

Chesapeake Bay TMDL's Phase III WIP Stakeholder Assessment

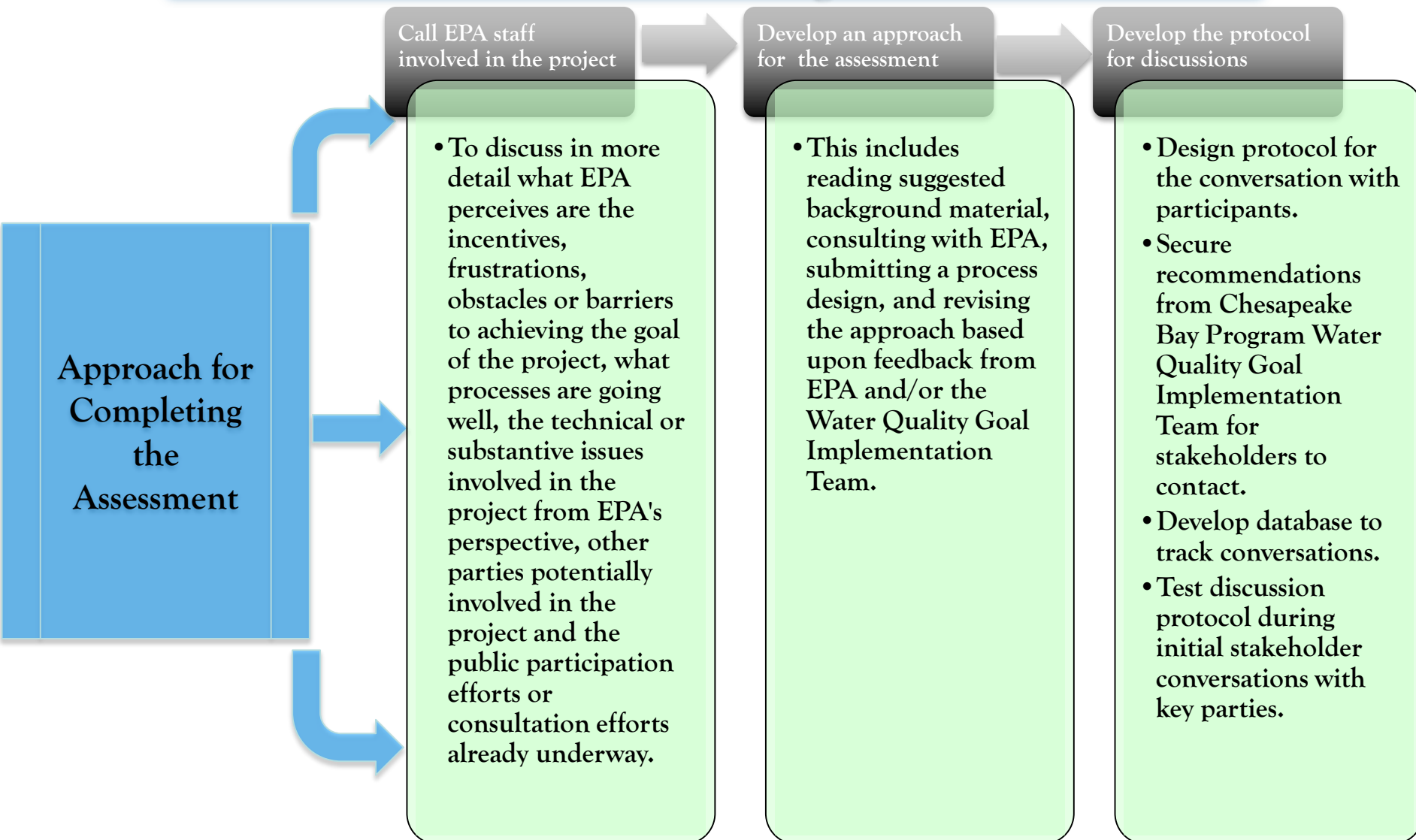
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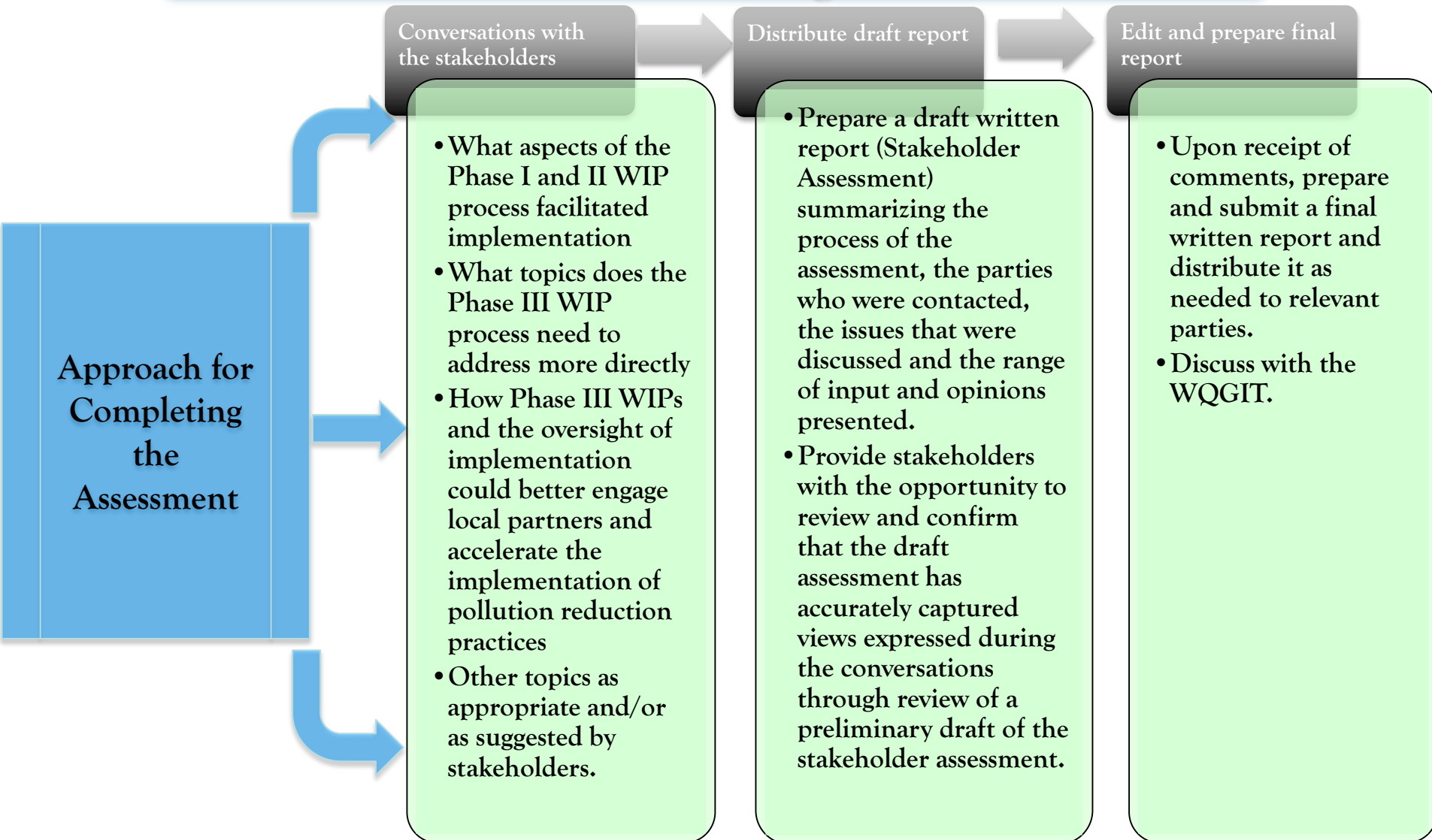


