



**State Water Plan Update
Upper Middle Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee
Meeting**

October 26, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Committee Members in Attendance:

Patrick Burke	Rhonda Manning
Jared Dressler	Robert Shannon
Andrew Gavin	Wendy Walter
Todd Giddings	Doug Weikel
Andrew Gutshall	Jennifer Whisner
Dennis Hameister	
Russell James	

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Stephen Barondeau	Shannon Rossman
Kurt Hausammann	Jim Weaver
Doug Johnson	Cathy Yeakel
Beth Kern	Jerry Walls
Prasenjit Mitra	

Others in Attendance:

James Horton – DEP
Elizabeth Cushman - DEP

Visitors:

Tony Maury

Welcome

James Horton, DEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the meeting was being recorded, and provided helpful hints on the use of technology.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Doug Weikel volunteered to serve as Chair of the Committee. The nomination of Doug for Chair was unanimously approved.

Rhonda Manning volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair for the Committee. The nomination of Rhonda for Vice-Chair was unanimously approved.

Meeting Summary

The meeting summary of the April 27, 2023, and October 27, 2022 meetings were approved as presented on a Dennis Hameister / Rhonda Manning motion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

DEP Update

James Horton presented an update of DEP activities to support the current State Water Plan and reviewed status of Committees membership. For the next update of the State Water Plan, DEP plans to develop draft content for the plan during 2025, hold public hearings and meetings in the first quarter of 2026, and have a draft updated plan for the Statewide Committee to approve in the third quarter of 2026. DEP hopes to have the finalized plan completed by the end of 2027.

The five-year plan for implementation of the current plan is outlined in the following chart.



James described DEP's current outreach initiatives for the current State Water Plan. These initiatives include:

- Planned presentations to Pennsylvania Environmental Council on October 30 and a presentation at the PSATS convention in April of 2024.
- Presentations that have been provided include a presentation to the Western PA Water Symposium and a presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Council.
- Development of presentation tools – James is developing a modular presentation for speaking to different groups and the presentation will be tailored to address

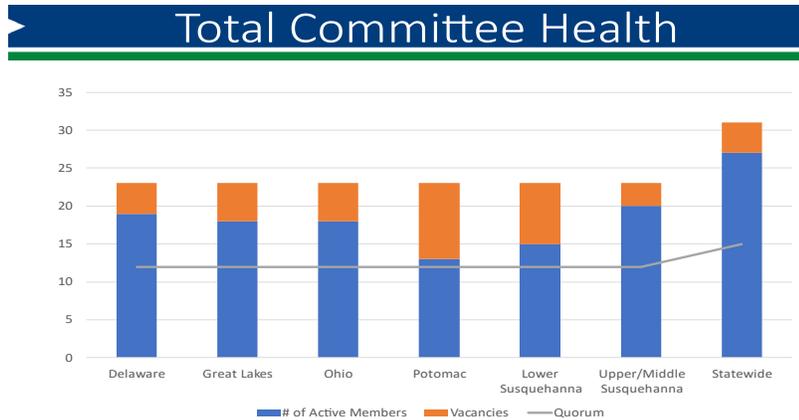
individual interests of the group. A one-page fact sheet is also being developed as a handout at presentations.

Currently DEP staff are reviewing and organizing feedback provided by the public during the development of the 2022 State Water Plan update to determine what information will be useful for additional planning efforts. This synopsis of information will be brought to the Committee at future meetings.

The three CARPs are in development and under review with DEP. James hopes to have the CARPs completed during this cycle of planning. The three CARPs are:

- Back Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Laurel Hill Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Marsh and Rock Creeks CARP in the Potomac region

James reviewed the status of membership on the six regional committees. The following graph shows active members available for each committee. Potomac Regional Committee is most in need of additional members. James stated he has several applications for membership on the various committees and these applications are being prepared to be sent to the Governor for appointment.

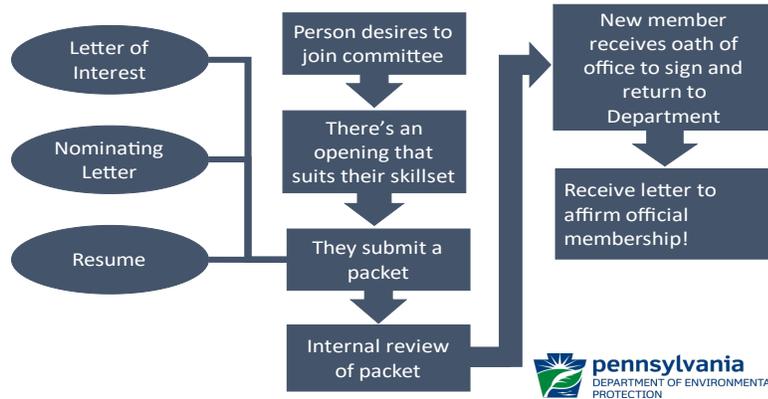


Act 220 is very specific on the professional roles of regional committee members. Committee members must live or work in the region. The Upper/Middle Susquehanna Regional Committee currently has openings in the following professional categories. Recommendations from Committee members are welcome.

- Environment and Conservation
- Local Government (2 positions)

James provided the following flow chart of the process for recruiting new members to regional committees.

Recruiting New Members



Next Steps

2024 Meeting dates

- April 25, 2024 – 9:00 am to noon
- October 24, 2024 – 9:00 am to noon

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am on a Dennis Hameister / Patrick Burke motion.