

## 2025 Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Milestone Report – SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES

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<b>Priority Initiative 1: County Programmatic Initiatives: Blair, Cambria, Fulton, and Huntingdon</b>												
1.1A	Implement County Comprehensive Plan policies and actions	Ensure that growth activities address existing water quality impairments through stormwater BMP implementation already required by local ordinance  Protect natural resources, protect wetlands through use of zoning ordinances  Promote the inclusion of recreational opportunities counties have to offer, look to build local economies of tourism  <b>-Conserve 3,000 acres of forest (B)</b> <b>-Conserve 1,600 acres of forest (C)</b> <b>-Conserve 1,500 acres of forest (F)</b> <b>-Conserve 5,800 acres of forest (H)</b>  <b>-Conserve 60 acres of wetlands (B)</b> <b>-Conserve 25 acres of wetlands (C)</b> <b>-Conserve 40 acres of wetlands (F)</b> <b>-Conserve 110 acres of wetlands (H)</b>	Planning Commissions, growth boundary municipalities, Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, ACT 167 Plans, Huntingdon County Heritage Plan, Fulton County Heritage Plan, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan, Huntingdon Co. Active Transportation Plan	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	ongoing	Educating municipalities, Updating local plans and ordinances. Growth areas not consistent with Census Urbanized Areas  Local governments willing to propose ordinances to protect economically and environmentally friendly landscapes	Education, outreach		4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year  \$2,000 per acre of forest conserved through easement: Total \$23.8M  \$2,000 per acre of wetland conserved through easement: Total \$470K	2025: Blair: No Update.  Cambria: The Planning Commission continues to review subdivision, land development, draft municipal ordinances and funding application for consistency with the County comprehensive plan, an appropriate comment regarding consistency with the County Plan is included in the County Planning Commission's review letter or letter of support. The Planning Commission also provides technical assistance to municipalities to help develop local comprehensive plans and land use ordinances.  Fulton: No Update  Huntingdon: Information regarding implementation of the County Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan remains the same. Mount Union Borough adopted their SALDO in October 2024 and their Comprehensive Plan in April 2025. Three Springs Borough has advertised 10/6/2025 as the date they will consider their SALDO for adoption.  2024: Blair County projects have been added to the Phase I Storm Water Management Plan submitted to DEP on August 30 for consideration in the Phase II Plan to be developed through 2025 and into 2026  Cambria: No update  Fulton County worked on implementing the comprehensive plan by reviewing any incoming projects. Upcoming projects such as FCMC senior living development is an example of a utilization of the plan. The FCIDA and FIDA also work hard on incoming growth to the county.  Huntingdon: Implements the County Comprehensive Plan when reviewing projects and issuing letters of support or consistency for grant applications. If a subdivision, land development, draft municipal ordinance or funding application is or is not consistent with the comprehensive plan, an appropriate comment regarding consistency with the County Plan is included in the County Planning Commission's review letter or letter of support. E&S and NPDES planning/permitting comments are included in subdivision and land development review letters. Review letters are routinely emailed to the Conservation District.  The County Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was adopted 9/12/2023 (stand-alone plan) and 1/16/2024 (part of the County's Comprehensive Plan). The ATP identifies 10 priorities including completion of three sections of the Main Line Canal Greenway Trail / September 11th National Memorial Trail and development of lifeway corridors to improve community connectivity for residents using non-motorized means of transportation. An open house is anticipated this fall in the Alexandria area to discuss extension of the trail from the current Alfarata Trailhead to the Alexandria Borough/Porter Township line in the shared community park. It is anticipated this portion of trail may be completed by 9/11/2026. We will coordinate BMPs with the Conservation District when trail projects are in design.  As of August 2024, Mount Union Borough has drafted a Borough Comprehensive Plan and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Borough adoption of both could take place by end of 2024. During 2024, a Three Springs Borough committee has been reviewing and revising the County's Model SALDO for the Borough; and Saltillo Borough has indicated interest in reviewing the County's Model SALDO. None of these three boroughs has previously adopted a SALDO. Dublin Township is revising the County's Model SALDO to update their 1977 Ordinance. The East Broad Top Corridor Committee, including representatives from Clay Township, Saltillo Borough and Three Springs Borough, has been regularly meeting for over a year to discuss potential economic and community growth opportunities and challenges related to the anticipated reopening of the East Broad Top Railroad rail line from Rockhill Borough to Saltillo Borough. A similar group, EBT Mountain Heritage Committee, was formed by Todd and Wood Townships in July 2024 in anticipation of the rail line's reopening from Saltillo to Robertsdale in Wood Township.  2023: Huntingdon: An Active Transportation Plan was drafted in August 2023 with anticipated adoption in September. The Active Transportation Plan identifies 10 priorities including completion of sections of specific trails and development of lifeway corridors that improve community connectivity.  Cambria: Efforts continue to remove blighted properties. A County Land Bank has been created and public education events are planned for this fall.  2022: Blair County is engaging in a minor update on the Comprehensive Plan in 2023. Will not change major focus points, but will change some action items under the major focus points. Will overlap Comprehensive Plan with other existing plans.  Cambria County Conservation District has had meetings with Planning and Redevelopment Authority about partnership opportunities to remove blighted properties. Additionally, the Cambria County Conservation, County Planning, and Recreation Authority. CCCD identified 1 location that requires some streambank stabilization and have included this potential project as a deliverable in a growing greener application.	

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1.1B	Advance local comprehensive planning efforts	An annual review of the document and setting 1 goal, Partner with NRCS regarding source water protection and the 2018 Farm Bill	Interested Municipalities and Townships, NRCS  <a href="#">Altoona Water Authority</a> , McConnellsburg Borough, Huntington Borough	Multi Township and Municipality	2022-2025	Reinforcing the municipal role in coordinating with the water authorities to perform education and outreach.			4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year  <a href="#">\$ TBD for new Source Water Protection Plans</a>	<b>2025:</b> Blair: No Update.  <a href="#">Cambria: The Planning Commission plays a vital and multifaceted role in the development and improvement of the Cambria County community. The Planning Commission develops and updates the County Comprehensive Plan - Alleghenies Ahead, a six-county regional Comprehensive Plan. This is a collaborative effort to implement strategies that will boost the region's ability to create and compete for jobs, attract and retain residents, and become a place with stronger and more vital communities. The Commission works closely with community partners on countywide initiatives and local improvement projects. We support community planning and development efforts by assisting with project funding applications, providing technical assistance to municipalities for the development of local comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision and land development regulations. We also review subdivision and land development plans in municipalities that have adopted subdivision and zoning ordinances.</a>  <a href="#">The Planning Commission serves as the secretary and staff to the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). We are responsible for preparing and updating the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Bike-Pedestrian Plan, and we conduct various other transportation planning efforts, including corridor planning and special transportation studies, walking and biking improvement planning, and multi-modal planning. We assist PennDOT to prepare the Cambria County 12-Year Transportation Program (TIP), which outlines major highway, bridge, transit, and airport improvement projects within the County.</a>  Fulton: No Update	(2025-2027 milestone period)
	Implement existing Source Water Protection Plan	Work with identified partners to support implementation of source water protection plans mirrored with CAP goals.	Fulton County Heritage Plan									
1.1C*	Evaluate areas to establish riparian buffers to stabilize stream banks and limit encroachment	Utilize Chesapeake Conservancy data set to identify buffer gap project opportunities  Utilize Public Fishing Easement agreements to conserve buffers  Conserve Riparian buffers where feasible through zoning ordinances	Municipalities, Conservation District, CBF, Pheasants Forever, National Trout Unlimited, Prince Gallitzin State Park, WPC, PA Foundation of Watersheds, Watershed Organizations, Fulton County ACT 167 Plan, Fulton County Heritage Plan, DCNR	Blair Countywide  <a href="#">Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion</a>  <a href="#">Fulton Countywide</a>  <a href="#">Huntingdon Countywide</a>	ongoing	Adopting ordinances, may require a pilot project in a willing municipality to demonstrate success.  Lack of technical assistance to support implementation goals for forest buffers.  Buffer funding programs must include 5-10-year minimum maintenance plan, incentive money for landowners, along with volunteers to establish the buffer.	Can apply for Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Program	Utilize PFBC Incentive Program to pay landowners for fishing access	4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District  Expand Buffer Bonus Program to provide \$10,000 per acre of buffer installed to include 5-year maintenance contract \$2.05 M total	\$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year  <a href="#">\$10,000 per acre of buffer installed to include 5-year maintenance contract \$2.05 M total</a>	<b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County implemented 1.83 acres of buffers through the Blair County Riparian Buffer Incentive Program.  <a href="#">Cambria: Cambria County has utilized CACAT windshield surveys for potential BMP's completed, and are currently awaiting the final report.</a>  <a href="#">Fulton: The District allocated 2025 CAP (contractual and construction) funds to two approved projects: the Wells Tannery Community Park and the Roaring Run Stream Habitat Improvement Projects. Both projects required completed designs and Chapter 105 permit approvals. The District successfully secured additional funding to complete the designs, which are now finished. The necessary permits have been applied for, and the District is currently awaiting approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Contractors have been selected and are prepared to begin construction as soon as the permits are secured.</a>  <a href="#">Additionally, the designs for two more sites (Glazier &amp; Souders) along the ag-impaired section of Big Cove Creek are nearly complete, with funding secured through Growing Greener. Once these designs are finalized, the District will need to seek funding for the construction of these stream restoration projects.</a>  <a href="#">Huntingdon: Huntingdon County has 4 stream restoration projects using Growing Greener funds - 1 project has begun, 3 are slated for the Spring of 2026. CAP funds are being utilized for two stream restoration projects and one conservation conversion project. We have also applied for Growing Greener for design and permitting for two other stream projects.</a>  <a href="#">2024: Blair County implemented a 1.5 acre buffer that was funded through a NFWF grant and private funding. Implemented 3.56 acres of buffers through the Blair County Riparian Buffer Incentive Program.</a>  <a href="#">Cambria: The watershed specialist has continued to work with the Cresson Sportsman's Club and American Rivers to remove a dam and create a buffer and wetland area.</a>	

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1.2	Implement County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Improve flood prone areas with BMPs that also enhance water quality (B) (F) (H)  Retrofit existing flood prone areas with new culverts, ditches, etc. (B) (F) (H)  Report and verify projects that are implemented for Floodplain management, but can address nutrients and sediment (B) (F) (H)  Identify all public lands with flood hazards, Create a land bank (B)  Look to develop and adopt ordinance to protect floodplain management (F)	County Planning Commission, municipalities, MPO's Unified Planning Work Program, Southern Alleghenies Comprehensive Plan, County Redevelopment Authorities	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2023-2025	Funding, land for BMPs, funding for engineering feasibility studies  Enforcement and compliance of stormwater ordinances  Current Requirements by PEMA/FEMA are tough to receive funding – funding available only if hazard is identified by FEMA/PEMA and needs to be extremely project specific.			4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year  \$2,000,000 hazard mitigation plan	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Continued efforts have been coordinated in establishing a local network communication line between Blair County Planning and HRG to discuss priorities of County Planning relating to the HMP. County Planning has future goals of overhauling parking lot ordinance to lower the needed space for new parking lots and a pathway to reduce the size of existing lots during redevelopment to limit impervious surfaces. Meetings were held in Q2 2025 with County Planning to highlight good stormwater projects to BCCD and HRG as they arise when communicating with the Municipalities.</p> <p>Cambria: Continued efforts have been made to establish a local network communication line between Cambria County Planning and HRG to discuss County Planning priorities related to Cambria's HMP. County Planning has been tasked with relaying issues relating to stormwater and flooding to CCCD and HRG as they arise within the Municipalities in the County for potential future project implementation.</p> <p>Fulton: HRG plans to setup a sit-down meeting with County Planning to discuss their goals and potential future projects that could be implemented to mitigate flooding and stormwater impacts throughout the County. A meeting will be held sometime before the end of the year.</p> <p>Huntingdon: Continued efforts have been coordinated to establish a local network communication line between Huntingdon County Planning and HRG for discussing County Planning priorities related to Huntingdon's HMP. County Planning has been assigned the task of relaying stormwater and flooding issues to HCCD and HRG as they arise within the municipalities of the county for potential future projects. County Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 Year Update drafted and submitted 7/1/2025 for PEMA review and 7/15/2025 for FEMA review. Worked toward goal of all municipalities participating in the County Plan, but, despite scheduling multiple municipal meetings (in person and virtual) and sending multiple emails and mailings, five municipalities did not meet the FEMA criteria for participation and are not eligible to adopt the County Plan.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> HRG has reviewed Blair County's HMP to identify low hanging fruit for project implementation. Site visits will occur in the Fall of 2024 for project implementation in 2026. The newest update to the hazard mitigation plan is on track for adoption in early 2025. Several action items in the CAP have</p>	

