

Challenges in WV will be:

- A shortage of engineers and consultants to design and manage projects
- Supply and materials shortages and delays, also costs increasing after bids accepted
- Buy American Build American and associated OMB delays in processing waivers
- Potential inability for utility ratepayers to be able to afford rates - particularly in low income communities. Stormwater projects would have to be all grants in some places because there is no mechanism to bill for it

Strengths

- Applications and administration at the local level will increase workload, but the expertise and experience is there (esp. Regional Planning & Development Councils), and it should not really be a problem
- DEP has plenty of projects in the Intended Use Plan to put forward needed projects

Note: We do need more time to receive and understand guidance from EPA.