

State Water Plan Update Presentation

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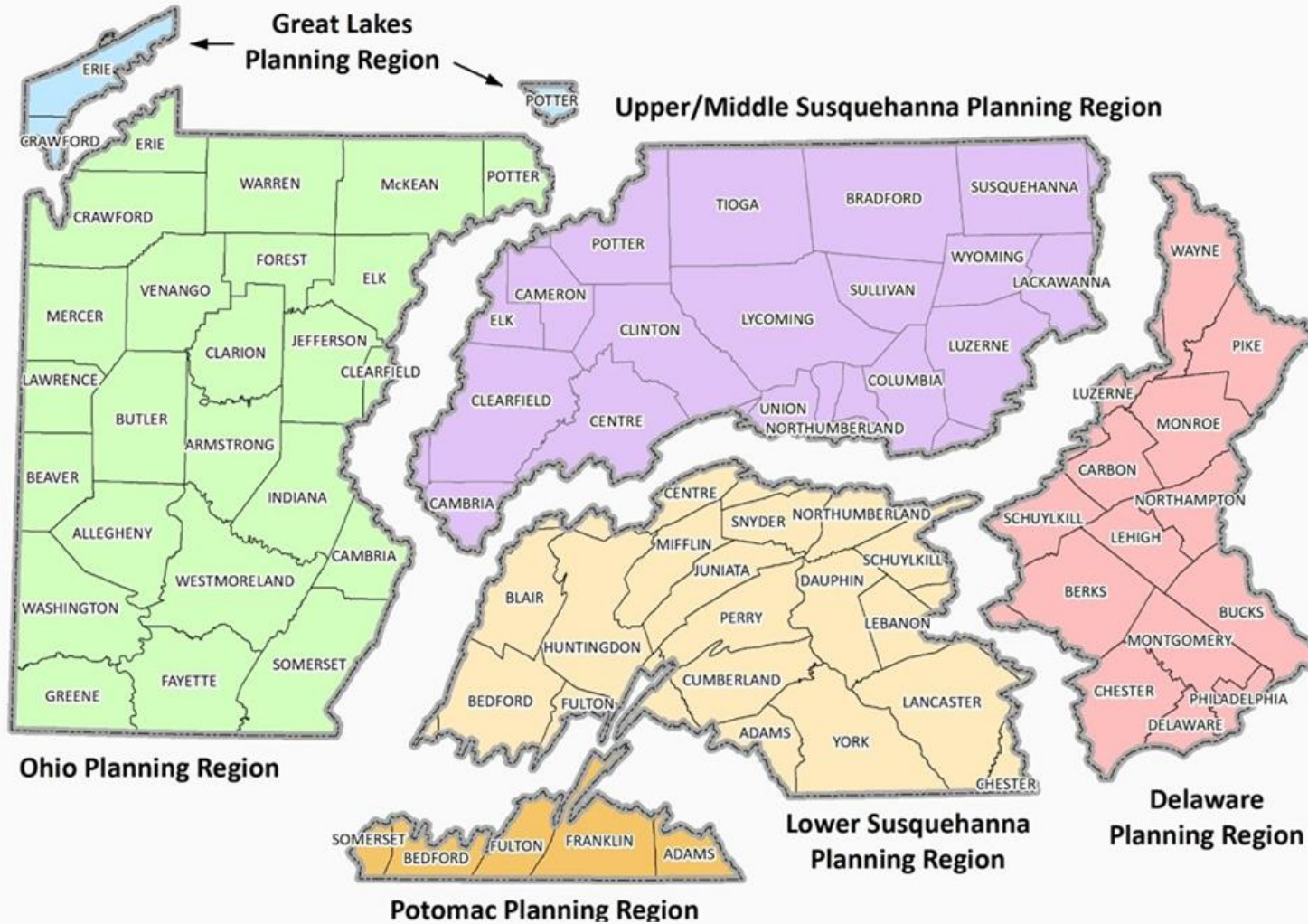
Act 220 Requirements