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1.3*	Update/draft Act 167 Plans	Look to modify existing stormwater ordinances and ACT 167 Plans where feasible or create new model stormwater ordinance or ACT 167 plans that would require/incentivize additional protections for streams  Encourage municipal officials to enact stormwater management ordinances consistent with ACT 167 and ACT 102 (F) (H) (C)  Implement Fulton County Act 167 Plan	Municipal engineers, Municipalities, Southern Allegheny Comprehensive Plan, Juniata River Watershed Act 167, Bobs Creek and Dunning Creek, Beaverdam Branch 167	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022 – discuss interest to pursue and funding opportunities	Should local involvement exist, funding for Plan update  Additional stormwater engineering resources at county level (C)	Institutional knowledge	Act 167 Plan Development  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$350,000 per county à \$1.4 Million total  \$520,000 per year	2025: Blair: No Update.  Cambria: No Update.  Fulton: No Update.  Huntingdon: Planning Department staff discussed Act 167 planning with HRG during a CAP conversation in May 2025 and potential funding sources were discussed. With the County completing a Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2025 and coordinating with Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission to pursue funding and provide required match to update the Regional Greenways Plan and Regional Comprehensive Plan, County funding for another Plan is severely limited. Act 167 planning will be a 2026 topic for discussion by the County Planning Commission. County Planning Department administers Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding on behalf of Huntingdon County, Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township. Smithfield Township's entitlement funds from 2021 through 2024 have been allocated to addressing storm sewer improvements. CCTV inspection of a portion of the system was completed in 2024 and a Notice of Award was issued 7/25/2025 for work to address identified issues.  2024: Blair: Phase I SWMP complete and submitted to DEP for review and approval to move into Phase II. Several projects on the CAP are also included as potentials for further consideration in the Phase II Plan  Cambria: The County has an existing plan that is out of date. The plan was written and implemented by the different watersheds and varies from watershed to watershed. Future effort in 2025 is		
1.4	Utilize Existing TMDLs to leverage the need for water quality improvements  Explore the potential feasibility of developing 319 WIPs or Alternative Restoration Plans for TMDL watersheds currently without plans  2023 – municipal educational campaign	Leverage TMDLs to help educate municipalities on the need for water quality improvements and potential stormwater ordinance updates  2023 – municipal educational campaign	Beaverdam - Conservation District and City of Altoona (B)  Clearfield Creek Watershed Association (C)  Little Trough – Conservation District, NRCS (H)	Beaverdam Branch (B)  Cambria County: Clearfield Creek (C)  Little Trough Creek – AG, tough to work with landowners	2023	Financial and Technical assistance to develop 319 or ARP plans for TMDL watersheds  Willingness of local volunteers to support in implementation of 319 plans.  Lack of existing watershed organizations		3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$390,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  \$450,000 to develop 3 watershed plans	2025: Blair: The Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee is collaboratively working with Land Studies on the Beaverdam Branch Floodplain Restoration Project which is permitted and project is slated for construction in September 2025.  Cambria: Clearfield Creek Watershed Association submitted a 319 grant for Beldin Mine to fund the design and permitting portion of the project (AMD treatment, last one from existing WIP). BAMR completed the removal of 10 acres of refuse piles in Thompsonstown.  Fulton: Watershed Assessment Plan for Upper Big Cove Creek has been completed and has received approval from DEP and EPA; District to submit the final reimbursement request and final report to close out the Growing Greener Grant.  Huntingdon: New potential projects were identified in Little Trough Creek in 2025. Two stream restoration projects were identified, one which was applied for design and permitting funds through DEP's Growing Greener Program in June, and a second that will be on HCCD's 2026 Block Grant List for 2026. An inventory and evaluation was completed in July for the Meily Farm for new streambank exclusion fencing, water system, and roofed animal heavy use area. This project may be a future CAP or ACAP project that can be implemented in future cycles.  2024: The Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee is collaboratively working with LandStudies on the Beaverdam Branch Floodplain Restoration Project which is designed and permit applications have been submitted to Army Corp and DEP. Project is slated for construction in spring/summer		
1.5	Juniata River Watershed Management Plan  Look to identify a rapid delisting watershed as part of the plan.	WPC applied for DCNR C2P2 grant to update the Juniata River Watershed Management Plan. CAP can help leverage funding for the Juniata River Watershed Management Plan.  Work with the Chesapeake Conservancy to rapidly delist a watershed within the Juniata River Watershed Plan.	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Chesapeake Conservancy	Juniata River Watershed (Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry)	2021 – Conservancy Exploring options  2022 – outreach  2023 implementation	Performance Target continued: Our goal is basically to update the existing plan with work that has been done since the original plan, do some more in-depth GIS analysis, and get public and municipal input into what they see are the issues in the watershed. I think the GIS analysis will be a big part of the process. We're planning on using the new 1-meter resolution data set, incorporating some of the buffer gap analysis work from Chesapeake Conservancy, etc.	Huntingdon County AG BMPs \$442,305	3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District  WPC applied for \$37,785 with \$37,286 match  Rapid Delisting Approach Budget \$2,000,000	\$390,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  \$2,000,000	2025: The Juniata River Forward: Building on 25 Years of Conservation, an update of the Juniata River Watershed Management Plan is now completed. Future plans include HRG potentially developing a StoryMap to highlight the update to the Plan in a user friendly manner to give the public a snapshot of the plan contents.  2024: The draft of Juniata Forward: Building on 25 Years of Conservation, an update to the Juniata Watershed Management Plan, is complete and will be available for public comment starting October 1, 2024 and lasting for 30 days. Each municipality will be emailed with a link to the plan to provide comments. WPC will also put out a press release and social media posts to garner comments. Comments will be detailed in the final version of the plan. The final plan will be completed by the end of 2024.  2023: As part of the DCNR grant, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has been working with partners to develop the Management Plan. In 2023, a partner survey was sent out and three watershed-wide public meetings were held for public input.  2022- Juniata Watershed Management Plan update is a DCNR grant that will cover the entire Juniata River watershed. The planning process will include partners from the county conservation districts in the watershed, Juniata College, St. Francis University, Chesapeake Conservancy, HRG, Foundation for PA Watersheds, Little Juniata River Association, and county planning commissions. Project will start		

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1.6*	Implement County Farmland Preservation Program with farmland preservation program incentives enhancement	<p>Total preservation Blair County 56 farms and 8,400 acres –Goal 4 farms per year 16 total. 12-15 are on a backlog list</p> <p><b>-Conserve 1,500 acres of farmland</b></p> <p>Total preservation Cambria County 19 farms and 3,296 acres. Goal is to add 1-2 farmers each year, (8) total- about 150 acres per farm.</p> <p><b>-Conserve 690 acres of farmland</b></p> <p>Total preservation Fulton County 2 farms and 240 acres.</p> <p>Goal is to add 1-2 farms each year, (8) total farms (20 farms in waiting)</p> <p><b>-Conserve 1,500 acres of farmland</b></p> <p>Total preservation Huntingdon County 11 farms and 1,392 acres – Currently 1 farm every 2-3 years, 2 Farms total, could do 2 farms per year with additional funding (8) total</p> <p><b>-Conserve 2,000 acres of farmland</b></p>	<p>Agricultural Land Preservation, NRCS, Conservation District, County Farm Bureau, PSU Extension, Huntingdon County Heritage Plan, Fulton County Heritage Plan, SCC Ombudsman, Southern Alleghenies RC&amp;D Council</p>	<p>Blair County Ag Land</p> <p>Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion</p> <p>Fulton County Ag Land</p> <p>Huntingdon County Ag Land</p>	2022-2023 – explore incentive opportunities	<p>Funding to support additional BMP implementation. Technical assistance to coordinate preservation plans with funding and technical assistance. Preserved farms are required to have an NRCS Conservation Plan, work with farmers to ensure Conservation Plan is reported in PracticeKeeper. Recommend making this a program requirement statewide. Sharing NRCS data is challenging, must comply with 1619 form. Lack of funding to preserve farms each year. Many farmers stop applying because of limited funding and competitive process. Additional staff time would be needed to significantly increase the number of farms per year and continue to inspect the farms annually.</p>	<p>Priority recommendations, easement revision recommendations, supplemental BMP funding research</p>	<p>4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD</p> <p>4 – administrative assistant</p> <p>21 – Ag planners to assist with technical assistance</p> <p>1 – FTE for Ag Land Preservation Program Assistance</p> <p>Assume \$250K per farm: \$4M (B)</p> <p>Assume \$250K per farm: \$2M(C)</p> <p>Assume \$250K per farm: \$2M (F)</p> <p>Assume \$250K per farm: \$2M (H)</p>	<p>\$520,000 per year</p> <p>\$300,000 per year</p> <p>\$2,730,000 per year</p> <p>\$130,000 per year</p>	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Farms 62 and 63 closed totaling 285.67 acres. Farms 64 and 65 were to be approved at the local and state levels in 2025 and will close in early 2026 totaling 360.16. The 65th farm will bring the total eased acres in Blair County to 9,554.24.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> Cambria County has preserved the 25th farm which added an additional 119.626 acres preserved, for a total of 3,776 acres.</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> The Chief Clerk of Fulton County administers the program. The County accepted applications in the spring, and the District assisted in ranking the applications received.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> Huntingdon County is currently working on preserving one farm for 2025 that consists of 90 acres.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair: Farm 61 closed totaling 124.52 acres. Farm 62 to be approved by state board in October and to close in early 2025 totaling 168.58 acres. Two additional farms, 63 and 64 to be approved in 2024 and close in 2025 totaling 243 acres.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> No farms preserved in 2024.</p> <p>Fulton: The County's Chief Clerk administers the program for Fulton County. County accepted applications in the spring and the District assisted with the ranking of the applications that were received.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> One farm that was started in 2023 has been secured in 2024 with a total acreage of 226 acres.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> Fulton: The Conservation District turned the program back over to the county to administer but there is currently no active board due to lack of member participation. Only 2 farms in the county are preserved. Funding is limited for the program with no local match, and no farms were preserved</p>		
1.7*	Establish funding/staff support to assist the Agricultural community	<p>Approximately 75 farms have their plans in Blair County, goal is to complete 200 by 2025. (B)</p> <p>Approximately 5 farms have their plans reported in Cambria County, goal is to complete/report 100 by 2025. (C)</p> <p>Approximately 100 farms have their plans in Fulton County, goal is to complete 200 by 2025. Preparing to enter phase 2 of inspections. (F)</p> <p>Approximately 100 farms have their plans in Huntingdon County, goal is to complete 200 by 2025. (H)</p>	<p>Agricultural Land Preservation, NRCS, Conservation District, County Farm Bureau, PSU Extension, Private Ag Consultants</p>	<p>Blair County Ag Land</p> <p>Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion</p> <p>Fulton County Ag Land</p> <p>Huntingdon County Ag Land</p>	2022-2025	<p>Limited compliance activities by DEP.</p> <p>Lack of Technical assistance to support the farming community.</p> <p>Private sector Ag plans are not required to be shared with District staff.</p> <p>All counties will work with ACT 38, Preserved farms and organic farms to report AG E&amp;S and NRCS Conservation Plans. These operations are required to have them, but no requirement to report the plans. It is recommended state agencies make changes to ACT 38 and Persevered Farm programs to require PracticeKeeper reporting.</p>	<p>38 Inspections performed per year (B)</p> <p>75 Inspections performed per year, NRCS 20 plans per year (F)</p> <p>12 Inspections performed per year (H) - Could do 50 inspections per year with additional funding</p> <p>Field verification, troubleshooting, site visits and plan review</p>	<p>21– additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning</p> <p>11 – FTE Design, Engineers, permits</p> <p>11 – FTE Construction Inspector</p> <p>4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD</p> <p>0.5 FTE – Bay Technician to expand this position to a full-time position</p> <p>4 – administrative assistant</p>	<p>\$2,730,000 per year</p> <p>\$1,540,000 per year</p> <p>\$1,155,000 per year</p> <p>\$520,000 per year</p> <p>\$65,000 per year</p> <p>\$300,000 per year</p>	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: I&amp;E's are planned or will be finalized by the end of the year paid for by Foundation for PA Watersheds (FWP) or CAP funding. The Cowan I&amp;E, funded by FWP, will be completed by August of this year to propose BMPs to mitigate stormwater issues leaving the operation that is flooding Township roadways and polluting Plum Creek.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> I&amp;E's are planned or will be finalized by the end of the year paid for by Foundation for PA Watersheds (FWP) or CAP funding. The Driskel I&amp;E, funded by the CAP, will be completed by the end of 2025 and will propose pasture management BMPs.</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> I&amp;E's are planned or will be finalized by the end of the year paid for by Foundation for PA Watersheds (FWP) or CAP funding. The Richards I&amp;E, funded by the CAP, will be completed by the first of August to propose a new roofed animal heavy use area, manure stacking facility, and roof runoff controls to mitigate animal concentration areas in the established barnyard. This project will then be submitted for Larson Design Groups TAP for design for construction as early as 2026.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> I&amp;E's are planned or will be finalized by the end of the year paid for by Foundation for PA Watersheds (FWP) or CAP funding. The Meily I&amp;E, funded by the CAP, has been completed and proposed a new roofed animal heavy use area, manure stacking facility, roof runoff controls to mitigate animal concentration areas in the established barnyard, and new stream exclusion fencing.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair: Completed one manure storage design utilizing GG Grant and three additional designs are in process. Twelve farm lanes repaired/stabilized/crowned to reduce sediment erosion. The total linear feet of farm lanes repaired in 2023-2024 is 10,460 L.F. 38 farm inspections per year. Blair has a staff person to write MMP/Ag E&amp;S plans when producers request assistance. Blair is to receive over 1.6 million Dollars in ACAP funding. To date, Blair has allocated over 1.15 million dollars to projects. Projects include a Cover Crop incentive program, Waterway project, 2 grazing projects, 2 manure stacking sheds, 2 manure pits and a Silage Leachate system.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> 35 plans have been completed by CCCD or reported by the District.</p> <p>Fulton: Two projects were approved to receive technical assistance through DEP's Technical Assistance Program. Larson Design Group will be providing survey and engineering services for two ag operations in the County. The District will receive additional funds through the ACAP program in the fall of 2024 to complete</p>		

