**Lycoming County’s Clean Water Open House**

Discussion Agenda

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*June 16, 2021 7pm*

*Join Zoom Meeting*

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*\*\*\*Welcome, and THANK YOU for participating!\*\*\**

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**PURPOSE**

* Discuss the Clean Water Plan (officially known as the Countywide Action Plan (CAP)) and why Lycoming County is doing this plan
* Showcase the projects that have been selected so far
* Gage public interest in adopting voluntary pollution-reducing practices on their property

**AGENDA**

*“This is a unique and exciting opportunity…It’s not every day that you can play a role in how government will function for the upcoming future” – Greg Bonsall, LCCD District Manager*

* **What is the CAP?**
	+ Officially known as the Countywide Action Plan (CAP), this plan is a comprehensive initiative to reduce nutrient pollution in our local waterways.
	+ It is part of a larger initiative supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to meet state clean water goals.
* **Goals of the CAP**
	+ Improve local water quality
	+ Reduce flooding
	+ Enrich partnerships
	+ Support farmers
	+ Bolster local and regional economy
	+ Leverage funding opportunities
	+ Avoid regulations and higher costs for compliance
* **Importance of participating**
	+ Benefits of CAP success
		- Retain control of our local water resources “agenda”
		- Maintain county-identified solutions for pollution and flood reduction
		- Provides opportunity to identify previously-unknown grant and cost-share opportunities
	+ Consequences of non-participation
		- Missed opportunities to address local water pollution and flooding
		- More regulation and government oversight
		- Higher costs for compliance
		- EPA may withhold or redirect funding
	+ The CAP is not a(n)…
		- Unfunded mandate
		- Regulation
		- Expansion of MS4
		- Plan to increase taxes
* **Timeline and process**



* + The CAP will comprise of about 6-8 months of planning where stakeholders meet regularly to identify, select, and prioritize projects and initiatives that will help achieve our pollution reduction goals.
	+ After the planning phase, we will then enter a 4 year implementation phase where stakeholders will implement and report initiatives selected in the planning phase.
	+ We are currently in the planning phase, and we have been regularly meeting with diverse groups of stakeholders and identifying local priorities and resources.
* **Who’s involved?**
	+ We have over 150 individual stakeholders we’ve been working with that span across a wide spectrum of affiliations, such as:

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| Federal agencies | Water and sewer authorities | Non-profits |
| State agencies | Conservation District | Farmers |
| Local government  | Watershed associations | Teachers |
| Environmental organizations | Data scientists | Colleges |
| Interested citizens |  | Businesses |

* **Pollution reduction goals**
	+ Lycoming County’s load reduction targets came from Lycoming County’s Technical Toolbox, which can be found on Lycoming County’s web page for the CAP at: <https://www.lyco.org/CWAP>

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| Year | Nitrogen (lbs/year) | Phosphorus (lbs/year) |
| Delivered to local Lyco County Waterways | Delivered to local Lyco County Waterways |
| 1985 | 6,536,000 | 598,000 |
| 2019 | 5,387,000 | 348,000 |
| 2025 (Final TMDL Planning Target) | 4,152,000 | 272,000 |
| Remaining Load to be achieved through local planning goals | 1,235,000 | 76,000 |

* **Our next steps**
	+ Planning
		- Continue meeting with stakeholders to identify projects that will reduce pollution
		- Work toward an agreed-upon prioritization strategy
	+ Outreach
		- Release and review the Public interest survey and the Agriculture practices survey
		- We’ll be at the Lycoming County Fair, July 14-24
	+ Communication
		- Newsletters
		- Press releases and Facebook
		- Monthly stakeholder check-in meeting materials and recordings on web page: [lyco.org/CWAP](https://www.lyco.org/CWAP)
* **What can you do to help?**
	+ Keep us in the loop!
		- Fill out the Public interest survey
		- If you’re a farmer, fill out the Agriculture practices survey
		- Tell your friends and neighbors about these surveys, and ways they can reduce pollution on their property
	+ Stay involved
		- Newsletters
		- Recorded meetings
		- Meeting notes distributed
		- Web page: [lyco.org/CWAP](https://www.lyco.org/CWAP)
* **Questions**

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For more information visit <https://www.lyco.org/CWAP>