CWIP financing strategy to SC	December 2020	SC review and comment of draft financing strategy
Begin design of CWIP financing authority structure	December 2020	
Grantee reviews and incorporates SC feedback into revised CWIP financing strategy	December 2020 – March 2021	Discussions with SC ongoing during this period
Final CWIP financing strategy posted to CBP website	March 2021	
Final CWIP economic development investment plan will be submitted to the SC	July 2021	
Draft plan for the CWIP financing authority submitted to SC	December 2021	Draft plan for SC review and feedback. This plan will be an extension of the financing system business plan and will focus on institutional structure

Begin launch of CWIP financing authority, which includes implementing the business plan: executing institutional structure, governance systems, staffing, etc.	Spring 2022	
Implementation of investment activities	Winter 2022-2023	Once the authority leadership, staffing, and institutional structures are in place, financing activities will begin