



# Delaware's Phase III WIP

LGAC Meeting June 6, 2019

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#### Significant changes and updates:



- New groupings by Sector.
- BMP implementation levels that will meet Delaware's 2025 nutrient planning targets. DE's Phase III WIP includes a breakdown for:
  - comparisons to 2017 progress,
  - potential funding sources, and
  - and identification of challenges to meeting goals.
- Revisions, additions, and improvements have been made to available programs, funding sources, and BMPs.
- New sections added to address local engagement, climate change, co-benefits, accounting for growth, and the Conowingo Dam.

## Planning Targets



	Target	Phase III WIP
Chesapeake Loads	(million lbs/year)	(million lbs/year)
Nitrogen	4.55	4.462
Phosphorus	0.108	0.081

2017

**WIP Quarterly Meeting** March 8, 2017

- Phase III WIP Kickoff Meeting Meeting with Phase II Sector Leads March 21, 2017
  - **WIP Quarterly Meeting** June 6, 2017

**WIP Quarterly Meeting** September 5, 2017

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December 5, 2017

- **WIP Steering Committee Kickoff Meeting** February 28, 2018
  - Phase III WIP Informational Meeting March 6, 2018
  - WIP Steering Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Approved methods for planning goals
    - **Draft DE Local Planning Goals** Developed

Sectors given local planning goals March 14, 2018

- WIP Steering Committee 3rd Meeting May 7, 2018
- **Agricultural Sector Kickoff Meeting** June 28, 2018
- **Developed Sector Kickoff Meeting** June 28, 2018
  - Agricultural Sector 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting July 17, 2018
  - Developed Sector 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting July 30, 2018
  - Agricultural Sector 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting August 27, 2018
  - **Developed Sector 3rd Meeting** September 20, 2018
- DE Local Planning Goals Adjusted September 2018
- WIP Steering Committee 4th Meeting October 29, 2018

Agriculture Sector 4th Meeting December 11, 2018

2018

**Agriculture Week Presentations** Presented plan for the Agricultural Sector

January 17, 2019

**WIP Steering Committee Meeting** Draft WIP provided for comments February 15, 2019

Draft WIP Submitted to EPA **Public Comment Period Opens** 

April 12, 2019

2019

**EPA WIP Evaluation** June 4, 2019

Public Comment Period Closes **EPA Feedback** 

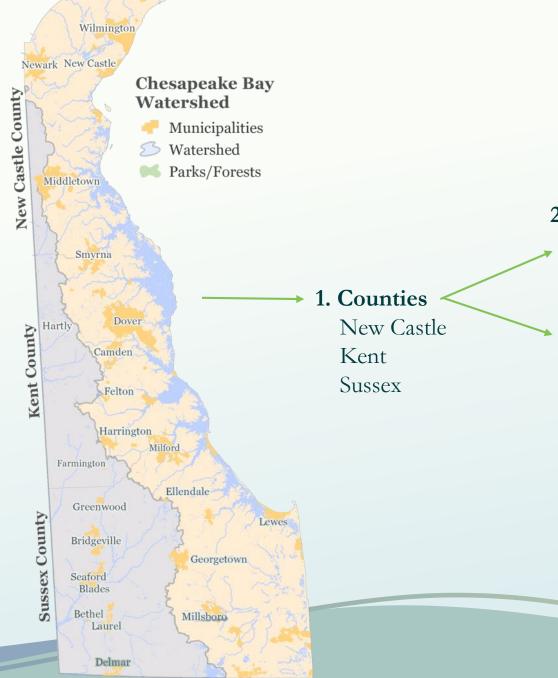
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Final WIP Due to EPA

