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Chesapeake Bay Program Updates to the Local Government Advisory Committee

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Topics for Today

1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Justice Action Team
2. Climate change and the Chesapeake Bay Program
3. Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan
4. Other?



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Update on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice (DEIJ) Efforts at the CBP

DEIJ Statements from the Executive Council and Principals' Staff Committee (PSC)

In August of last year, the Executive Council announced a **DEIJ Statement** that affirms the partnership's commitment to embrace DEIJ in all areas of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

The Principals' Staff Committee announced an accompanying **DEIJ Action Statement** articulating their commitment to implement the recommendations in a CBP DEIJ Strategy that was developed earlier in the year by a DEIJ consultant.

In the fall of 2020, the Principals' Staff Committee tasked a new **DEIJ Action Team** with developing an implementation plan for the CBP DEIJ Strategy and exploring the options for incorporating environmental justice and community feedback into the CBP structure, by standing up a community advisory board or another method such as integrating underrepresented perspectives into one or more of the existing advisory committees.

DEIJ Action Team Members—Tribes and Jurisdictions

Organization	Staff Representative
<u>Tribes</u>	
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe	Reggie Tupponce
Rappahannock Tribe	Woodie Walker
<u>Chesapeake Bay Watershed Jurisdictions</u>	
Delaware	Eric Dawson Clare Sevcik
District of Columbia	Jeff Seltzer (Co-Chair) Kevin Newman
Maryland	Dave Goshorn Cindy Osorto Trystan Sill
New York	Rosa Mendez Jordan Gougler
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Alayna Schmeider Allison Acevedo, Esq Emily Hendrickson Laruen Imgrund Jill Whitcomb
Commonwealth of Virginia	Anne Jennings Nathan Burrell Arianna E. Johns Megan Bascone Meryem Karad (Co-Chair)

DEIJ Action Team Members—Federal Agencies

Federal Agencies	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Samantha Beers
	Tuana Philips
	Bo Williams
Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Genieve LaRouche
	Chris Guy
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Sean Corson
	Lauren Taneyhill
National Park Service (NPS)	Wendy O'Sullivan
	Sangita Chari
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	Sally Claggett
	Katie Brownson
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	Renee Thompson
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Trena Ferrell
USDA NRCS	Mark Defley

DEIJ Action Team Members—Chesapeake Bay Partnership

Chesapeake Bay Partnership	
<u>Advisory Committees</u>	
Citizen Advisory Committee	
	Julie Lawson
	Jess Blackburn
Local Government Advisory Committee	
	Daniel Chao
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee	
	Annabelle Harvey
	Tom Ihde
<u>Diversity Workgroup</u>	
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	
	Ola-Imani Davis
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	
	Carmera Thomas
EPA	
	Tuana Philips
	Briana Yancy
<u>CBP GIT's and Workgroups</u>	
USGS, Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT	
	Renee Thompson
GIT Chairs	
	Kristin Saunders
Communications	
	Caitlyn Johnstone

DEIJ Action Team “Vision”

DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

- ▶ Develop roadmap for implementing the CBP DEIJ Strategy, identifying additional actions, subtasks, steps, and resources needed to ensure implementation by end of 2025. A draft implementation plan was developed in mid-February.

Incorporating Environmental Justice and Community Feedback into the CBP

- ▶ Develop recommendations for integrating feedback from environmental justice and community leaders into the CBP structure. This could include establishing a community advisory board composed environmental justice leaders and representatives from underrepresented groups, or another mechanism.

Outreach and Communications

- ▶ Engage underrepresented communities in the development of the implementation plan and recommendations for integrating environmental justice and community leaders’ feedback. Use the engagement process as a foundation for organizational change and meaningful and long-term engagement with underrepresented communities.

Timeline

March 2021

- 3/2: Update on progress at Principals' Staff Committee meeting
- 3/3: Start internal outreach for feedback from partners

May 2021

- 5/1: Public comment period opens
- 5/25: Public comment period closes
- Update on progress at Principals' Staff Committee meeting

December 2021

- 12/15: Executive Council meeting.