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											more ag BMP projects.  Huntingdon: HCCD received a Growing Greener application for \$376,346 for the Standing Stone Sediment reduction project which aims to implement stream restoration for the project site. WPC also received a RCPP and Growing Greener Grant along side with  HCCD has been active at contracting and implementing ACAP projects since its inception. Below is a list of projects funded by ACAP and other sources.  Morningstar Farm: Received a \$500,000 ACAP contract for a new liquid manure storage facility with manure push offs, high and low flow silage leachate systems, vegetated treatment areas, and constructed access roads to limit disturbance from machinery. An additional Growing Greening grant was submitted to breach the funding gap in the project to implement it.  The Tyler Snider Farm received \$500,000 for a roofed Heavy Use area and Manure storage facility on their operation.  Speerette Farms received \$40,400 for two Heavy Use areas, Waste Storage Facilities, a manure transfer system, and a trench silo. Partners include the Juniata Conservation District and NRCS.  The King Brooke Jacob Sheep Farm received \$120,000 to implement a new grazing system with new streambank fencing, off stream watering facilities and buffers.  Pogue Angus completed an ACAP project in 2024 for \$21,607 for streambank fencing and cropland conversion and watering system in the Aughwick Creek Watershed.  Separate Piece Farms completed an ACAP project in 2024 for \$21,519 for a new watering system and a drilled well.  Warner Family Farms is currently under construction for a \$27,800 project that includes roof runoff structures, cropland conversions to pastures, and streambank fencing on Smith Run.	
1.8A*	Continue to address and support existing Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment systems and streams impaired by AMD	Continue to provide funding to both active and passive treatment systems that are reducing the impacts of AMD impairments. If funding recedes water quality could degrade. (B) (C) (H)	PA DEP Bureau of Mining, Conservation District, watershed groups, TU, Altoona Water Authority, NRCS, Stream Restoration INC. Office of Surface Mining,	Shaw Run – Blair County  Glen White Run – Blair County  Clearfield Creek, West Branch  Susquehanna – Cambria County  Miller Run – Huntingdon, in stream dosing  Shoups Run – Huntingdon (delisted area) still needs maintenance  Hartman Run – Huntingdon		Need to support legislation regarding the RECLAIM Act to support funding of new treatment systems.  Lack of technical assistance to support restoration efforts	Coordination of restoration  Monitoring	3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD  Maintenance on AMD site locations (B)  Monitoring on treated AMD Streams (B)  Maintenance on AMD site locations (C)  Monitoring on treated AMD Streams (C)  Maintenance on AMD site locations (H)  Monitoring on treated AMD Streams (H)	\$390,000 per year  \$75,000 per year  \$25,000 per year  \$75,000 per year  \$25,000 per year  \$75,000 per year  \$25,000 per year	2025: Blair: HRG has continued efforts with St. Francis University to find potential projects in the Sugar Run Watershed to mitigate AMD impacts on the watershed. A site walkthrough was held in June to look at the existing facilities and discuss when the last maintenance was conducted on these sites. The previously reclaimed AML area was also assessed to see how well previously reclaimed areas have revegetated. Discussion were held on the feasibility of retrofit overhauls.  The Altoona Water Authority has been active with ongoing water quality monitoring and establishing first steps of new projects in Blair County. The Authority has finalized water quality monitoring funded by a Growing Greener Grant in partnership with SFU. The final steps of the program will be to report the findings back to DEP.  The Authority has also begun the process to design and permit the Spaghetti Hole Passive Water Treatment Redesign in Logan Township. They are currently halfway through the design and permitting process and plan to apply for AMD/AML BIL funding to implement the project once a final cost opinion is drafted for the project.  AML Work: DEP and the Altoona Water Authority are currently underway at remediating the Fisher high wall on AWA property. The 90' highwall is currently under design for AML reclamation by ATLAS, and DEP will do in-house Water Quality monitoring on Kittanning Run once the project is completed. The AWA and DEP are also in the preliminary stages of the Blue Hold AML project as well. The high aluminum discharge has a tropical blue coloration that the source is currently unknown from. The Department is researching mine maps and is planning to drill monitoring wells to narrow down the source for reclamation.  AMD Work: The AWA and DEP have conducted yearly sampling on the Bellwood AB AMD facility in State Game Lands 158 that discharges into Bells Gap Run. The facility was installed in 1999 and is in need of maintenance based off of yearly water quality monitoring and visible indicators from site inspections. AWA, DEP and OSM have created a redesign that will aim to upgrade the limestone channels, new pond liners, and a new agri-drain system that will be constructed in 2026.		

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1.8B*	Identify new funding to support the implementation of Acid Mine Drainage treatment systems	Opportunities still exist to address AMD runoff into local streams. New passive and active treatment systems are needed to support water quality improvements. Work with DEP and other identified partners to find funding to support the implementation of new treatment systems  Geographic Location (continued): Sugar Run–Needs AMD system, Kittanning Run – Water Authority Property, Bakerton is currently designed for use but is not being used by active mine site, Sankerton needs additional help. (B)	PA DEP Bureau of Mining, Conservation District, watershed groups, TU, Altoona Water Authority, NRCS	Dudley discharge, Hartman Run (H)  Pantee Run – AMD impaired (needs watershed plan), Clearfield Creek, West Branch of Susq. could use additional work (C)	2022-2025	Need to support legislation regarding the RECLAIM Act to support funding of new treatment systems.  Lack of technical assistance to support restoration efforts  Landowner in Hartman Run would need to paid for land in order to install systems	PADEP BAMR grant program for AMD/AML	3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD Coordination of restoration	\$390,000 per year  \$5,000,000 Total for restoration to Kittanning Run and Sugar Run (B)	2025: Blair: No update.  Cambria: Cambrian County is waiting for EPA 319 funding for future projects. BAMR has completed their project in Northern Cambria and continues to be a partner in addressing AMD and AML in the County.  Fulton: No update. Fulton has very few, if any, AMD-impaired streams.  Huntingdon: See 1.8A above.  2024: Blair: No update.  Cambria: See 1.8A above.  Fulton: No Update.  Huntingdon: Waiting to hear about a 319 Grant that was written for Miller Run (see 2023 for details)	2023: Huntingdon County has applied for 319 funding to repair two AMD treatment systems on Miller Run in State Game lands 67.  2022: Blair County: Kittanning Run Watershed needs AMD treatment (reforestation analysis is	2025-2027 milestone period
1.9A	Partner with Penn State Altoona, Mount Aloysius (B), Juniata College (H) and Saint Francis University © to support implementation of the CAP.	Juniata College Tree Advisory Committee includes multidisciplinary team of students and faculty, could help to administer other BMPs  Saint Francis University  Penn State Altoona  Mount Aloysius  Develop a program with university students to support PracticeKeeper reporting for summer of 2022.	Juniata College, Saint Francis University, Penn State Altoona, Mount Aloysius	319 Priority Watershed Riparian properties Preserved farms Priority Corridor Watersheds	2022-2025	Continued undergraduate/graduate engagement as students graduate through program, implementation funding  Lack of technical assistance professionals to mentor students and develop workforce development.  Lack of competitive paying job opportunities that ensure long term sustainable for recently graduated students	Outreach boots on the ground	18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (5 – Blair, 3 – Cambria, 5 – Fulton, 5 – Huntingdon)	\$180,000 per year	2025: Blair: BCCD and HRG have continued collaboration with SFU on efforts at mitigating AMD/AML impacts in the Sugar Run Watershed. A site visit was held in June to walk the site and assess maintenance/retrofit overhauls on existing passive treatment facilities and success of previously restored AML areas. Future conversations will be held to discuss next steps to delineate out a potential path forward.  Cambria: Cambria County continues to partner with St. Francis University to aid in implementing the CAP in the County.  Fulton: Fulton County is somewhat limited in its ability to partner with colleges & universities because there are no such institutions in the county. Future efforts will be coordinated to establish a partnership with Fulton County and other Universities to help the implementation of the CAP.  Huntingdon: Huntingdon County, Juniata College and HRG have met to collaborate the first Conservation Landscaping project on the University's college campus. The first proposal has been completed and the project was submitted on HCCD's Block Grant list for implementation in 2026.  2024: Blair: HRG met with St. Francis University to ask for assistance with a water quality monitoring program in the Sugar Run Watershed, which is an AMD impacted stream. The University has agreed to assist with water quality sampling and design of BMPs.  Huntingdon: Penn State Sustainability Communities Collaborative (Main Campus) requested specific municipal stormwater projects they could work on in Huntingdon County during the 2024/2025 school year. A list of several potential projects was provided for consideration. (Information about the program is available at <a href="https://sustainability.psu.edu/programs/scc/">https://sustainability.psu.edu/programs/scc/</a> )  2023: HRG met with Penn State Altoona, Mt. Aloysius, and St. Francis to talk about current water quality programs and efforts. These meetings resulted in university staff understanding and developing ideas for curriculum integration into current CAP efforts. Long term goals will be water quality monitoring, volunteer tree planting opportunities, and engaging students with water quality	2025-2027 milestone period	