August 9, 2019

## Defining "local"





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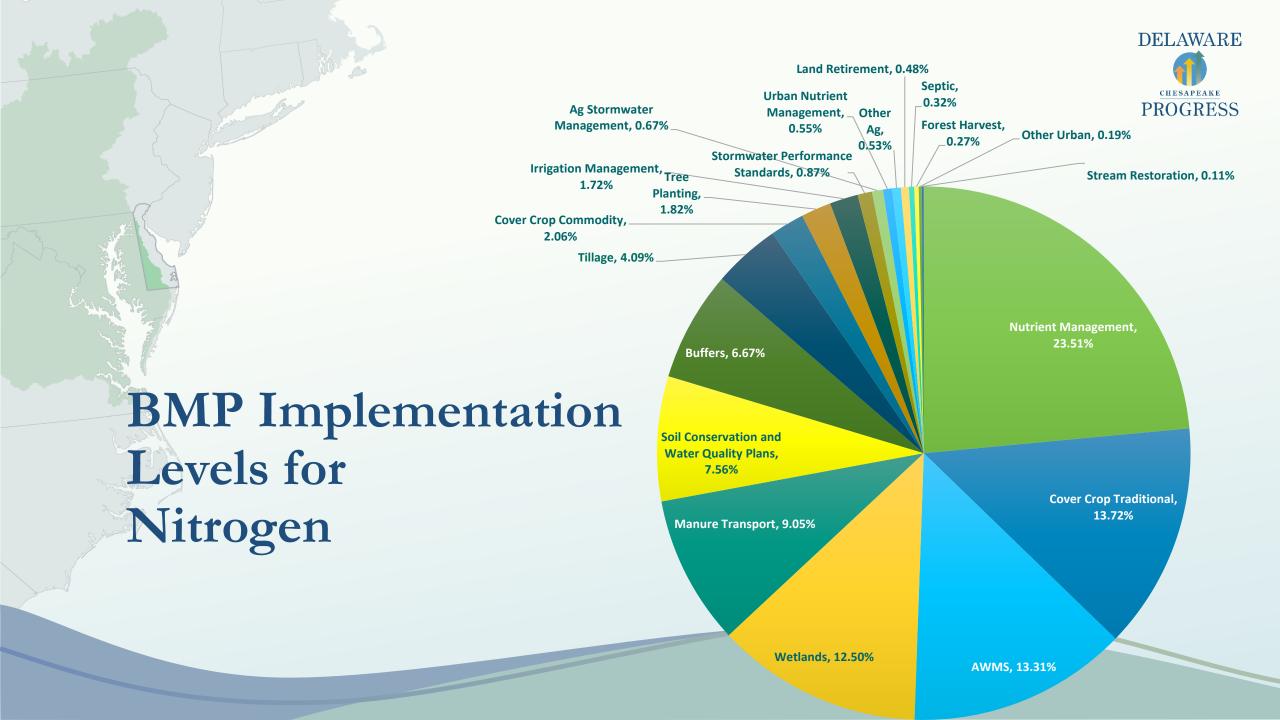
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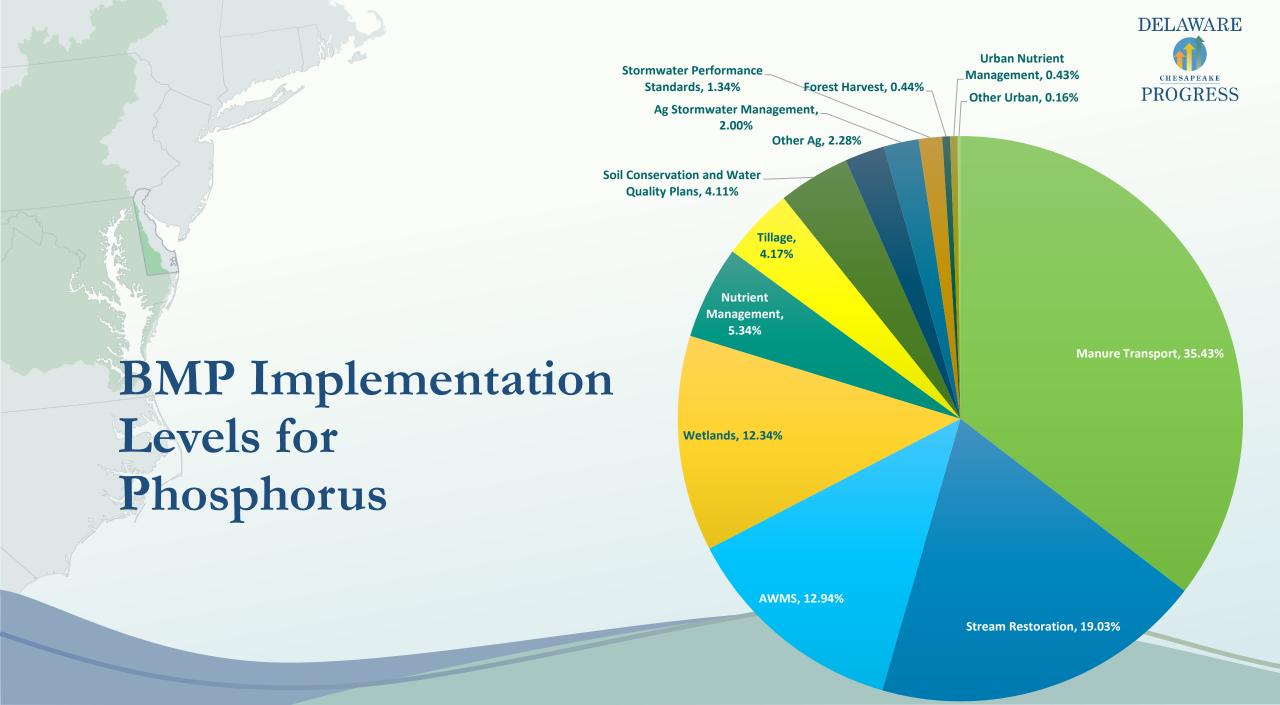
#### Developed

\*includes the natural load from New Castle County

#### Agriculture

\* Includes the natural load from Kent and Sussex Counties





## Developed Sector Priorities



- BMPs chosen based on cost-effectiveness and ease of implementation because of existing and potential funding and landowner interest
- Expansion of State Revolving Fund funding to urban best management practices

Nitrogen & Phosphorus:

- 1. Stormwater Performance Standards
- 2. Urban Nutrient Management
- 3. Other Urban BMPs

## Agricultural Sector Priorities



- Expansion of the Watersheds Program in the new Farm Bill
- Creative solutions to support underfunded priority practices such as cover crops

#### Nitrogen:

- 1. Nutrient Management Core N
- 2. Cover Crop
- 3. Wetlands

#### Phosphorus:

- 1. Manure Transport
- 2. Stream Restoration
- 3. Animal Waste Management

## New Financing Strategies



- Creative solutions to support underfunded priority practices such as cover crops.
  - Additional ~\$3M in FY20
- Expansion of State Revolving Fund funding to urban best management practices;
  - Additional ~\$2.5M in FY20
- Expansion of Watersheds Programs in the new Farm Bill
- Utilizing USDA and District partnerships to fund additional practices and exploring new RCPP partnerships

### Interested in learning more?

Visit us at <a href="http://bit.ly/DE P3WIP">http://bit.ly/DE P3WIP</a>
or access the draft WIP at
<a href="http://bit.ly/DE Phase3WIPdoc">http://bit.ly/DE Phase3WIPdoc</a>

Public comments will be accepted until June 7th

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