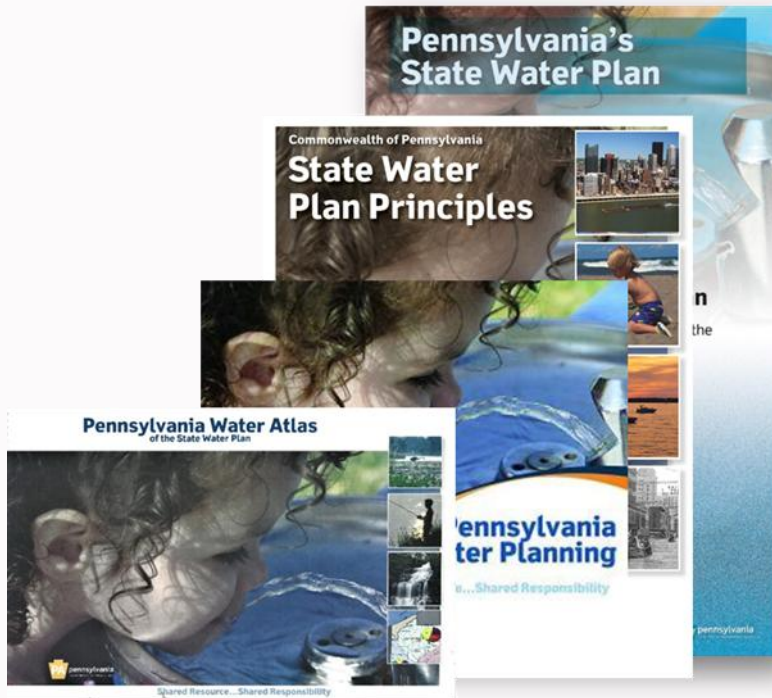
- Committee Formation
- Inventories and Assessments
- CWPAs and CARPs
- Policies and Recommendations
- No Regulatory Authority



Regional Committees



2003-2009 Water Plan Update



- Outputs:
- Principles Document
- Marketing “Touchstone Document”
- Water Atlas
- Web-based water use registration and reporting

State Water Plan 2022

- 150 Page Report
- 100+ Recommendations
- Qualitative Assessment



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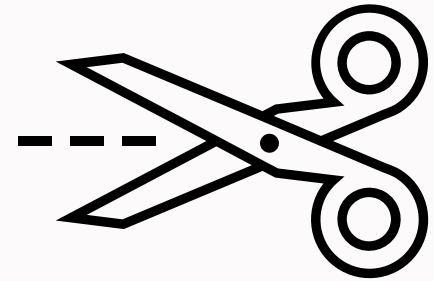
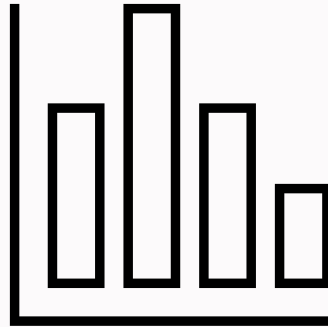
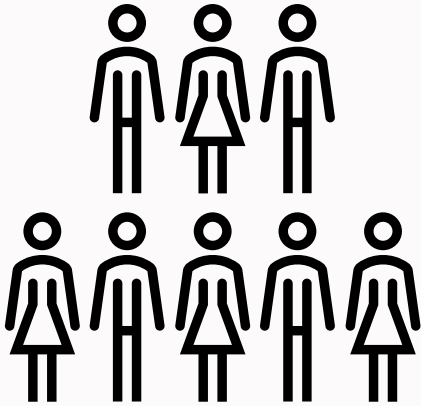
The Right Job for the Tool





