

RFB Management Strategy

Comments

Public Comments on RFB Management Strategy

- 18 comments
- CAC, LGAC, STAC
- Clean Water Coalition
- Delaware FSA/NRCS

Comments, con't

1. Add long-term protection. ensuring buffers obtained through cost-share and other forms of financial and technical assistance are persistent rather than ephemeral.
2. Obtain optimal build out. Identify buffers that are minimum (35' w and/or only on one side of a waterway) and identify strategies for build out to optimal (=> 100' on both sides) for ecosystem services, habitat, and resilience planning.

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3. Please consider opening the Forest Buffer Program to promoting and financially assisting the implementation of Green Infrastructure Projects. I just attended an American Planning Association where Mark Gutshall, Land Studies presented on Economic Ecology and Applied Ecological Restoration with an emphasis on the floodplain. This approach results in flood reduction and pollutant removal, while also addressing stormwater, MS4 and TMDL requirements on a regional scale. Lancaster County, and in particular Lancaster City have made great strides with green infrastructure design.

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4. My only concern is how to enforce whatever regulations are finally approved. I see folks cutting down trees along the river banks to “improve their view”. I see where Planning Commissions approving development to occur in fragile, critical areas with promised replanting of trees not happening.

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5. My comment on the draft strategy document concerns “Monitoring Progress”. The statement about current monitoring of 100% of buffers planted with cost-share funding could imply that adequate monitoring is currently taking place. However, the maintenance issues that the current program monitoring does not adequately verify establishment. Please include a reference to BMP Verification.