**Lycoming County’s Clean Water Plan Check-In Meeting**

*March 25, 2021*

*9:30am-11:30am*

Meeting Notes

1. Meeting goals
	1. Ensure stakeholders understand CAP milestones and benchmarks
	2. Create continuity between Peer Group communication
	3. Begin considering programmatic/policy recommendations
2. Stakeholder highlights
	1. This is a summarized list of skills, priorities, and values that I have heard from stakeholders:
		1. Skills – technical knowledge on ag, conservation, preservation, restoration, and trails/parks; implementing projects; supplying resources (data, personnel, venues, funding); experience; outreach; planning; generating ideas; mapping
		2. Priorities – proactive planning; reliable and accurate data; collaboration and partnership; realistic and implementable plan
		3. Values – preserving ag land and open space; teaching conservation practices; stewardship; working together and providing support; stream restoration
		4. Goals – to be a model for local water quality improvement through reliable, replicable, and smart land management practices
3. Benchmarks and milestones
	1. Lycoming County goal of reducing ~1.2 million lbs/yr nitrogen and 76,000 lbs/yr phosphorus by 2025
	2. We have just begun planning, and we’ve already accomplished so much! Here is a diagram of our timeline and process:



* 1. Benchmarks outline
		1. March –September: planning meetings with peer groups (one per week)
		2. Drafts/CAST model runs: April 29th, June 24th, July 29th
		3. Final submission: September 30th
1. Peer Group Updates
	1. Agriculture - Embedded in local and regional ag community, has expertise in agricultural best management practices (BMPs) – *March 2nd*
	2. Resources – Supplies knowledge of funding sources, technical assistance, personnel, etc. Also considers the resources that would be needed or available for project implementation – *March 4th*
	3. Watershed – Knowledgeable of watershed ecosystem services, and could supply projects, policies, and programmatic recommendations – *March 9th*
	4. Policy - Considers policies, programs, outreach, and resources that could be implemented – *March 16th*
	5. Recreation - Connected to outdoor recreation and stewardship, able to provide projects, policies, and outreach with this specific outdoor recreation framework – *March 23rd*
	6. Municipal - Provides expertise in potential outreach and education, projects, policies, ordinances, etc. – *March 29th*
	7. Implementation - Focused on how CAP actions would be implemented and potentially prioritized – *April 6th*
2. Peer Group planning meetings – housekeeping and reminders
	1. Meetings can be scheduled during early morning, late afternoon, evening, and weekends (not just during 8:30-5)
	2. Meetings can be held in-person with COVID precautions
	3. Upcoming meetings See web page for “skeleton schedule”
		1. Planning page calendar will contain additional meetings
		2. Come prepared and engaged for discussion!
3. Co-Benefits Discussion
	1. Tree canopy
		1. Implementing these conservation and restoration practices:
			1. Agricultural forest buffers.
			2. Forest conservation.
			3. Urban forest buffers.
		2. Also benefit these outcomes:
			1. Habitat biodiversity.
			2. Air quality.
			3. Land use methods.
			4. Fish habitats.
			5. Healthy watersheds.
			6. Forest buffers.
	2. Wetlands
		1. Implementing these conservation and restoration practices:
			1. Wetlands.
			2. Wet ponds.
			3. Urban forest buffers.
		2. Also benefit these outcomes:
			1. Black ducks.
			2. Climate adaption.
			3. Flood control/mitigation.
			4. Groundwater recharge/infiltration.
			5. Recreation.
	3. Stream health
		1. Implementing these conservation and restoration practices:
			1. Forest conservation.
			2. Agricultural forest buffers.
			3. Urban forest buffers.
			4. Urban stream restoration.
		2. Also benefit these outcomes:
			1. Brook trout.
			2. Healthy watersheds.
			3. Forest buffers.
			4. Flood control/mitigation.
			5. Protected lands.
4. Programmatic/Policy Recommendations (“If/Then” Scenarios)
	1. *See template*
5. Next Steps
	1. Meetings
		1. Next check-in meeting is **Thursday, April 29th at 9:30am**
		2. Recruit!
		3. Come prepared and ready for discussion
		4. Consider if more peer group meetings need to be scheduled (each group is different)
	2. Planning
		1. How can we prioritize the projects that we already have in our templates?
		2. What are additional programmatic recommendations?
		3. **Draft #1 due Thursday, April 29th**

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