CONOWINGO WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (WIP) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ACTIONS AND DECIONS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

Meeting Materials: Link

Action: Grantee contact information will be sent to the Steering Committee members.

Action: Grantees will provide tables on effectiveness to support the loading rates maps developed by Tetra Tech.

Action: Hilary will add the grantees to the WQGIT distribution list so they can participate in relevant conference calls.

Action: The Steering Committee and grantees will develop a narrative section on climate resiliency in the Conowingo WIP. Part of this will be determining how climate and climate resiliency should be factored into the WIP.

Action: Gary Shenk will explain how effective basins are determined at a Conowingo WIP Steering Committee Meeting.

Action: The Steering Committee will present a revised timeline (e.g., the draft (and not final) financing strategy is due in December 2020 in order to accommodate a Steering committee review and comment period) to the PSC.

Action: The Steering Committee and grantees will test Google for file sharing for working documents. If this does not work, CWP will look at other file sharing services.

Decision: EPA will inform the jurisdictions of the source(s) of future Conowingo grant funding to provide as much advance notice if additional cuts to jurisdiction WIP III support are planned.

Decision: The Conowingo WIP will evaluate dredging as an option for meeting the reduction target.

Decision: The grantees will evaluate manure transport as a viable BMP practice for the Conowingo WIP.

Decision: The Steering Committee and grantees will use the CBP Conowingo website page to post meeting materials, draft documents, etc. with the goal of keeping everything in one location.

Decision: The Steering Committee and grantees will use the official CBP logo on documents.

Decision: The Steering Committee, in coordination with the grantees, decided that the Conowingo WIP will: (1) focus solely nitrogen loads, (2) focus on most-effective basins, (3) map sector highest loading areas both individually and combined, and (4) focus on cover crops as a priority BMP instead of conservation tillage.