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1.9B	Quantify Land/BMPs Managed by Penn State Altoona, Juniata College and Saint Francis University to ensure that water quality improvements that they manage are captured in CAST/FieldDoc	Work with Penn State Altoona, Mount Aloysius, Juniata College and Saint Francis University to ensure that water quality improvements that they manage are captured in CAST/FieldDoc	Penn State Altoona (B), Mount Aloysius, Juniata College (H) and Saint Francis University (C)	Penn State Altoona owned Lands in Blair County  Mount Aloysius owned lands in Blair County  Juniata College owned Lands in Huntingdon County  Saint Francis University owned Lands in Cambria County	2022	Getting maximum credits for experimental BMPs	Institutional knowledge		3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  3 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District  18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (5 – Blair, 3 – Cambria, 5 – Fulton, 5 – Huntingdon)	\$390,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  \$180,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2024:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2023:</b> In 2023 HRG met with Penn State Altoona, Mt, Aloysius, and St. Francis to discuss on campus water quality work. Penn State Altoona BMPs are encompassed and reported in MS4 reporting. This discussion led to HRG providing a support letter to Penn State for a NFWF grant application to evaluate long term stormwater on the Altoona campus and develop a BMP implementation plan that address long term stormwater challenges.  <b>2022:</b> No progress to date.	
1.10A	Create a regional water quality communication plan, leveraging existing documents and covering topics including Southern Allegheny Comprehensive Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Cold Water Conservation Plans, 319 Watershed Plans, Greenways and Open Space Plans	Develop regional messages and audience; execute plan and distribute messaging through staff and partners	Multi-partner, Southern Allegheny Planning Commission as lead entity building upon environmental aspects?	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022 – plan development  2023 – plan implementation	Simplifying the resources that are available, focusing on farmers and other landowners		Website development and continued maintenance  4 – FTE Marketing and Outreach Coordinator  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$60,000 per year  \$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year	<b>2025: Blair:</b> Continued direct mailings regarding all Ag funding available through the District. Advertised opportunities at Partner meetings and posted via social media.  Blair Planning can support this action item utilizing their new outreach.  <b>Cambria:</b> The Planning Commission is investigating opportunities and approaches for forming a Stormwater Management Authority or Authorities in the County. Work has been preliminary and is evaluating options for forming this type of an Authority.  <b>The Planning Commission publishes CAMBRIA PLANNING, a quarterly newsletter of the Cambria County Planning Commission. CAMBRIA PLANNING contains news and information about current planning topics, grant and funding opportunities, a community spotlight and on-going initiatives. The Audience is municipal officials and other boards and authorities in the County. CAMBRIA PLANNING can be used to provide water quality related information and guidance to municipalities.</b>	<b>Fulton:</b> In 2025, the District set up a display at the Fulton County Fair. The display featured a poster board created with assistance from HRG, which highlighted an agricultural best management practices (BMP) project and a stream restoration project. The NRCS also contributed materials for the display. Additionally, the District showcased one of our no-till drills available for rent. Other outreach efforts to the agricultural community included a drone seeding demonstration, and the District plans to host a fall cover crop field day to showcase the cover crops planted in our demonstration plots. The District will use 2025 CAP funds to complete Phase 2 of the Tall Timbers Demonstration Project, which will create more educational and outreach opportunities for landowners.  <b>Huntingdon:</b> Penn State CACAT students finalized the Shavers Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan for Huntingdon County Staff.  County Planning is willing to help distribute information via emails and our social media and in our	

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1.10B	Agricultural Communication Strategy	Develop a plan to complete one on one farm visits outside the regulatory framework.  Develop a communication plan to engage integrators.  Partner with pesticide meetings and other AG meetings to provide information.  Utilize Farm Bureau Newsletter for announcements	CD, County Farm Bureau, Integrators, Ag Land Preservation, PSU Extension, NRCS, Ombudsman	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022-2025	One on one farm outreach is the best way to communicate with farmers in addition to reporting practices.  Funding to support the technical assistance required to complete one on one farm outreach  Outreach to integrators is a challenge due to the number of integrators and multiple county boundaries they serve. It is recommended DEP/PDA/SCC communicate with integrators on a frequent basis to reduce mixed messages.  Districts can be viewed as regulatory agencies can be tough for some farmers to be willing to work with the District			21 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning  4 – FTE Marketing and Outreach Coordinator  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD  See 1.10A for website costs.  Costs for meeting attendance and administration is covered through other funding requests.	\$2,730,000 per year  \$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year  Blair County: is exploring different communications methods (radio communication, social media) to	<b>2025:</b> Lancaster Farmland Trust (LFT) has started their site visits in the Southern Alleghenies that is funded by the CAP. Huntingdon County has passed their visits to other Counties that were in more need this year. One I&E scoping visit has occurred in Cambria, that has yielded a farm to receive an I&E by HRG later this summer. One additional farm scoping visit is allotted to Cambria. Fulton County has decided to go with a cold call approach with their outreach, and 10 farms were visited by LFT in the Summer. Blair is allotted 3 I&E scoping visits in 2025 and are finalizing their final list for this Fall's outreach.  <b>2024:</b> 2024: Lancaster Farmland Trust (LFT) completed 42 site visits in Blair County. All the farm visits scheduled for the Southern Alleghenies were shifted to Blair County in 2024 and 9 farms were identified with significant need for BMPs.  <b>2023:</b> Lancaster Farmland Trust completed 20 visits that were targeted at CAP goal implementation in specific areas of each county. The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds received a Growing Greener grant titled 12-County Investment to Catalyze Agricultural Project Readiness that will support additional on farm outreach.  <b>2022:</b> Farm visits have been utilized to conduct outreach to farmers about the Countywide Action Plan. In 2022 28 visits are scoped. The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds submitted a Growing Greener grant titled 12-County Investment to Catalyze Agricultural Project Readiness that would support rapid scaling up of farm visits for all counties. Scaling up of farm visits would allow for additional outreach to occur.  <b>Huntingdon County:</b> The Chesapeake Conservancy is conducting outreach in the Rapid Delisting Watershed in Huntingdon County. Additionally, the Conservancy applied for an RCPP application to increase technical assistance and outreach across the county.	
1.11*	Countywide WQ Credit Offset Pilot	Demonstrate success of a pilot project area where MS4-regulated areas and non-regulated areas can benefit from achieving sediment and nutrient goals	Antis Township, Logan Township, Altoona City, Allegheny Township, Duncansville Borough, Blair Township, Hollidaysburg Borough, Frankstown Township, ISC, Planning Commission	Blair County MS4 Municipalities	2022-2023	Municipal capacity to implement plans (technical, financial)  DEP acceptance of approach, permit compliance coordination among sectors, farmers in compliance with state and federal regulations	\$644,428 (grant)	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> No Update.  <b>2024:</b> WQ Credit concept included in the Phase I SWMP submitted to DEP on August 30, 2024. Concept can be explored further in the Phase II Plan.  <b>2023:</b> No Progress to date.  <b>2022:</b> No progress to date.		

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1.12*	Keep High Quality Water High Quality – Protect Headwater Watersheds	Work to preserve and protect high quality and exceptional value streams with preservation and conservation initiatives. The goal is to prevent further degradation to healthy stream segments.	Conservation District, Planning Commission, Watershed organizations, Trout Unlimited.	Blair, Cambria, Fulton and Huntingdon County HQ and EV watersheds.	2022	Funding is not typically available to preserve high quality watersheds. Most funding is dedicated to impaired watersheds. Ensure funding is available to support implementation in HQ and EV watersheds.  Ensure dedicated and predictable funding for Tier 3&4 counties is available.			4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County continues to design and fund multiple projects in HQ watersheds with both DGLVR and ACAP funds. Plum Creek (a portion of which is HQ) was targeted for farm visits by LFT in 2024 and follow-up was conducted in on two locations in 2025 *see 3.1B below.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> Cambria County plans to utilize Lancaster Farmland Trust to do agriculture outreach on operations in High Quality or Exceptional Value Watersheds to propose BMPs on operations to preserve high quality watersheds in the County.</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> A few significant ag BMP projects funded by EQIP and ACAP are occurring in HQ-EV watersheds. Potential ACAP projects located in HQ-EV watersheds receive additional points in the project ranking process.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> Huntingdon County, NRCS, and Chesapeake Conservancy have finished up a large ag Project in a High-Quality Watershed in the County. Huntingdon County has also been targeting DGLVR projects in High-Quality Watersheds for implementation.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair County has funded multiple projects in HQ watersheds with both NFWF funds (farm lanes) and ACAP projects. Plum Creek (a portion of which is HQ) was targeted for farm visits by LFT in 2024.</p> <p>The work LFT has conducted for farmer outreach for BMP scoping has been in the Plum Creek Watershed which has sections listed as HQ-CWF. The outreach on these farms are in the headwaters of Plum Creek which is listed as an impaired WWF. Implemented BMPs in the headwaters will reduce pollutants reaching the HQ-CWF section of the watershed.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> No Update. LFT farm visits in 2024 shifted to Blair.</p> <p>Fulton: District will submit a stream habitat improvement project located in a HQ-CWF watershed for 2025 CAP funds. A few significant ag BMP projects funded by EQIP and ACAP are occurring in HQ-EV</p>			
Priority Initiative 2: Reporting and Tracking – Blair, Cambria, Fulton and Huntingdon														
2.1*	Existing BMP cataloguing (quantity and location) for select BMPs, expanding on general recommendations provided in QAPP	Expand use of existing buffer layer with urban hydrology layer  R&D into distinguishing ag, pasture, and turf covers from grassed buffers  Manual digitizing where leaf-off <1 ft resolution imagery is available  Back check with staff field views where required  Add data to Practice Keeper (PK) or another batch upload option	Lead - Chesapeake Conservancy  Stakeholder peer review – PSU Altoona, Juniata College, Saint Francis University, USGS, County Farm Bureau, PDA, EPA, NRCS  County Conservation Districts	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022 – cataloguing  2023 – Practice Keeper batch upload processing and field views	EPA acceptance of the approach, further refine guidance in QAPP so that counties can accomplish this or so that the state can take the burden off of counties, utilize the approach to catalogue existing BMPs and do on the ground verification where required for reporting purposes, this is an accelerated BMP catch up approach while we continue to provide support to farmers on planning and BMP installs, reduce the amount of interruption of government entities to compliant farm operations  Farmers' willingness to share data with PK due to right to know	Precision Conservation Tools  General methodology outline  BMP field backcheck	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/method refinement  21 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning (Blair 6, Cambria 3, Huntingdon 6, Fulton 6,)  18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (Blair 5, Cambria 3, Huntingdon 5, Fulton 5)	\$46,000 (2022 only) per county a\$184,000  \$2,730,000 per year  \$180,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County continues to incorporate data entry into PK for all planned and implemented practices as completed through the various funding programs. DEP completes quarterly (or as needed) data dumps to verify BMP completed.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> No Update</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> Fulton County is incorporating data entry into PK for all planned and implemented practices completed through the various funding programs. DEP conducts quarterly (or as needed) data dumps to verify completed BMPs.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> Continuing follow up with municipal water and sewer organizations to obtain information and needs. In 2024 and 2025 County Community Development Administrator (part of County Planning Department staff) conducted four demographic surveys to determine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligibility for sewer/water infrastructure needs. Two projects not eligible (one water/one sewer); one waterline project eligible; one sewer system project pending final survey results. Several organizations assisting Saltillo Borough in applying for funds to place new well online.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair County continues to incorporate data entry into PK for all planned and implemented practices as completed through the various funding programs. DEP completes quarterly (or as needed) data dumps to verify BMP completed.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> No Update.</p> <p>HRG worked with Fulton County to train staff on the BMP verification process. This training also worked with each county to integrate BMP verification into the existing workflows to minimize manpower needed to achieve field verification goals.</p> <p>Fulton County has verified and reported 69 BMPs into PK from Chesapeake Bay Inspections.</p>			