February 2021

- 2/18:
- Draft Implementation Plan due
 - Community advisory board options memo due
 - Draft Outreach and Communications plan completed

April 2021

- 4/1: Compile internal feedback; start re-drafting of implementation plan and recommendations
- Begin drafting outreach materials for external and community/public feedback
- Begin Diversity Workgroup project with focus groups with leaders from underrepresented communities

October 2021

- 10/1 Final Implementation Plan and recommendations due



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Climate Change Action by the Executive Council

Climate Change Action Team Members

Chris Brosch	Delaware	Program Administrator, Delaware Dept. of Ag
Lauren Townley	New York	NYS DEC - Division of Water, Bureau of Water Resource Management
Melissa Deas	DC	Dept of Energy & Environment Climate Program Analyst
Adrienne Kotula	CBC	Virginia Director
Teresa Koon	West Virginia	Assistant Director, WV DEP Division of Water and Waste Management
Mark R Bennett	USGS/Fed. Govt.	Center Director, Virginia and West Virginia Water Science Center
Suzanne Dorsey	Maryland	MDE Assistant Secretary
Josh Lookenbill	Pennsylvania	Acting Co-Director of the DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Mike Dunn	EPA/Fed. Govt.	Acting Chief of Staff to EPA Region 3 Administrator
Ann Jennings	Virginia	Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources

PSC Charge to the Climate Change Action Team

- ▶ Communicate an EC position that confirms and reinforces the current science-based understanding that climate change is causing severe detrimental impacts on the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed - communities and natural resources - and urgent attention is warranted.
- ▶ Update the EC position on climate change by modifying the existing language of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement or preparing a new EC Directive.

Next Steps for the Climate Change Action Team

- ▶ **Draft preamble language for EC Directive**
- ▶ **Brainstorm measurable goals for EC Directive**
- ▶ **Language presented for PSC consideration at next PSC meeting**

Conowingo WIP Update

Conowingo WIP Outreach Efforts

Pennsylvania

- ✓ November 19 - Bedford County
- ✓ November 20 - York County
- ✓ November 30 - Pennsylvania Agricultural Advisory Board/Nutrient Management Advisory Board
- ✓ December 7 - Centre and Cumberland Counties
- ✓ December 10 - Adams and Franklin Counties
- ✓ December 14 - Pennsylvania State-wide Stakeholder
- ✓ January 6 - Pennsylvania Agricultural Community
- ✓ January 13 - Lancaster County
- ✓ January 15 - Lebanon County
- ✓ February 2 - DEP Region CAP Support Teams in preparation for Tier 3 and 4 Outreach (Southcentral, Northcentral, Northeast Regions)

Maryland

- ✓ November 18 - Cecil County Maryland
- ✓ November 20 - Harford County Maryland
- ✓ December 1 - Baltimore County Maryland
- ✓ December 4 - Maryland Water Monitoring Council
- ✓ December 8 - Maryland State-wide
- ✓ January 13, 2021 - Maryland State-wide

