

## **Resolution of the Statewide Water Resources Committee Recommending Adoption of the State Water Plan**

December 18, 2008

In accordance with the Water Resources Planning Act of 2002 and vote of the Committee taken this day, the Statewide Water Resources Committee hereby approves and recommends to Secretary Hanger the approval and adoption of the State Water Plan to include the following components:

- **Water Analysis Screening Tool**, which was built as a baseline modeling tool to provide accurate information based on inventories and assessments of water resources and current and future water use demand. The information that is used in the water analysis screening tool will be updated on a continuing basis to keep the data as accurate as possible.
- **State Water Plan Principles**, which includes policies and recommendations to guide the management of the Commonwealth's water resources into the 2013 State Water Plan and beyond. As the guiding policies for water resources management, this document will be revisited by the statewide and regional committees for updates based on five year cycles, as required by the Water Resources Planning Act.
- **Pennsylvania Water Atlas**, which will be presented in print and web media. Future updates will be made to the Pennsylvania Water Atlas, as appropriate, via the web. At this time, we do not anticipate updating the printed version of this informational atlas on regular five year cycles.

As we move forward with the water planning process, we will begin implementing the Water Analysis Screening Tool and the recommendations of the Principles document. We also will immediately begin to consider the following:

- **Consideration of Critical Water Planning Areas.** Additional data to supplement the Water Analysis Screening Tool is currently being collected in order to accurately identify Critical Water Planning Areas (CWPA) throughout the Commonwealth. The regional and statewide committees are examining approximately 32 watersheds that may meet the criteria of CWPA. When the Department has completed a review of the available data in the selected watersheds, the regional committees will consider recommending watersheds to the statewide committee for designation as a CWPA. During the regional committee process, the committee will hold a public hearing for areas under

consideration to gather public comments. After designation of a CWPA the Department, in consultation with the regional committees, will form Critical Area Advisory Committees to guide the development of a Critical Area Resources Plan for each CWPA. Prior to the incorporation of Critical Area Resource Plans into the State Water Plan, public hearings will be held to gather public input.

- **Implementation of Priorities and Recommendations contained in the State Water Plan Principles.**
- **Analysis of issues to be included as priorities of the 2013 State Water Plan.**

ON BEHALF OF THE STATEWIDE  
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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