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2.2*	Identify future ag/urban project opportunities using automated means	BMP opportunity analysis – ag conservation, land retirement, alternative crop, forest conservation, stream restoration  Back check with staff field views  Batch upload to FieldDoc to calculate credit opportunity	Lead - Chesapeake Conservancy  Stakeholder peer review – PSU Altoona, Juniata College, Saint Francis University, USGS, County Farm Bureau, PDA, EPA, NRCS, MS4 Municipalities in Blair County  County Conservation Districts	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022 – cataloguing  2023 – batch upload processing and field views  2024 – 2025 – implementation focus	Different data set scales/precision  Willingness of landowners to implement BMPs	Precision Conservation Tools  Batch upload processing  BMP field backcheck	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/met hod refinement  18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (Blair 5, Cambria 3, Huntingdon 5, Fulton 5)	\$46,000 (2022 only) per county  \$180,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2024:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2023:</b> As a part of the Chesapeake Conservancy's Cooperative Agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Program, the CIC has been working to adapt the USDA Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF) toolbox and produce its related GIS conservation practice opportunity outputs for the entire watershed. The toolbox outputs a suite of NRCS agricultural practice opportunities at the field scale -- some have direct equivalents to Bay Program BMPs, while others do not. Since there are many assumptions made to produce these opportunity footprints across the entire watershed, they are not intended to be ground truth and should only serve as a high level reference for helping to plan efforts in combination with expert on-the-ground input. The outputs are expected to be publicly available after June 2024.  <b>2022:</b> No progress to date.	
2.3*	Develop a local system to capture data collection on urban structural and non-structural practices	Add urban stormwater BMPs to FieldDoc or reported to DEP so that as land use data sets are updated, there are accompanying BMPs  Work with municipalities that are implementing stormwater management ordinances for less than an acre stormwater management to report practices	Municipal engineers, Chesapeake Conservancy, Municipalities, Planning Commission,	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022	Currently municipalities are not collecting BMP data because it is not required in non-MS4 communities. Must incentivize communities to report, no existing system in place  Lack of technical assistance to report and verify practices to DEP	Reporting platform		Training  18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (Blair 5, Cambria 3, Huntingdon 5, Fulton 5)  4 – municipal planner	N/A  \$180,000 per year  \$520,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2024:</b> No progress update, this item will be a candidate in 2025 to update efforts with the Milestone or remove from the CAP.  <b>2023:</b> Remote sensing efforts by Chesapeake Conservancy yielded minimal result for urban stormwater BMPs. Limited current data from imagery and elevation handicaps the ability of remote sensing software to accurately identify BMPs.  <b>2022:</b> By early fall the Chesapeake Conservancy will release remotely sensed Wet Ponds and Detention Basins for Blair County. Field Verification will occur and practices will either be entered into PracticeKeeper or FieldDoc. The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds applied for a NFWF Most Effective Basins grant in April of 2022 to support Phase 2 of BMP verification remote sensing analysis. Phase 2 will include analyzing wet ponds and detention basins in urban areas across Huntingdon County. PA DEP has updated FieldDoc to allow for additional reporting of urban	
2.4*	Implement a documentation program for commercial and homeowner nutrient applications in developed lands  Support current legislation for fertilizer bill.	Support fertilizer legislation – where legislation requires reporting  Legislation will support the implementation of <b>Urban Nutrient Management – 2,000 acres (B)</b>  <b>Urban Nutrient Management – 1,400 acres (C)</b>  <b>Urban Nutrient Management – 1,000 acres (F)</b>  <b>Urban Nutrient Management – 2,000 acres (H)</b>	PSU Extension	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022	Education of responsible parties, receiving timely information, training on reporting system.  Partners will need direction from State on what's expected and any reporting system that's developed.  Counties aren't equipped with technology or field experience to manage this initiative.  Fertilizer Legislation has failed to pass the legislature in the last two years.	TBD based on fertilizer legislation if passed	TBD based on fertilizer legislation if passed	4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year  Urban Nutrient Management \$10 per acre > \$64,000	<b>2023:</b> Districts are awaiting guidance and education from Department of Ag on how to communicate the new guidelines.  <b>2022:</b> On July 11, Governor Wolf signed SB 251, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Senator Gene Yaw (R) and Senator Carolyn Comitta (D), into law. Pennsylvania now has a law governing turfgrass fertilizer application dates, practices, rates, and type of fertilizer used. We are uncertain on how documentation and crediting will occur with the new bill.	Recommend removal from CAP due to the passage of SB 251 in July 2022. Because the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is the agency charged with implementation of the legislation, county agencies will await guidance on next steps on education, outreach, implementation, and enforcement of the program guidelines. County agencies will make the appropriate parties aware of this legislation when and if it applies.

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2.5*	Improve Agricultural BMP reporting utilizing PracticeKeeper, Capital RC&D Transect Survey, PSU Survey, Manure Transport Reporting and Remote Sensing	Increase reporting of agriculture plans into PracticeKeeper, provide incentives/requirements to private sector Ag planners to report.  Work with Capital RC&D to improve current transect survey routes to be more inclusive of cover crop locations, improve data analysis so that all acres are appropriately credited  Work with PSU to produce better response rates to the PSU survey for each county  Work with PDA/DEP/SCC to improve manure transport reporting	DEP, Conservation District, NRCS, PDA, NRCS, County Farm Bureau, Capital RC&D, Chesapeake Conservancy, PSU Survey, Manure Brokers,	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022-2025	Private sector ag planners do not have access to PracticeKeeper. Ag planners do not have time to report into PK.  Current Capital RC&D routes are not all inclusive and could be improved.  Current response rates are low and miss a large demographic of County farmers.  Manure brokers are not required to report data annually. Data is not inclusive. Consider a regulatory change.  Farmers' willingness to share data with PK due to right to know			18 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation (Blair - 5, Cambria - 3, Huntingdon - 5, Fulton - 5)	\$180,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> HRG continues to provide technical support where needed with the PracticeKeeper 3rd party entry module. All Counties have been participating in windshield surveys to verify BMPs that can be added to PK for reductions.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> HRG continues to provide technical support where needed with the PracticeKeeper 3rd party entry module.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> HRG provided support training and technical assistance with data entry of existing plans, BMPs, and field verified BMPs from remote sensing effort to each county individually. HRG will continue to provide technical support where needed with the PracticeKeeper 3rd party entry module.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> In the Spring of 2022 HRG participated in a beta testing group for the PracticeKeeper 3rd Party Module. PADEP initially released the module in June of 2022 before recalling the system for additional bug fixes. Phase 2 of the BMP verification grant submitted by the Foundation for PA Watersheds includes budget for interns from Susquehanna University to enter BMPs into PracticeKeeper for Huntingdon County. Interns in Blair and Cambria County have been actively entering information into PracticeKeeper. For Fulton County a newly higher administrative assistance will be entering information into PracticeKeeper. HRG will provide one on one assistance with data entry going into 2023. In addition, several counties assisted with the transect survey in order to ensure accurate data collection.</p> <p>Blair County: intern has been entering older plans into PracticeKeeper along with older practices. Over 100 plans entered to date.</p> <p>Cambria County: Intern has continued entering old plans and practices into PK. Concerns about cover crop</p>	
2.6*	Standardized Reporting for Dairy Precision Feeding	Counties would like to utilize the dairy precision feeding BMP. However, current reporting guidelines do not allow for clear reporting standards on feed reduction amounts, how to report, and who is qualified to report. Changes to reporting would result in the following Dairy Precision Feeding BMP implementation:  <b>5,000 dairy cow animal units (B)</b> <b>1,000 dairy cow animal units (C)</b> <b>5,000 dairy cow animal units (F)</b> <b>6,500 dairy cow animal units (H)</b>	Chesapeake Bay Program, Penn State Extension, Dairy co-ops	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	2022	It is recommended that milk urea nitrogen (MUN) be an acceptable standard for reporting dairy precision feeding. Guidelines need to be posted on acceptable MUN rates and work with dairy integrators to receive MUN data to report to DEP.	Research	N/A	Reporting protocol	N/A	<p><b>2023:</b> No progress to date, reporting standards and on farm implementation education still must be improved.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> No progress to date, reporting standards still remain an issue to utilize the BMP.</p>	Recommend removal from CAP due to the lack of advancement of reporting standards for dairy precision feeding. Implementing a DPF program also requires sometimes significant equipment upgrades and management changes for the farmer, and these changes/upgrades lack funding sources for implementation.
2.7*	Water, Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plants reporting and upgrades	Work with Water, Sewer and Waste Treatment facilities to accurately document plant upgrades.  <b>Upcoming plant upgrades: Brown and Union Township, Saltillo (H)</b> <b>Altoona Digestor (B)</b> <b>Tipton/Plane and Nine/Mill Run, Petersburg Borough (H)</b>  McConnellsburg composts biosolids (F)	DEP  Brown and Union Township, Saltillo (H), Altoona Digestor (B), Tipton/Plane and Nine/Mill Run, Petersburg Borough  McConnellsburg Borough	CSO and Waste Treatment Facilities	Ongoing	Need DEP to work with waste facilities to accurately document plant upgrades. Need reductions to be accurately captured in CAST.  Work with DEP to determine how composting helps to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus. Accurately document the results and report in CAST.		4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: No Update.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> The Planning Commission implements the County Plan by providing letters of support and land use consistency letters to municipalities applying for sanitary sewer, public water and stormwater infrastructure improvements. These have typically included Growing Greener Grants and PA Small Water and Sewer funding programs.</p> <p>Fulton: No update.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> No Update</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair: This was discussed during the Phase I SWMP plan and was tangentially included, but was not thought to be directly tied to storm water management under Act 167. If need be, we can pull it into a Phase II Plan for discussion/inclusion.</p>		

