



Status of Delaware's BMP Tracking and Reporting

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Background

- Data on implementation is tracked/reported to the Chesapeake Bay Program
- Submitted every Dec 31st for projects implemented between July 1 and June 30 to receive credit toward progress of water quality goals
- Delaware began mapping data in the NEIEN schema in 2010
- Data is submitted in an XML document through DNREC's network node
- Once data is submitted through NEIEN it is entered into the Nutrient and Sediment Scenario Builder which creates input scenarios for the Watershed Model

BMP Data Reported:

- Data submitted through the network node can be downloaded/reviewed through Intranet website by staff

Delaware.gov Governor | General Assembly | Courts | Elected Officials | State Agencies

State of Delaware
The Official Website of the First State

BMP Reports

This application is used to search and retrieve the BMP data submitted to Chesapeake Bay Program.

Search criteria

Select Fieldset

☒ Key Fields
☐ All Fields

Select Reporting Years

☒ 2010 ☒ 2011 ☒ 2012

Select Submission Sources

☐ DelDOT ☒ Dept of Ag Forestry ☒ Dept of Ag Manure Transport ☒ Dept of Ag Nutrient Management
☐ I/A Septic Systems ☒ Mudtracker ☒ NRCS ☒ NRCS Covercrops
☐ Septic Connections ☐ Septic Pumpouts

Select Counties

☒ New Castle ☒ Sussex ☒ Kent

Select BMP Names

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bioretention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bioswale
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Composting Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Nutrient Mgt Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation Cover
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation Crop Rotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cover Crop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Detention Ponds & Hydrodynamic Structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Extended Detention Ponds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Border	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filter Strip
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filtration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forage Harvest Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Harvesting Practices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Stand Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heavy Use Area Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation System, Microirrigation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Water Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manure Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Grazing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roof Runoff Structure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Connections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Tank Advanced Treatment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Tank Pumpout
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow Water Development and Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Retention Pond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Runoff Impoundment for Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree/Shrub Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Infiltration Practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste Storage Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste Utilization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watering Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wet Pond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Restoration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment		

Sources of Implementation Data to Develop Report

Agriculture

- USDA-NRCS & FSA
- New Castle Conservation District (NRCS)
- Kent County Conservation District
- Sussex Conservation District
- Delaware Department of Agriculture, Nutrient Management Program
- Delaware Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Restoration BMPs

- DNREC, Watershed Assessment

Stormwater

- DNREC, Sediment and Stormwater Program
- DelDOT
- Kent Conservation District
- Sussex Conservation District
- New Castle County
- Town of Middletown

Onsite Wastewater

- DNREC, Groundwater Discharges Section

Agriculture

- BMP's through cost share programs are reported
- NRCS cover crop program has been modified:
 - Planting date/species aligned with highest value
 - Offer one year contracts instead of three by producer request
- Worked with Tetra Tech to format NRCS and other agriculture data for NEIEN 2010/2011 submissions
- **Issues:**
 - Non-cost share practices are not tracked
 - CB Model descriptions do not align directly with NRCS practices
 - Not all practices receive credit for BMP efficiency
 - Data is summarized at watershed scale

Onsite Wastewater

- Currently reporting pump-outs (based on inspections), sewer connection, and innovative/alternative systems
- Pending regulations:
 - Statewide mandatory inspection/pump-out during property transfer
 - Cesspools/unsatisfactory systems have to be replaced meeting regulation
 - All waste haulers must submit quarterly reports
 - Advanced Treatment within 1,000' of tidal water/ tidal wetland for new & replacement systems
- **Issues:**
 - Want to get Large Systems into the model
 - Begin to track system abandonments using GIS in Sussex County

Stormwater

- Tracked through “Mudtracker”
 - Combination of data from partners
- **Issues:**
 - Terminology (State vs. CB Model)
 - Missing fields (years, area, number, etc)

What BMP's are not being tracked?

- BMP's implemented voluntarily by farmers, homeowners, businesses, etc
- Projects by non-profit organizations
- Projects not paid by state or federal funds

Challenges to Obtaining Implementation Data

- Small, understaffed groups who work out in the field have to balance demands with their specific job duties
- Privacy issues-Agriculture
- Databases under development, much time and effort needed to fill in back data/update

How are we improving tracking/reporting?

- Move away from paper filing to electronic databases
 - Easier to quality check
 - Central location of data
 - Power of querying
- Training staff
 - Better database management/creation
 - Chesapeake Bay Model
- Have staff whose priority is to update databases
 - Contractual/Part-time
- Work together

Questions?