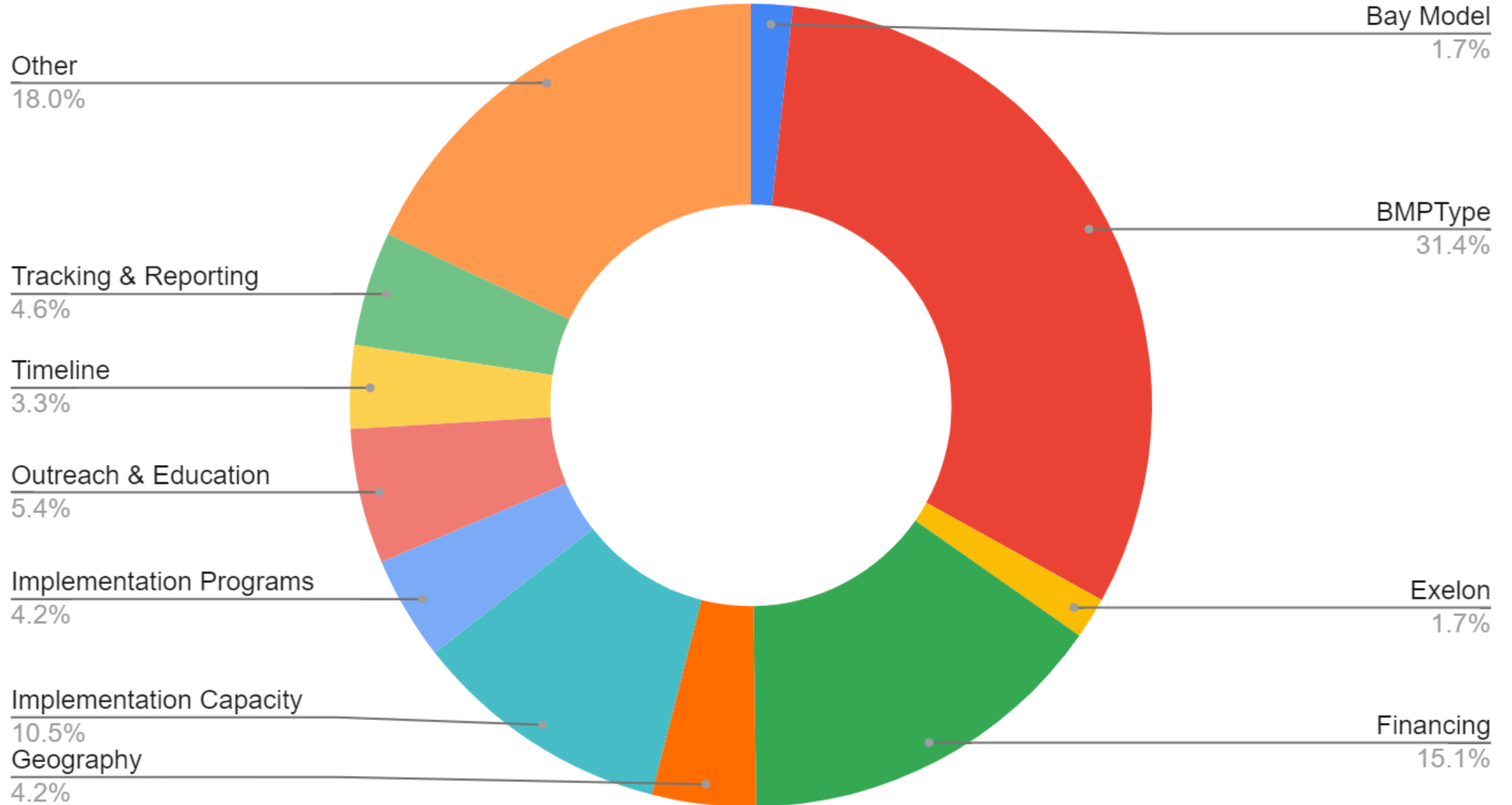
New York

- ✓ November 30 - New York Stakeholders
- ✓ January 7, 2021 - New York Stakeholders

Bay-Wide

- ✓ November 24 - Watershed-wide Stakeholders
- ✓ December 4 - Chesapeake Bay Citizens Advisory Committee

CWIP Comments by Category (239 Total)



Public Comments Summary (Received Feb. 10th)

Comment Category	Comment Description	CWIP Changes Anticipated?
Bay Model	Need to address sediment load in the draft CWIP, particularly in relation to climate change, and developing more accurate costs for the BMPs proposed.	Yes
BMP Type	Dredging, cover crops, and the need to address sediment load in the draft CWIP.	Yes
Exelon	Dredging, funding, and the omission of Exelon corporation from the CWIP	TBD
Financing	Likely underestimation of overall cost and adopting the CWIP without the financing strategy	Yes
Geography	Cost-effectiveness of a limited geography, equity between implementation costs in urban versus rural/ag land uses, and the need to consider additional areas	No. Can be considered in the future in adaptive management
Implementation Capacity	Need for more local capacity and funding, as well as the need to coordinate implementation with existing WIPs and county action plans	No. Consider during milestone development
Implementation Programs	Need to eliminate redundancies and provide more technical support to jurisdictions	Yes, minor revisions.
Outreach & Education	Need for more outreach and education across jurisdictions through the next phase of this project	No. Can be considered in the future in adaptive management
Timeline	Need for an extended timeline for full implementation of the CWIP	TBD. EPA has recommended running a 2035 scenario.
Tracking & Reporting	Need to closely coordinate CWIP implementation tracking with the tracking and reporting methods currently in use by the jurisdictions	No. Will be incorporated into Activity 3 work.
Other	Wide range from praise of the draft to calls to stop the project, and included concerns about impacts to farmers, as well as matters of equity	Yes

Draft CWIP Next Steps

- ▶ SC is still digging into comment details, working with EPA and grantee on proposed draft responses, and recommending revisions to a draft final CWIP (target of March 24).
- ▶ The draft final CWIP will be brought back to PSC for approval to send to EPA for final evaluation (targeting late May/June).
- ▶ Receive EPA final evaluation and make any needed revisions before posting the final WIP on the Bay Program Web site along with the final Financing Strategy and responses to comments (target of Summer 2021).

Deliverable	2020	2021												2022		2023
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Spring	Winter	Spring
DRAFT CWIP Financing Strategy to CBPO and Steering Committee	Dec 10															
End DRAFT CWIP public comment period		Jan 20														
Presentation to PSC on draft Financing Strategy			Late Feb/early March													
Revised Draft Final CWIP & financing strategy to Steering Committee				3/24												
PSC Meeting to Discuss Revised Draft Final CWIP, Financing Strategy and Comment Responses					Late April/Early May											
PSC approves to send Draft Final CWIP and Financing Strategy for final EPA review						May or June 2021										
Final CWIP economic development investment plan will be submitted to the Steering Committee							July									
Placeholder for EPA feedback regarding final evaluation of the Draft Final CWIP before posting to CBP website								Summer 2021								
Draft plan for the CWIP financing authority submitted to the Steering Committee													Dec 2021			
Begin launch of CWIP financing authority														Spring 2022		
Implementation of investment activities																Winter 2022-2023



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