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<b>Priority Initiative 3B: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions Blair County</b>												
3.1B*	Implement Plum Creek and Sugar Run Watershed Assessment, Restoration and Preservation Plan	Implement federal, state and local programs that support the establishment of riparian buffers in the headwaters. Look to support the implementation of streambank fencing, no-till planting, and cover crops. Implement appropriate AMD restoration practices to address AMD issues.	BCCD, JK Chapter of TU, PAFBC, AG land preservation program	Plum Creek and Sugar Run Watershed	Ongoing	Technical assistance to support implementation and landowner outreach.  Lack of funding to support implementation of projects.		JK Chapter of TU has funding available for AG Practices and Stream Restoration – needs project leads	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$500,000 to support continued implementation of restoration initiatives	<b>2025:</b> Plum Creek: Work has been continuing on operations in the Plum Creek Watershed. The Heltzel Dairy Farm received an I&E in 2025 and is currently in the design phase for a 60' diameter liquid manure tank and streambank fencing and stream crossing in the headwaters of Plum Creek. The Cowan Farm is currently under I&E development to mitigate stormwater runoff issues from the farmstead and exercise lots of the operation, which will minimize erosion and sediment from entering Plum Creek.  <b>2024:</b> Sugar Run: A site walk was held in June with SFU and HRG to assess the existing passive treatment facilities and previously restored AML areas to see if future work can be done from a maintenance standpoint, overhaul, or additional AML reclamation.  <b>2024:</b> Working with HRG to review plans for the Plum Creek and Sugar Run Watersheds. Plum Creek: HRG has reviewed the Watershed Assessment, Restoration, and Preservation Plan and has identified areas within the watershed that additional work could be needed. HRG has reached out to John Kennedy Trout Unlimited for additional information about potential landowners in the HQ-CWF section of the watershed for project implementation. LFT has been doing targeted farm visits in the headwaters to identify ag projects on operations to reduce pollutants from reaching the waterway.  <b>2024:</b> Sugar Run: HRG has reviewed the Watershed Assessment, Restoration, and Preservation Plan and has reached out to St. Francis University for Technical Assistance on water Quality Sampling and AMD BMP design. Water quality sampling will begin in fall of 2024 through 2025.	
3.2B*	Trout Unlimited Non-point source Technical Assistance Program	8 proposals were submitted for streambank and in-stream practices in Blair County Waterways  Currently in the process of being implemented	JK Chapter TU, BCCD	Gillans Run Nature Works Park	2021 – Gillans Run 2022 Implementation of additional projects	Permitting process is underway, hoping to have permits by spring of 2022.  Work with South Central Office on Permitting Meeting.  Current funding minimum of \$25,000 for prevailing wage trigger drastically increases project budget.	Trout Unlimited	Partial	TU Technical Assistance  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$50,000 in design  \$130,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> Blair County is proposing partnership with TU for 2 projects: Gill/Fisher Project on Blair Gap Run and Phase 2 of the Newry Lions Club restoration for a total of 960 LF in 2025. A design was completed for a Duncansville Park Restoration (150 LF) in 2025 with permitting by the District.  <b>2024:</b> BCCD in partnership with TU completed a 2,980 LF stream restoration/bank stabilization project along Gillans Run and UNT Gillans Run. Installed a single log framed stone deflector along Gillans Run to finish a previous project approximately 25 LF. JK TU in partnership with TU designed and permitted three stream restoration/bank stabilization projects. Two of the projects will be implemented in fall 2024 (along Poplar Run and Blair Gap Run). The third project is along Canoe Creek which will be implemented in 2025.  <b>2023:</b> BCCD continues the partnership with TU. One stream stabilization project was completed. TU provided TA for another project at an urban site that also flows through existing agricultural land.  <b>2022:</b> BCCD is extensively using technical assistance program. BCCD completed 4 stream restoration projects this year utilizing the TU Program. Continues to utilize TU for technical assistance and plans to use them going forward. Projects are in Gillans Run, Spencer Run, Nature Works Park (Beaverdam Branch).	

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Green - action has been completed or is moving forward as planned   Yellow - action has encountered minor obstacles   Red - action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier

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<b>3.3Ba</b>	Implement Blair County National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reductions (INSR)	Expand partners to accelerate the installation of eight stream bank restoration and riparian buffer projects in the MS4 regulated regions	Blair County Conservation District, PA Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee (ISC), ISC Engineers, John Kennedy Local Trout Unlimited, Tri-Run Watershed Association, Little Juniata Watershed association, PA DCNR, Maple Hollow Townhouses Homeowners association, Master Gardeners	Beaverdam, Frankstown Watershed is primary focus, Little Juniata Watershed is a secondary priority	2021-2023	ISC has no capacity to scale up. Identifying additional partners to support with implementation. Expand geographic scale of implementation outside of defined urbanized area. Outreach to non-MS4 communities Limited budget for ISC, limited budget prevents outreach to non-MS4 communities	Engineers (ISC) Staff Time to support efforts (CD) Volunteer Buffer Plantings, and other work (St Francis University, LIRA, TU, TRWA, DCNR)	\$41,000 \$78,000 \$350,500, free trees	2 – Municipal Engineers 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 2 – stream biologists 6 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning 3 – FTE inspector construction Services	\$280,000 per year \$420,000 \$280,000 per year \$780,000 per year \$315,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> The NFWF grant has been completed and final report submitted. We continue to do farmer outreach through pasture walks. In 2025 - we expanded our grazing network into Bedford County and formed a grazing network committee (including CD and NRCS staff along with key mentor farmers). We reached approx. 80 farmers through these pasture walk events.  <b>2024:</b> With the NFWF funding - 13 farm lanes were stabilized for erosion control totaling 11,810 linear feet of eroding farm lanes repaired, six streambank restoration projects installed - totaling 4,200 L.F. stream banks stabilized, two rain gardens were re-planted and a volunteer group identified to continue green infrastructure maintenance identified, seven riparian buffers planted totaling 4.5 acres forested buffer established, 8 riparian buffer workshops conducted reaching 120 people, one farmer workshop connecting with 52 farmers in Blair County, six regional pasture walks held - solidifying a tri-county grazing group of approx. 75 farmers, hosted one regenerative agriculture/local food hub workshop connecting with 42 farmers/organizations, a small urban riparian buffer planted, a green infrastructure workshop held to train landscape professionals, stream testing materials and equipment were purchased to continue Blair County's on-going stream monitoring program to identify stream-heath baseline in the County, and a new stream monitoring volunteer group was organized to train and initiate a volunteer stream monitoring program in Blair County.  <b>2023:</b> Starting to concentrate on farm lane construction and repair. Several designs are being developed for green infrastructure in urban projects. Another project was designed and permitted through the INSR grant.  <b>2022:</b> Soliciting farmers for farm lane stabilization through farm visits, fliers, presentations, and Farm Bureau newsletter articles. Hopefully starting on construction in the spring of 2023. INSR supported action 3.2B stream restoration construction. The District is holding 2 CREP workshops for INSR outreach this fall and early in 2023.	

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3.3Bb	Implement Blair County National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reductions (INSR)	Develop cost share program to fund Green Infrastructure and riparian buffer practices	Blair County Conservation District, Blair County Municipalities, NRCS, Tyrone Township and Tyrone Borough, Blair County Farm Bureau	Non-MS4 communities of Beaverdam Watershed	2021 - 2023	Will work with NRCS staff to identify farms needing road/culvert repair; however, NRCS staff is limited and working beyond their scope is difficult	Volunteer Time	\$183,000	2 – Municipal Engineers 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 2 – stream biologists 6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – FTE inspector construction Services	\$280,000 per year \$420,000 \$280,000 per year \$780,000 per year \$315,000 per year	2025: see 3.2 Ba  2024: see 3.2 Ba  2023: see 3.2Ba  2022: see 3.2Ba	
		Target stormwater practice implementation upstream of D&G Roads										
		Offer cost shared program to reduce sediment pollution from unpaved roads and culvert outlets in the AG sector – 10 projects total										
		Strengthen the partnership with Blair County Municipalities by scaling up Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Program	Implement Stormwater Practices in Tyrone Township and Borough									
3.3Bc	Implement Blair County National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reductions (INSR)	Accelerate the adoption of regenerative agriculture practices on farms in Blair County and establish a Regional Soil Health Hub in partnership with Pa Soil Health Coalition	Blair County Conservation District, Blair County Municipalities, NRCS, PA Soil Health Coalition, Project Grass, PAGLC, PA No-Till Alliance,	Beaverdam, Frankstown Watershed is primary focus, Little Juniata Watershed is a secondary priority	2021 - 2023	NRCS Staff is limited	Plan Writers		2 – Municipal Engineers 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 2 – stream biologists 6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – FTE	\$280,000 per year \$420,000 \$280,000 per year \$780,000 per year	2025: see 3.2 Ba  2024: see 3.2 Ba  2023: see 3.2Ba  2022: see 3.2Ba	
		Conduct 5 farmers workshops										
		Utilize multi-county grazing group to further promote the use of prescribed grazing										
3.4B	Exploring opportunities to develop a plan for Spencer Run	Need to conduct a watershed assessment for Spencer Run. Funding already established	JK Chapter of TU, Army Core of Engineers	Spencer Run Watershed	2022 complete watershed assessment	Lack of staffing with quick grant turnaround. Plan development can take time	Technical assistance		6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning	\$780,000 per year \$150,000 to develop a plan for Spencer Run	2025: A design and permit were attained by BCCD for work on the Weimer site to include approximately 800 LF stream restoration at the lower reach of the stream and removal of a large debris jam at the upper reach of the property. Further stream assessment may be consider once the stream re-establishes following the debris removal.  2024: Preliminary engineering assessment of upslope watershed did not produce any meaningful projects that could be undertaken within the scope of the existing DCED Keystone Communities Funding. The proposed floodplain reconnection in the lower reach of Spencer Run also did not prove to be a viable option. Consideration is being given to include a stream restoration and possible floodplain options on the Weimer Property east of the intersection of Spencer Run and Mill Road. HRG will work to develop potential plans and permit applications.  2023: Streambank stabilization implemented in Spencer Run using DCED Keystone Communities funds. BCCD is using an engineering firm to identify upslope stormwater management options using that funding.  2022: Streambank stabilization implemented in Spencer Run. Considering a floodplain reconnection project on Spencer Run.	
		Already conducted a flood assessment										
3.5B	Altoona Water Authority Regional Digestor	Altoona Water Authority is currently in the process of building a new regional digester to handle biosolids and manure from regional facilities within 50 miles. The facility will process nutrients and produce a low concentration Class A waste that will be land applied.	Altoona Water Authority, Regional waste producers who transport to digester,	Altoona, PA Glen White Run Watershed – Biosolid Application	2022	There is potential the digester will be processing manure generated outside of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. These nutrients will be contributed to Blair County loads.	Day to day operation	\$36 million	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year	2025: No update at this time.  2024: No update at this time.  2023: Regional digester is complete and being brought online. No manure will be added to the facility, and communication with AWA staff has indicated that nutrient reductions from the facility may be net even with current loads.  2022: No progress to date. In the fall follow-up with AWA to document progress on the regional	

