



Conowingo WIP: Reaching Consensus on a Path Forward

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Purpose and Future Actions to be Taken

- To identify a path forward for the Conowingo WIP and its associated nutrient reduction targets
 - Jurisdictions can choose how to address their assigned Conowingo WIP nitrogen and phosphorus targets:
 - Conowingo WIP using a phased approach
 - Amended jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs or two-year milestones

Assignment of Conowingo Nutrient Loads

CWIP Susquehanna Allocation

Jurisdiction	Nitrogen (M lbs/year)	Phosphorus (M lbs/year)
Maryland	0.18	0.003
New York	0.08	-0.013
Pennsylvania	6.41	0.153
TOTAL	6.67	0.143

Options to Address Conowingo Nutrient Loads

1. Jurisdictions can address nutrients loads through the actions outlined in the Conowingo WIP (phased approach that extends beyond 2025)
 - Phased approach recognize that these efforts go beyond 2025 to build the organizational infrastructure to implement the Conowingo WIP
 - Assess and evaluate progress in 2026 following Phase 1 of implementation (now through 2025) and reassess actions with the schedule for the Phase 7 model (post-2025)
2. Jurisdictions can address nutrient loads by 2025 through amended Phase III WIPs or two-year milestones

Proposed Path Forward

- Proposed approaches to address the Conowingo WIP nitrogen and phosphorus targets
 - Conowingo WIP using a phased approach
 - Amended jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs or two-year milestones
- If consensus not reached on path forward, nutrient loads may be re-assigned using partnership-approved methodology

Discussion: PSC Member Feedback on Proposed Approach

