# Conowingo WIP Milestones Update

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## Agenda

- Background on Accountability Framework
- CWIP Milestones Approach and Themes
- Milestone Opportunities
- Milestones Timeline
- PSC Discussion/Feedback

## Accountability Framework Background

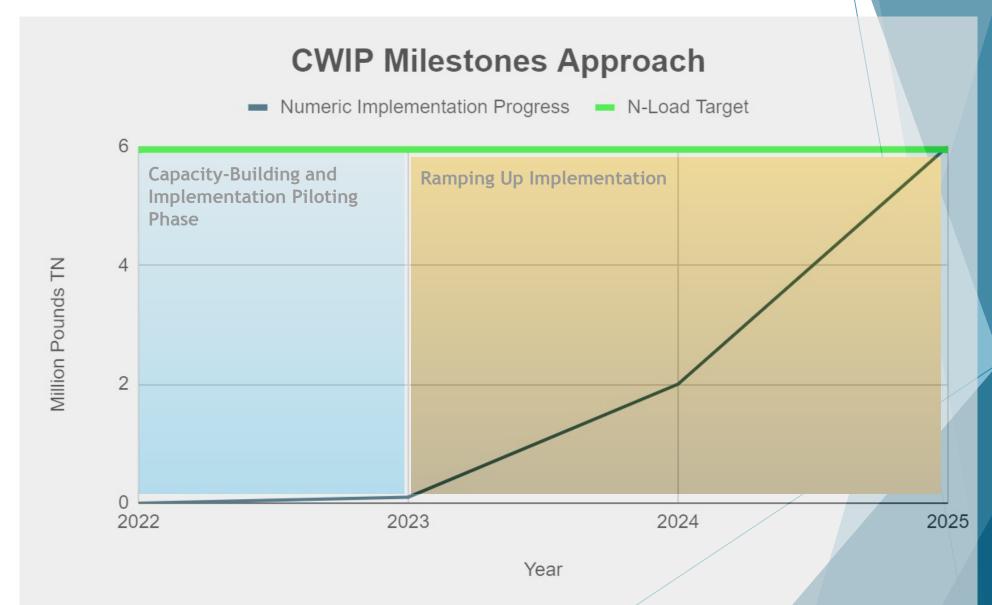
- EPA conducts annual progress and verification based on a jurisdiction's submission of BMP implementation and wastewater data.
- EPA conducts biennial evaluations of each jurisidction's 2-year programmatic and numeric implementation milestones.
- ✓ Jurisdictions and Federal Agencies are held accountable to related 2-year numeric load reductions and the trajectory towards 2025 targets.
- ✓ The CWIP is akin to a separate jurisdiction subject to the same accountability framework as for jurisdictional WIPs.

### Milestones Approach

### Steering Committee agreed:

- CWIP Implementation is in a capacity-building and pilot implementation phase;
- ✓ On the importance of dedicated funding;
- ✓ 2022/2023 milestones should focus on programmatic milestones that will facilitate future numeric milestones;
- To make the programmatic milestones as quantifiable and specific as possible and include interim goals;
- ✓ To integrate Activity 1-3 deliverables; and,
- To develop a milestones preamble on this approach.

# Milestones Approach Graphically



### **Draft Milestone Themes**

- Capacity-Building (financial and technical)
- Fostering Innovation (new financing and BMPs)
- Identifying and Building Partnerships
- Pilot Project Development and Implementation
- Securing CWIP Funding
- Outreach and Engagement

### Milestone Opportunities

- To identify dedicated funding sources and specific grant opportunities that will be pursued (Bay Program funding, NFWF, current CBRAP funding)
- ➤ To continue advancing financing and BMP innovations (P3s, pay-for-performance, mussels, dredging, manure transport, nature-based solutions, etc.)

### Timeline

- Dec. 7 Next Steering Committee meeting to discuss/finalize draft milestones
- By Dec. 14 Email milestones to PSC for comment/approval
- Jan. 7 Receive PSC comment/approval
- Jan. 7 13 Incorporate PSC feedback into milestones
- Jan. 14 Submit draft milestones to EPA

### **PSC** Discussion

- Discuss Milestones Approach
- Discuss Milestones Themes/Categories
- Other points of discussion (funding opportunities, innovations, EJ/climate lens, etc.)