

Conowingo WIP (CWIP) Update and Decisions Needed

*Presentation to the Principals Staff
Committee
10/12/18*

Conowingo WIP Retreat

October 4

- Full Attendance (MD, PA, NY, DC, DE, VA, WV, CBC, and EPA)
- Covered 2 Broad Areas:
 - CWIP Steering Committee Structure/Governance
 - CWIP Development Priorities

Formalizing CWIP Steering Committee Structure

- Agreed Steering Committee Structure is an Action Team that reports directly to the PSC
- Agreed on 2 Co-Chairs: Nicki Kasi, PA and Matt Rowe, MD

DECISION: Requesting PSC Approval of this Structure

Updates to CWIP Guiding Principles

- Added title to each principle
- Added “state, local, federal, and other” in front of the term “partners” in principle #1;
- Added that we will operate as an Action Team in principle #2; and,
- added “Phase 3 WIP” before the word Expectations in principle #3.

DECISION: Requesting PSC Approval and Finalization of Revised Principles

Conowingo WIP Framework/Timeline

- Discussed 2 Options for the CWIP Timeline:
 - Option 1: Keep the CWIP on the same schedule as states' WIPs
 - Option 2: Sequencing the CWIP ~3-months after State WIPs due to:
 - 3rd Party RFP (March 2019 award)
 - Interrelation between CWIP and State WIPs
- Discussed modifications to the CWIP framework document:
 - Removed the timeline and put it in an Appendix
 - Also Added membership and guiding principles as Appendices
- Added a 2025 Deadline to timeline for all necessary practices to achieve Conowingo WIP

DECISION: 1. PSC Selection of Option for Timeline
2. PSC Final Approval of Framework and Guiding Principles

Conowingo WIP Development Priorities

- Developing CWIP Outline
- EPA Enlisting Contractor Assistance (Tetra Tech):
 - Tracking, accounting, and reporting methodology
 - Selection criteria for prioritization, targeting and location of practices
- Developing a Communications Strategy:
 - Bay Program Communications Office
 - Communications Workgroup
- Possibly Developing EPA Expectations for Third Party CWIP Grantee

**DECISION: Requesting PSC Direct Appropriate Resources to the
Development and Implementation of a Communications Strategy**