

Pennsylvania Phase III Watershed Improvement Plan Kickoff and Listening Session

June 5, 2017
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

DRAFT Agenda – Note that times and details are subject to change

Meeting Objectives:

- Exploring how Pennsylvania's Phase III WIP will be developed this time, including how this phase is different, and how participants may be involved
- Ensuring that everyone who has needs, concerns and ideas gets to provide input about those needs, concerns and ideas
- Making that input the most useful for the steering committee and workgroups that will be writing the Phase III WIP.

9:00 Room open, refreshments

9:30 Welcome and Introduction to Pennsylvania Phase III WIP Planning

- PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell
- PA Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Dunn
- The WIP Planning Process Nicki Kasi, DEP

10:15 Opening the Space

Frank Dukes and Tanya Denckla Cobb, IEN

There will be three sessions in which you can introduce your own topic or participate in discussions led by others, following this key general question:

- **What initiatives and collaborations in these sectors would help us plan for the Phase III WIP for Pennsylvania?**
 - Urban and Stormwater
 - Wastewater
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Funding
 - Local Planning/Area Goals

10:45 Begin Open Space Session One

This breakout group time will allow you to participate in sessions that are of most interest to you and to your organization.

11:30 Begin Open Space Session Two

This breakout group time will allow you to participate in sessions that are of most interest to you and to your organization.

12:30 Lunch

1:15 **Open Space III**

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2:15 **Break and Review Work of Breakout Groups**

2:45 **Closing Plenary**

- What did you learn?
- What will you do differently because of what you learned?

3:15 **Closing – Comments from Secretaries**

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AN INTRODUCTION TO OPEN SPACE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE
Pennsylvania Phase III Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) Kickoff
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Open Space is a tool for planning that is based on the premise that people will take responsibility to pursue and follow-through what they are passionate about. Open Space is creative, dynamic and high energy. It ensures that all of the issues most important to the group are heard and that those issues will each be addressed by those participants most qualified and most capable of getting something done on each of them.

At the Summit, participants will build their own agenda of parallel working sessions around the central strategic theme for the meeting:

- **What initiatives and collaborations in these sectors would help us achieve the goals of the Phase III WIP for Pennsylvania?**
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 - Wastewater
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Open Space is essentially a number of parallel, self-managed work sessions – each discussing a specific project, priority or issue; each led by the individual who proposed the topic; and each attended by anybody else in the group who shares an interest in that particular subject.

How will this work? You may choose to lead a work session, yourself, on a topic that you deem worthy of your time and energy. Or you may choose to attend a handful of work sessions led by others. Or you may float around, spreading ideas and enthusiasm between groups. Unless you've experienced Open Space, the process may appear unstructured, but in reality, a structure will develop that will perfectly support the people and work at hand. Full details on the logistics will be explained as we get started. Bring trust, enthusiasm and an open mind, and you will undoubtedly be surprised at how satisfying you find the results.

In order to get the most possible out of the Open Space process, we invite you to take time before the Forum to think about what you consider questions, needs, concerns and ideas to develop Pennsylvania's Phase III WIP for the Chesapeake Bay.

Please ask yourself these questions to prepare for the Kickoff and Listening Session on June 5:

- **What key element needs to be included for this effort to be a success? What burning issues MUST be addressed in the WIP for me to agree the plan would be implementable?**

- Is there a particular initiative, action, partnership, training that I am passionate about and would like to make happen?
- Is there an issue I feel is critical for the group to discuss?
- Are there possibilities for continuing and enhancing current projects or initiatives?
- What can I, my organization and my sector contribute individually and collectively?
- Aside from today, what other ways can the Phase III WIP Steering Committee ensure that when asked you can say “Yes, I have been heard.”
- When 2025 arrives, what measurable outcome do I want to see us achieve that would make me agree that this effort was a success?

Since the most viable ideas will be those backed by people who wish to implement them, and because even seemingly far-fetched concepts can lead to something doable, consider where you would like to focus your energy and come prepared to share and discuss ideas, and, if you'd like, to lead a work session!

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<http://www.openspaceworld.org/cgi/wiki.cgi?AboutOpenSpace>