

Conowingo WIP Update

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Agenda

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- ▶ CWIP Budget Overview
- ▶ Steering Committee (SC) Requests for Information
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Conowingo WIP Outreach Efforts

Pennsylvania

- ✓ November 19 - Bedford County
- ✓ November 20 - York County
- ✓ November 30 - Pennsylvania Agricultural Advisory Board/Nutrient Management Advisory Board
- ✓ December 7 - Centre and Cumberland Counties
- ✓ December 10 - Adams and Franklin Counties
- ✓ December 14 - Pennsylvania State-wide Stakeholder
- ✓ January 6 - Pennsylvania Agricultural Community
- ✓ January 13 - Lancaster County
- ✓ January 15 - Lebanon County
- ✓ February 2 - DEP Region CAP Support Teams in preparation for Tier 3 and 4 Outreach (Southcentral, Northcentral, Northeast Regions)

Maryland

- ✓ November 18 - Cecil County Maryland
- ✓ November 20 - Harford County Maryland
- ✓ December 1 - Baltimore County Maryland
- ✓ December 4 - Maryland Water Monitoring Council
- ✓ December 8 - Maryland State-wide
- ✓ January 13, 2021 - Maryland State-wide

New York

- ✓ November 30 - New York Stakeholders
- ✓ January 7, 2021 - New York Stakeholders

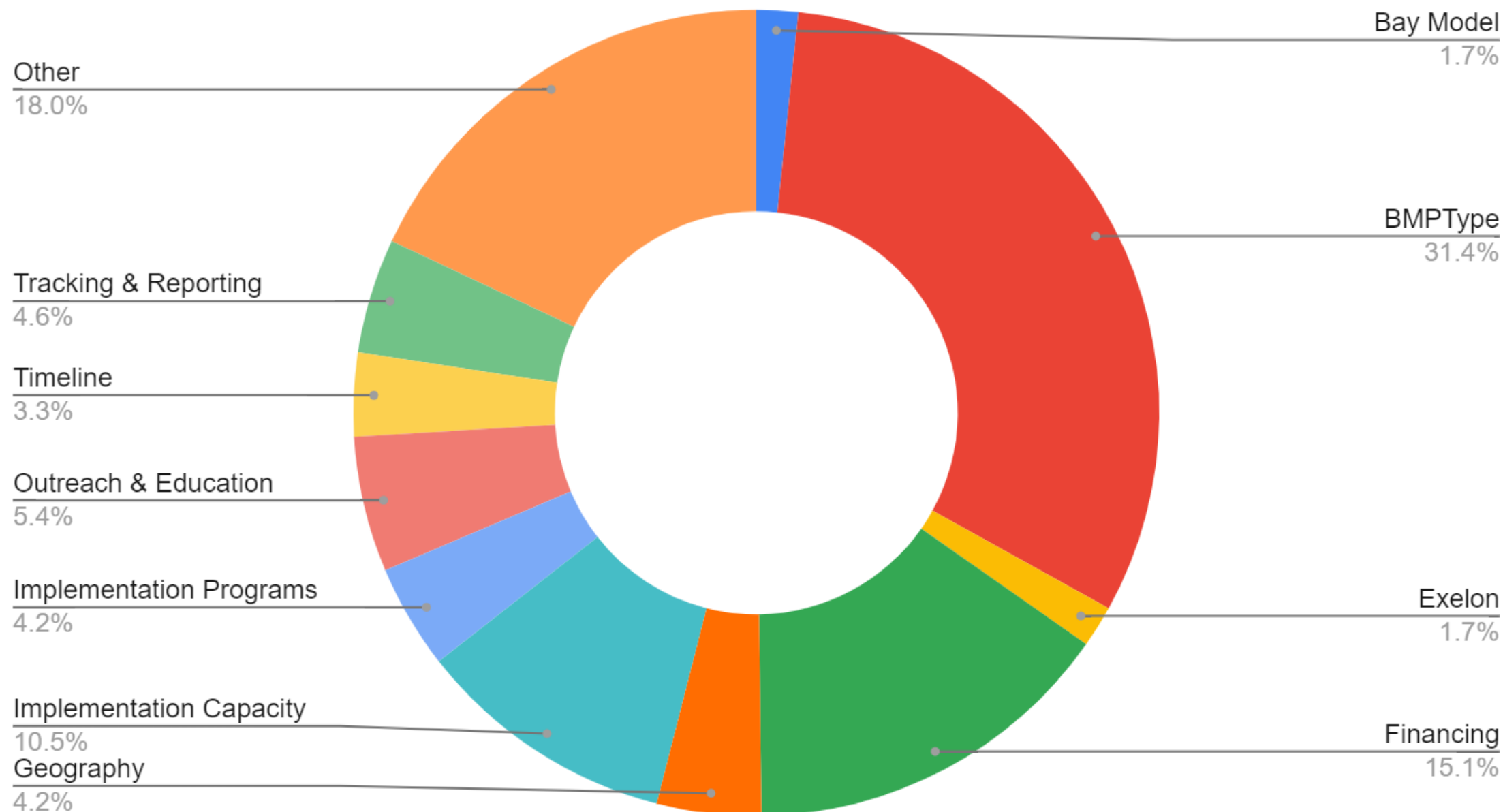
Bay-Wide

- ✓ November 24 - Watershed-wide Stakeholders
- ✓ December 4 - Chesapeake Bay Citizens Advisory Committee

Public Comments Summary (Received Feb. 10th)