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<b>Priority Initiative 3C: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions Cambria County</b>												
3.1Ca	Implement the 2020 Cambria County Conservation District Strategic Plan	Increase the number of stream restoration BMPs installed, submit grants once a year to implement AMD and AG impaired waters (2 miles of AMD stream by 2025, Glendale Lake streambank stabilization)  Conduct 10 comprehensive farm evaluations for BMPs (assume 60 acres per farm – 600 acres of new potential planning). Funding by 2025  Assist 5 farmers per year with soil conservation and nutrient management plans (portion of 10,000 acres of new soil conservation and water quality plan goal)	CCPC, Municipalities, CCCD, DEP BAMR, PDA, DEP, Cambria County Redevelopment Authority, DCNR, NRCS, Prince Gallitzin State Park, SCC, PACD, EPCAMR, WPC, AmeriCorps, Bens Creek Canoe Club, PAFBC, PSU Extension, Clearfield Creek Watershed Association, Chest Creek Watershed Association	Cambria Countywide	Ongoing	Lack of funding and technical assistance to support restoration initiatives, landowner issues			1 – Municipal Engineers  2 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permits  1 – stream biologists  3 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning  2 – FTE Construction Inspector  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD	\$140,000 per year  \$280,000 per year  \$140,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  \$280,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year	2025: Cambria County continues to make progress towards increasing the number of stream restoration BMPs installed throughout the County. Cambria has assisted producers in the county with 1 MMPS, 2 ag E&S plans, 2 NMPs, and an additional 7 producers receiving technical assistance for plan writing. The County updated the Strategic Plan in 2025.  2024: CCCD continues to make progress towards increasing the number of stream restoration BMPs installed throughout the County with numerous projects being completed in 2024.  CCCD assisted producers in the County by assisting with 0 Ag e&s plans, 0 Nutrient Management Plans, 5 Manure Management Plans, and 4 additional producers received technical assistance for plan writing.  2023: Continues to progress. Streambank stabilization at Glendale Lake has been completed. 4 manure management plans, 3 Ag E&S plans, 2 nutrient management plans, and 3 farmers were assisted with TA.  CCCD applied for a Growing Greener grant for streambank stabilization projects.  Glendale shoreline restoration of 2,340 LF. West Branch Susquehanna streambank stabilization of 4,000 LF.  2022: Due to a lack of qualified applicants and existing grant funds the CCCD was not able to hire additional staff to support implementation of the Conservation District Strategic Plan	
3.1Cb	Implement the 2020 Cambria County Conservation District Strategic Plan	Develop MOUs with municipalities on E&S, meet with 12 municipalities per year  Meet with 15 municipalities in 3 years to promote stormwater management planning  Meet with county agencies to promote stormwater planning and ACT 167 requirements  Have at least 1 demonstration project by 2022 to showcase stormwater BMPs  Achieve addition of 2 staff to district employees by 2025  Increase 1 FTE for program support, environmental education, and accounting	CCPC, Municipalities, CCCD, DEP BAMR, PDA, DEP, Cambria County Redevelopment Authority, DCNR, NRCS, Prince Gallitzin State Park, SCC, PACD, WPCAMR, WPC, AmeriCorps, Bens Creek Canoe Club, PAFBC, PSU Extension	Cambria Countywide	Ongoing	Lack of funding and technical assistance to support restoration initiatives		See 3.1Ca	See 3.1Ca	2025: See 3.1Ca  2024: See 3.1Ca  2023: See 3.1Ca  2022: See 3.1Ca		

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<b>3.2C*</b>	Implement Brubaker Run Cold Water Conservation Plan	Address remaining AMD and AML issues through restoration efforts  Culvert replacement projects  Opportunities for stream restoration near Hastings  Work with farmers to educate them on erosion and sediment control  Continue to fund Dirt and Gravel Road projects	CCPC, Municipalities, CCCD, PAFBC  Work with municipal officials, business owners, residents and PennDOT for stormwater BMPs	Brubaker Run Watershed	Ongoing	Lack of technical assistance to support with implementation of restoration initiatives  Lack of funding to support restoration efforts  Need to secure AMD/AML funding			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District  Other funding is identified throughout initiatives	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$500,000 to support implementation of Plan	<b>2025:</b> No Update.  <b>2024:</b> CCCD hosted educational events to educate approximately 7- producers in the County regarding erosion and sedimentation controls.  <b>2023:</b> Completed 160 LF of streambank stabilization and PA Game Commission has received permits to replace culverts on State Game lands.  <b>2022:</b> Implemented a streambank stabilization project at three separate locations in Brubaker Run. A total of 655 linear feet was stabilized.	
<b>Priority Initiative 3F: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions Fulton County</b>												
<b>3.1F</b>	Develop a watershed implementation plan for Big Cove Creek	Conservation District received a Growing Greener grant to develop a Plan for Big Cove Creek. Ensure the goals of this WIP align with CAP goals. Use the plans to leverage funding.  Mainly AG Implementation, some urban implementation, and forest management.	FCCD, Center for Watershed Protection	Big Cove Creek  Upper portion of Big Cove Creek is primary focus for impaired restoration efforts	2022 Plan Development  2023 Secure funding  2024 begin implementation	District is focusing many of the AG activities and stream restoration in this watershed.  Ensure the Plan allows the CD to utilize 319 funding to support implementation.  Consider utilizing rapid delisting approach to identify most cost-effective landowners to pursue.		Plan Writing Dollars	Implementation Support	\$1,000,000 to support implementation of the plan	<b>2025:</b> Watershed Assessment Plan for Upper Big Cove Creek has been completed and has received approval from DEP and EPA; District to submit the final reimbursement request and final report to close out the Growing Greener Grant.  <b>2024:</b> Watershed Assessment Plan will be completed by the end of 2024. Once the plan is complete, District will identify potential projects to seek funding for implementation. District received GGG to design and permit two additional stream restoration projects within this watershed.  <b>2023:</b> Assessment will be completed by end of 2023. Three projects will be completed in the stream corridor restoration project by the end of 2023.  <b>2022:</b> FCCD is assisting with a stream restoration project on Buchanan State Forest along Big Cove Creek.  2019-2021 Growing Greener Grant (extension granted through December 2022) - Approximately \$560,000 left to expend in the grant (\$555,000 construction/\$5,000 administrative). - Big Cove Creek Stream Corridor Restoration, Big Cove Creek (ag-impaired section). Final designs have been completed; permit was approved in July, Construction to begin in the fall of 2022.  2020-2022 Growing Greener Grant - \$112,000 awarded (contractual). - Assessment of Upper Big Cove Creek. Working with the Center for Watershed Protection and Ecosystem Planning and Restoration to implement the assessment. Plan needs to be developed by December of 2024.	
<b>3.2F</b>	Exploring opportunities to develop a plan for Cove Run Watershed	Look to secure funding to write a develop either a 319 WIP, Alternative Restoration Plan or Cold-Water Conservation Plan to support implementation goals of the Phase 3 WIP.	FCCD, NRCS,	Cove Run Watershed	2022 – secure funding for plan development  2023 – begin plan writing	Securing funding to support the development of an additional watershed plan.  Might be able to move forward with some implementation projects without plan development.		Rapid Delisting approach	\$150,000 for plan development	<b>2025:</b> The District finalized the partnership with Chesapeake Conservancy in 2025 after the Conservancy finalized modeling Cove Run to highlight loading areas and potential for pollution reduction. The results are still to be reviewed and a plan has yet been developed for implementation.  <b>2024:</b> District partnering with Chesapeake Bay Foundation to model the watershed using Model My Watershed, rather than developing a 319 Plan. It was determined that expending effort into quantifying numeric from Model My Watershed and applying for grants to implement BMPs is the more feasible route to go at de-listing the Ag impaired stream. District will conduct visits with landowners in the watershed to discuss the importance of streambank fencing and the establishment of riparian buffers.  <b>2023:</b> Plan has not progress, however, LFT has focused their outreach efforts in the watershed and generated interested landowners for projects.		

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<b>Priority Initiative 3H: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions Huntingdon County</b>												
3.1H*	Implement the Miller Run Cold Water Heritage Conservation Plan	Continue semiannual water quality monitoring  Continue to Address remaining AMD and AML issues through restoration efforts, ongoing maintenance of existing systems  Ensure farmland managed by Game Commission has BMPs and are properly managed  Reporting and Verification of existing projects implemented 2000-2010	Shoups Run Watershed Association, HCCD, PA Game Commission	Miller Run Watershed	Ongoing	Lack of technical assistance to support with implementation of restoration initiatives  Lack of funding to support restoration efforts  If existing AMD system fail water quality will return to hazardous levels  Miller Run has been delisted, but macros still need improvement.  Work with Juniata College to perform additional monitoring efforts.			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$50,000 for funding and technical assistance to continue monitoring and maintenance	<b>2025:</b> Huntingdon County was awarded the 319 grant for the passive AMD system in the Miller Run Watershed. A site visit with HRG is to be held in October to discuss the bid package and site showing process.  <b>2024:</b> HCCD is still waiting to hear if funds were awarded from the 319 grant for the passive AMD systems in the Miller Run Watershed.  <b>2023:</b> HCCD applied for a 319 grant to rehabilitate 2 passive AMD systems in the Miller Run watershed.  <b>2022:</b> Need to maintain existing AMD systems, major flooding in 2021 has increased the need for more restoration in the future. Semiannual water quality monitoring showed decreased treatment/failure which led to funding search.  Applied for WPCAMR and received \$29,800 in funding for repairs/major cleaning. HCCD applied for two more grants to repair these systems in the fall of 2022.	
3.2H	Implement Standing Stone Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan	Plan is currently under development and set to be finished in September of 2021  This plan is an opportunity to help implement CAP Initiatives	HCCD	Standing Stone Creek Watershed	9/2021 completion  Ongoing implementation	Lack of technical assistance to support with implementation of restoration initiatives  Lack of funding to support restoration efforts			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$500,000 to support implementation of the plan	<b>2025:</b> The Western PA Conservancy completed a stream restoration project on the Yoder Farm in Herod Run, a tributary of Standing Stone Creek, that was 3,781' in length. Additionally, 13.5 acres of riparian buffers were installed at the Yoder Farm by Chesapeake Conservancy.  To date one stream restoration project is under construction for Huntingdon County's Growing Greener grant for Standing Stone Creek. One project is to begin October 2025 and two are to begin the Spring of 2026.  <b>2024:</b> HCCD received a Growing Greener application for \$376,346 for the Standing Stone Sediment reduction project which aims to implement stream restoration for the project site.  <b>2023:</b> In Herod Run, an off stream watering system has been implemented and a stream restoration is slated for fall of 2023 through a partnership with WPC and USFWS.  <b>2022:</b> Community Foundation for the Alleghenies; \$18,000: Standing Stone Wetland Restoration Project, Miller Twp., Huntingdon County. Proposed to be completed in October 2022. Proposed activities include construction of a vernal pool and implementation of 8 acres of buffer restoration. Planned to implement buffer in October 2023.  2022. Partners include BluAcres, LLC, Huntingdon Co. Conservation District, DCNR, Cold Water Heritage Program, and the landowner. Status: A stream assessment was undertaken by HCCD; design has been completed by BluAcres; Pre-application meetings with DEP have taken place; E & S Plan has been compiled. HCCD and WPC put in application to Growing Greener for stream restoration on Harod Run for 3,800 linear feet. Applying for buffer funding for 13.5 acres on Harod Run. Couple of projects gaining landowner interest, need to identify funding.	