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Process Design



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Three Stories

- Story One
 - *Implementing the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and meeting applicable water quality standards in the Bay and its tidal rivers is our highest priority*
- Story Two
 - *The Bay TMDL is one priority among many, largely because of regulatory or institutional mandates*
- Story Three
 - *The Bay TMDL is an unfair burden that impinges on other priorities*



Story One

Implementing the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and meeting applicable water quality standards in the Bay and its tidal rivers is our highest priority

- Complete the Chesapeake Bay TMDL on schedule
- There are substantial benefits to the Bay and local waters
- EPA needs to provide backstop measures to stay on schedule
- Advocates for the Bay have worked hard to secure funding
- Monitoring shows less improvement than modeling



Story Two

The Bay TMDL is one priority among many, largely because of regulatory or institutional mandates

- Recognize political and financial realities at state and local levels
- The Bay TMDL schedule can't be met
- Too much uncertainty and confusion about what is and what will be required
- Demands keep growing while support has not kept up



Story Three

The Bay TMDL is an unfair burden that impinges on other priorities

- The Bay is not important for my jurisdiction or sector
- We need more support and a realistic schedule
- Participation should be voluntary – no unfunded mandates
- No backstops and contingencies



Lots of Good Work to Date!

- Early outreach and continued communication
- Stakeholders can work out differences when involved early
- Money & technical support are vital
- Show local benefits
- Listen – adapting Model & mandates





Many Shared Concerns and Ideas

- 1) Equity
- 2) Communication
- 3) Collaborative Leadership
- 4) Accountability for Results
- 5) Funding and other resources
- 6) Cost-effectiveness
- 7) Adaptability
- 8) Schedule
- 9) Bay Model



Participant Questions

- Will loads change? will the TMDL have to be reopened?
- How to make reductions real to the people who have to make them?
- Will there be a new model for funding for Phase III?
- What does the 60% by 2017 represent? Jurisdictions have different views of what this means ...



Completing the Assessment

- Draft Assessment is currently under partnership review for a 45- day period (comments are due November 19)
- Management Board and PSC have endorsed the formation of a small team overseen by the WQGIT to convert findings and observations into a follow through action plan
- Action plan will be brought to the Management Board and the Principals' Staff Committee at their January 2016 meetings for **decisions on how partnership will use the assessment findings in the overall development of the Phase III WIP expectations and in the local engagement development process**



Elements of the Draft Action Plan

- Focused on **actions to strengthen and facilitate local engagement** in Phase III WIP development and implementation
 - Identify successes and working relationships from Phase I and Phase II to communicate and adopt in Phase III
 - Establish stakeholder groups that would be representative of each source sector to determine sector-specific needs and resource capacity
 - Develop local area targets to clearly set goal for local jurisdictions
 - Develop communication plans and identify target audiences for engagement
 - Initiate pilot programs to identify funding and resource needs and capacity



Phase III WIP Expectations Schedule

- **October 2016:** EPA presents preliminary expectations and seeks initial input from CBP partnership
- **Spring 2017:** EPA presents revised draft expectations and seeks final input from CPB partnership
- **June 2017:** EPA presents final Phase III WIP expectations, including expectations for jurisdiction and Federal Agency milestones development for 2018-2025
- **June 2018:** Draft Phase III WIPs due to EPA
- **December 2018:** Final Phase III WIPs due to EPA

Questions & Discussion

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