Comment Category	Comment Description	CWIP Changes Anticipated?
Bay Model	Need to address sediment load in the draft CWIP, particularly in relation to climate change, and developing more accurate costs for the BMPs proposed.	Yes
BMP Type	Dredging, cover crops, and the need to address sediment load in the draft CWIP.	Yes
Exelon	Dredging, funding, and the omission of Exelon corporation from the CWIP	TBD
Financing	Likely underestimation of overall cost and adopting the CWIP without the financing strategy	Yes
Geography	Cost-effectiveness of a limited geography, equity between implementation costs in urban versus rural/ag land uses, and the need to consider additional areas	No. Can be considered in the future in adaptive management
Implementation Capacity	Need for more local capacity and funding, as well as the need to coordinate implementation with existing WIPs and county action plans	No. Consider during milestone development
Implementation Programs	Need to eliminate redundancies and provide more technical support to jurisdictions	Yes, minor revisions.
Outreach & Education	Need for more outreach and education across jurisdictions through the next phase of this project	No. Can be considered in the future in adaptive management
Timeline	Need for an extended timeline for full implementation of the CWIP	TBD. EPA has recommended running a 2035 scenario.
Tracking & Reporting	Need to closely coordinate CWIP implementation tracking with the tracking and reporting methods currently in use by the jurisdictions	No. Will be incorporated into Activity 3 work.
Other	Wide range from praise of the draft to calls to stop the project, and included concerns about impacts to farmers, as well as matters of equity	Yes

CWIP Comments by Category (239 Total)



Draft CWIP Next Steps

- ▶ SC is still digging into comment details, working with EPA and grantee on proposed draft responses, and recommending revisions to a draft final CWIP (target of March 24).
- ▶ The draft final CWIP will be brought back to PSC for approval to send to EPA for final evaluation (targeting late May/June).
- ▶ Receive EPA final evaluation and make any needed revisions before posting the final WIP on the Bay Program Web site along with the final Financing Strategy and responses to comments (target of Summer 2021).

Current CWIP Budget Overview

Grantee	Year 1 (FY19)	Year 2 (FY20)	Year 3 (FY21)	Year 4 (FY22)	Year 5 (FY23)	Year 6 (FY24)	Total
Activity 1 – Center for Watershed Protection <i>Conowingo WIP Development & Implementation</i>	\$209,671	\$243,225	\$154,537	\$144,441	\$133,860	\$157,362	\$1,043,096
Activity 2 – Chesapeake Bay Trust <i>Financing Strategy Development & Implementation</i>	\$304,940	\$315,500	\$315,500	\$79,063	--	--	\$1,015,003.00
Activity 3 – Chesapeake Conservancy <i>BMP Tracking, Verifying, & Reporting</i>	\$84,605	\$105,568	\$101,684	\$102,026	\$101,038	\$101,801	\$596,722
TOTAL	\$599,216	\$664,293	\$571,721	\$325,530	\$234,898	\$259,163	\$2,654,821

Current Contributions from EPA and Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	FY2019 Contribution	FY2020 Contribution	FY2021 Contribution
DC	\$0	\$0	\$0
Delaware	\$8,791	\$15,824	\$15,824
Maryland	\$48,352	\$87,033	\$87,033
New York	\$8,791	\$15,824	\$15,824
Pennsylvania	\$90,934	\$163,681	\$163,681
Virginia	\$37,912	\$68,242	\$68,242
West Virginia	\$5,220	\$9,396	\$9,396
EPA	\$399,216	\$304,293	\$211,721
Total	\$599,216	\$664,293	\$571,721

Bottom Line

- ▶ If Jurisdictions' continue to contribute \$360,000 annually through 2025, and
- ▶ If EPA commits to contribute \$300,000 annually through 2025,
- ▶ Then an estimated ~\$1.2-million in funding is available over the next three years.

SC Financing-Related Requests & Considerations

- ▶ Prior PSC decisions/outcomes/record of decision on Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations for a Finance Authority - why did it not move forward historically?
What were the lessons learned?
- ▶ Scope of Work and Budget for a Financing Authority Pilot - anticipated from Grantees in July
- ▶ Estimated costs to capitalize a full Financing Authority with consideration of broader funding/implementation partnerships (e.g., federal appropriations, Exelon role, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, others)

Deliverable	2020	2021												2022		2023
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Spring	Winter	Spring
DRAFT CWIP Financing Strategy to CBPO and Steering Committee	Dec 10															
End DRAFT CWIP public comment period		Jan 20														
Presentation to PSC on draft Financing Strategy			Late Feb/early March													
Revised Draft Final CWIP & financing strategy to Steering Committee				3/24												
PSC Meeting to Discuss Revised Draft Final CWIP, Financing Strategy and Comment Responses					Late April/Early May											
PSC approves to send Draft Final CWIP and Financing Strategy for final EPA review						May or June 2021										
Final CWIP economic development investment plan will be submitted to the Steering Committee								July								
Placeholder for EPA feedback regarding final evaluation of the Draft Final CWIP before posting to CBP website								Summer 2021								
Draft plan for the CWIP financing authority submitted to the Steering Committee													Dec 2021			
Begin launch of CWIP financing authority														Spring 2022		
Implementation of investment activities															Winter 2022-2023	

Summary

- ▶ EPA CWIP evaluation is forthcoming
- ▶ Steering Committee requests for information will help inform PSC financing discussions at the April/May meeting
- ▶ More in-depth discussion regarding comment responses and CWIP revisions at April/May PSC meeting
- ▶ Estimated approximately \$1.2-million available over the next three years
- ▶ Timeline remains draft pending PSC discussions and decisions