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Forum, Data, Expertise





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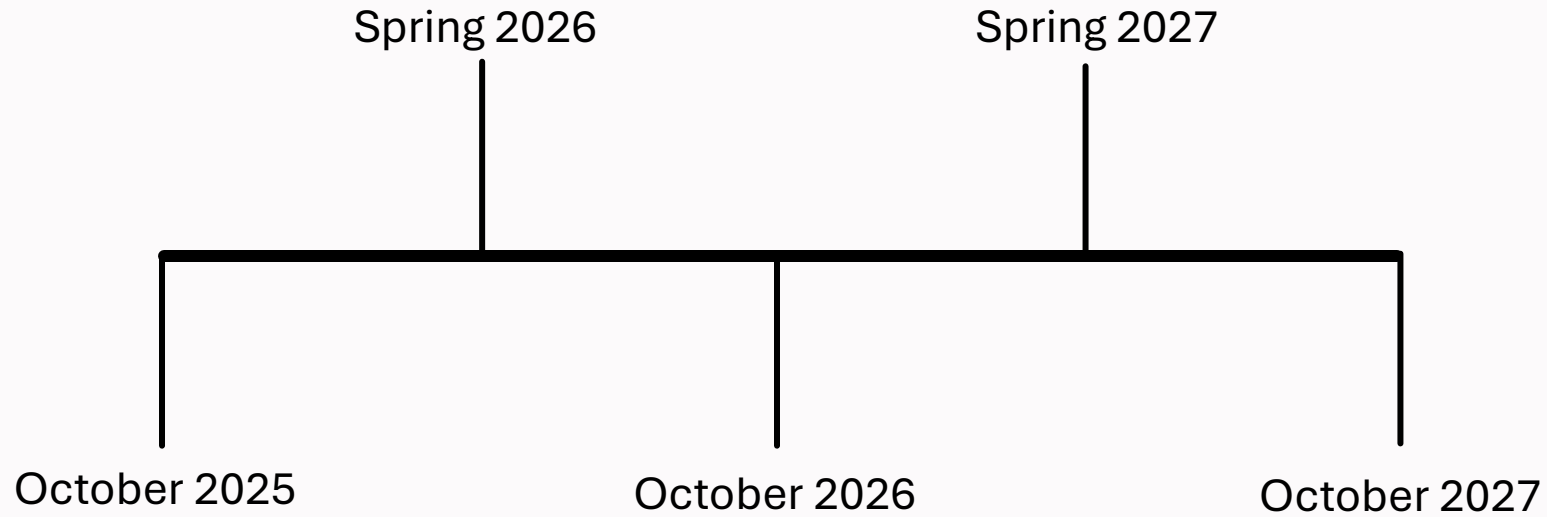
Project Outputs

- Forums – This *is* part of the purpose of the plan, bringing people together to discuss water resources
- Toolkits – Using our forums and discussions as a starting point we'll collect tools that highlight best practices or data
- Legislative Recommendations – A targeted list of vital improvements to our water law and Act 220 specifically



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Project Timeline





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Webinar Update

- [Act 167 Plans | An Overview](#) *Jamie Eberl, DEP*
- [SRBC's Dry Cooling Rule | Purpose, Basis and Implications](#) *Mike College, SRBC*
- [Local Climate Action Planning](#) *Christopher Nafe, DEP*
- [PUC 101](#) *Sean Donnelly, PUC*
- [Coastal Zone Management Grants | An Overview](#) *Shane Gutsie, DEP*



Committee Recruiting

	Delaware	Great Lakes	Lower Susquehanna	Potomac	Ohio	Upper & Middle Susquehanna	Vacancies
CCD Director (2)	•		•		•	•	7
County Gov't Rep or Planning Commission Dir. (2)	•	•	•		•	•	4
Local Government (3)	•	/	•	•	•	•	5
	•	/	•		•	•	
Industry (3)	•	•	•		•	•	8
	•		/		•	•	
Public Water Supply	•	•	•	•	•	•	0
Public Wastewater	•		•	•	•	•	1
Horticulture		•					5
Ag Production	•	•			•		3
Environment & Conservation (3)	•		•	/	•	•	0
	•	/	•	•	•	•	
Geologist	•	•	•	•	•	•	0
Water Management Professional (3)	•	•	•	•	•	•	0
	•	•	/	•	/	•	
	3	7	5	11	4	3	

• = Filled position

/ = Reserved position (pending appointment)

Blank = Vacancy

Final column shows total vacancies by category

Totals at bottom reflect filled seats per region



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New Webpage!

Agencies > Department of Environmental Protection > Programs and Services > Water > Safe Drinking Water > Interstate Water Resources Management Division >
State Water Plan > Water Forums

STATE WATER PLAN

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and Bonding >

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DEP is hosting a series of five webinars as part of the State Water Plan Program. They offer new public forums to supplement the program's committee engagement process in providing the public, water resource professionals, and decision-makers at all levels with clear, accessible information on priority issues affecting Pennsylvania's water resources.

Click the links for registration to each webinar :

[Act 167 Plan Webinar](#)

April 2, 2026 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Presenter: Jamie Eberl, DEP

This session offers a clear overview of the Act 167 funding process and a concise introduction to what an Act 167 Plan includes, giving counties and partners a straightforward grounding in the core requirements outlined in the Act.

[SRBC's Dry Cooling Rule](#)

April 15, 2026 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Presenter: Mike College, SRBC

A briefing on the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's updated Dry Cooling Resolution, including its purpose, technical basis, and implications for water use for power generation and data centers.

[Water
Withdrawal
Registration
& Reporting](#) →

[State Water
Plan Update
of 2009](#) →

[State Water
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Recruiting Process





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