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3.3H	Juniata University (College) Urban Tree Initiative	Juniata College has established a "Tree Care Plan" along with a tree advisory committee to further implementation of trees on campus.  Partner with Huntingdon Borough Tree Commission	Juniata College, Tree Advisory Committee, Huntingdon Borough Tree Commission and service	Juniata College	Ongoing	Partner with Huntingdon Borough tree commission and borough to implement projects. If the tree commission has more funding, they could implement more projects.	Volunteer services		1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$50,000 to support Huntingdon Borough Tree Commission	<p><b>2025:</b> The partnership has continued between HCCD, Juniata College, and HRG. The final tally for trees needs to be finalized for 2025, which will be reported into PracticeKeeper later this year. Juniata College has been proactive at securing funding for new initiatives related to this action item, including receiving a Keep PA Beautiful- Healing the Planted Grant for additional tree plantings on Campus and in the Community in Partnership with HCCD and the Huntingdon Borough Tree Commission. An additional Foundation for PA Watersheds grant to fund the Riparian Buffer rehab on campus, the establishment of a like stake harvest site, and maintenance on previously installed riparian buffers on HCCD installed sites. Juniata College partnered with Western PA Conservancy, Chesapeake Conservancy, and HCCD on this initiative.</p> <p>Huntingdon County is working with Juniata College and HRG to identify Lawn Conversion areas on campus. HCCD would like to apply for funding to install signage once these locations are established for educational purposes.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> The partnership between HCCD, Juniata College and HRG has continued in 2024. Juniata College has planted 5 additional trees in 2024 to replace existing trees that needed to be removed due to age and condition. 5 new trees have been lined up for future planting with a new grant received by Juniata College. HRG will assist the University in reporting plantings.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> HRG worked with HCCD and Juniata College to report plantings into FieldDoc. We will continue to support the initiative with any technical resources needed and report implementation of plantings.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> no progress to date.</p>	
3.4H*	Explore options for developing a watershed restoration plan at Great Trough Creek, Dudley Discharge, Fort Run, Warriors Run.  DEP developing a plan on Great Trough Creek to address the Dudley Run Discharge.	SRBC, Chesapeake Conservancy, Conservation District	Great Trough Creek, Dudley Discharge, Fort Run, Warriors Run, Sadler Creek	2024-2025	Funds are available to address Great Trough Creek; however, funds are in general services and there is a legal battle transferring these funds to Bureau of Mining. This must be accomplished before a plan can be developed.			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission  1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$130,000 per year  \$150,000 per plan à \$600,000 total for four plans	<p><b>2025:</b> No new updates.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> An additional 1,475 feet of stream restoration occurred in 2023 along Warrior Mark Run. The project was funded through Growing Greener and partners included USFWF, Chesapeake Conservancy, and WPC.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> Warrior's Mark run has been the focus of HCCD. 2 HUAPs have been planned. USFWS has completed 18,216 LF of stream restoration in the watershed.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Dudley discharge could be supported through new AMD funding. Lancaster Farmland Trust completed 7 farm visits in Fort Run watershed and identified several projects on farms to be completed in the future.</p>		
3.5H *	Shoup's Run 319 WIP  Streambank stabilization projects and dirt and gravel road BMP's using high calcium limestone have been identified as possible solutions to the acidic deposition problem  Plans to construct a wastewater treatment facility for the remaining populated areas of Dudley, Coalmont Borough, and Carbon Township have been completed, funding has been secured, and construction has begun.	BAMR, Conservation District	Great Trough Creek and Dudley Discharge, Shoups Run	Ongoing	DEP must be successful with the implantation of the Dudley Discharge AMD site.			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year  \$500,000 for plan implementation	<p><b>2025:</b> The 319 Grant has been awarded with a site visit to occur in October to begin the bidding process.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> HCCD applied for a 319 grant to rehabilitate 2 passive AMD systems in the Miller Run watershed in 2023, which is part of the Shoup's Run 319 WIP. HCCD is still waiting to hear back about grant funds being awarded or not for the project.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> HCCD applied for a 319 grant to rehabilitate 2 passive AMD systems in the Miller Run watershed, which is part of the Shoup's Run 319 WIP.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Containing to maintain the systems, maintenance completed on Minersville in 2022.</p>		

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<b>Priority Initiative 4: Achieve New Pollutant Reductions (Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon)</b>													
4.1	Rapid Delisting Catchment Strategy through the Precision Conservation Partnership	Rapid delisting will identify priority areas and BMPs	Chesapeake Conservancy and partners	Plum Creek and Tributary to Piney Creek (B)  Duclos Run – Chest Creek watershed (ag impaired due to sediment, former potato production, now corn/bean with cover crop and no-till) (C)  Cove Run and Big Cove Creek (F)  Warriors Mark Run and North Branch of the Little Aughwick Creek (H)	2021-2024	Reinvigorating landowner interest, design/permit/construction schedules,	Program management and GIS  Landowner outreach	\$500,000  \$100,000 dollars to complete rapid delisting program management per year per county à total cost \$2,000,000  Other funding identified in below initiatives	11 – additional FTE municipal/ environmental planners	\$1,430,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Efforts from previous outreach efforts have yielded projects that are under design or I&amp;E development in the Plum Creek Watershed in the impaired Warm Water Fishes section. The Heltzel Dairy project is currently under going design and Chapter 105 permit. The Cowan Farm will have a finalized I&amp;E addressing Stormwater in the Fall of 2025.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> Cambria County has Chesapeake Conservancy teed up to assist in training staff in Model My Watershed (MMW) for Chest Creek and Duclos Run, which are both ag impaired. Future modeling on the watershed may highlight the areas where additional work may be identified to begin the process of enlistment in a watershed that is suffering from legacy ag impacts.</p> <p>Fulton: See 3.2F</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> A Huntingdon County Catchment Meeting was held on August 27th with partners from the Chesapeake Conservancy, Huntingdon County, NRCS, Western PA Conservancy, and US Fish and Wildlife to discuss any potential upcoming projects and projects that have been completed.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> LFT has done outreach to identify farms in Plum Creek that are in need of BMPs to promote Water quality in the watershed. The targeted outreach and identification of potential project sites is the first step of delisting the watershed.</p> <p>CCCD has met with the Chesapeake bay Foundation and HRG to receive training on Model My Watershed to run modeling on Chest Creek and Duclos Run. The modeling will help identify areas where BMPs need to be implemented in hot spots.</p> <p>HRG has looked into rapid de-listing on Chest Creek and Duclos Run in Cambria County. Future coordination with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Rapid De-listing strategies will be held later in 2024.</p>	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Efforts from previous outreach efforts have yielded projects that are under design or I&amp;E development in the Plum Creek Watershed in the impaired Warm Water Fishes section. The Heltzel Dairy project is currently under going design and Chapter 105 permit. The Cowan Farm will have a finalized I&amp;E addressing Stormwater in the Fall of 2025.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> Cambria County has Chesapeake Conservancy teed up to assist in training staff in Model My Watershed (MMW) for Chest Creek and Duclos Run, which are both ag impaired. Future modeling on the watershed may highlight the areas where additional work may be identified to begin the process of enlistment in a watershed that is suffering from legacy ag impacts.</p> <p>Fulton: See 3.2F</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> A Huntingdon County Catchment Meeting was held on August 27th with partners from the Chesapeake Conservancy, Huntingdon County, NRCS, Western PA Conservancy, and US Fish and Wildlife to discuss any potential upcoming projects and projects that have been completed.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> LFT has done outreach to identify farms in Plum Creek that are in need of BMPs to promote Water quality in the watershed. The targeted outreach and identification of potential project sites is the first step of delisting the watershed.</p> <p>CCCD has met with the Chesapeake bay Foundation and HRG to receive training on Model My Watershed to run modeling on Chest Creek and Duclos Run. The modeling will help identify areas where BMPs need to be implemented in hot spots.</p> <p>HRG has looked into rapid de-listing on Chest Creek and Duclos Run in Cambria County. Future coordination with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Rapid De-listing strategies will be held later in 2024.</p>	
4.2(B)*	Help farmers and operators to be in compliance with state and federal requirements: Conservation and Nutrient Management Plans	<b>Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans (AG E&amp;S) 25,000 acres</b>  <b>Nutrient Management (Manure Management) 25,000 acres of Core N and 15,000 31,500 acres of Core P</b>  Work with ACT 38 operators (8), Preserved Farms (56), enter existing plans that were inspected but not reported to PK and certified organics to document plans already required	4R Alliance, BCCD, Blair County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land	2022-2025	Lack of DEP inspections.  Reporting and verification of AG Plans, NRCS plans expire and do not get reverified, private plans are never entered.  Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation, one on one farm outreach is best way to capture existing plans.  Act 38 and Preserved Farms not required to enter plans in PK, Recommendations to require programs to enter plans into PK  State agencies must work with integrators to ensure they are requiring compliance by farmers. Some integrators require compliance, but not all, great way to communicate with farmers as well.			6 – additional Ag Planners to work with farmers to develop required plans  Private Sector Ag Planners – farmers more willing to work with them opposed to district	\$780,000 per year  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$375,000  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$225,000		<p><b>2025:</b> Blair continues to work with producers to be in compliance with State and Federal requirements. In 2025, district staff have written 5 MMP and 6 Ag E&amp;S Plans. 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4.2(C)*	See 4.2B	<b>Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans (AG E&amp;S) 10,000 11,000 acres</b>  <b>Nutrient Management (Manure Management) 15,000 acres of Core N and 5,500 acres of Core P</b>  Work with ACT 38 operators (1 currently), Preserved Farms (20), and certified organics to document plans already required	4R Alliance, CCCD, Cambria County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Growmark Farm Service, PSU Extension	Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion	2022-2025	See 4.2 B  Rented ground changing hands every year, hard to keep plans up to date each year.  PA One Stop Needs Revised to include the most modern farming practices. Some farmers are using this program to develop their own plans.	50 inspections completed per year for last 3 years (150 total)		3 – additional Ag Planners to work with farmers to develop required plans.	\$390,000 per year  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$150,000  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$82,500	<b>2025:</b> Cambria has processed 1,025 acres of Ag E&S Plans, 1,025 acres for Nutrient Management Plans, and 357 acres for Manure Management Plans in 2025.  <b>2024:</b> 0 acres in Nutrient Management Plans and ag e&s plans written. 1,245 acres of Manure Management Plans.  <b>2023:</b> 4 Ag E&S (380 acres), 2 Manure Management Plans (406 acres), and 564 acres of Nutrient Management Plans were written to date in 2023.  <b>2022:</b> PACD recently announced their Growing Greener grant for Ag Plan Reimbursement. Farmers in Cambria County will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to produce Ag E&S and Manure Management Plans. HRG will be attending the rollout of this program to maximize opportunities to get farmers additional plans.  <b>Cambria County:</b> nutrient management tech is writing manure management plans and AG E&S plans. Intern will be entering plans into PK in the fall. Completed 50 Inspections last year, will complete 13.	
4.2(F)*	See 4.2B	<b>Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans (AG E&amp;S) 15,500 30,000 acres</b>  <b>Nutrient Management (Manure Management) 24,500 acres of Core N and 18,500 24,500 acres of Core P</b>  Work with ACT 38 operators (12), Preserved Farms (240 acres), and certified organics to document plans already required	4R Alliance, FCCD, Fulton County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, PSU Extension	Fulton County Ag Land	2022-2025	See 4.2B  Better information sharing with NRCS.  Chesapeake Bay Inspections are the best way to capture and document Plan Compliance  Prefer additional District staff over a consultant to conduct one on one farm outreach	75 inspections performed per year; 17 plans developed per year  NRCS can develop and update about 20 plans per years.	6 – additional Ag Planners to work with farmers to develop required plans.	\$780,000 per year  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$232,500  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$277,500	<b>2025:</b> The District is currently conducting Phase 2 Chesapeake Bay agricultural inspections at a rate of 50 per year. As a result, we are writing fewer plans than we did during Phase 1 inspections. However, the District remains committed to developing the necessary plans as needs arise.  We expect to write more Manure Management Plans in 2025-2026 due to the addition of a manure spreader to our rental fleet. To rent the spreader, operators must have a Manure Management Plan on file with the District.  To assist farmers in writing or updating their plans, the District will hold a workshop during the late fall or winter months.  <b>2024:</b> District is now completing 50 Phase 2 Chesapeake Bay ag inspections per year, and as such, we are not writing as many plans as we did with Phase 1 inspections. One Ag E&S and one MMP have been written so far in 2024. District has identified several operators that need plans developed, at three MMPs.  <b>2023:</b> No plans have been written to date in 2023.  <b>2022:</b> From 2020 to 2021 progress Fulton County increased nutrient management Core P reporting by over 18,400 acres across the county. For Conservation Plan Fulton County increased reporting by 8,400 acres.  PACD recently announced their Growing Greener grant for Ag Plan Reimbursement. Farmers in Fulton County will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to produce Ag E&S and Manure Management Plans. HRG will be attending the rollout of this program to maximize opportunities to get farmers additional plans.  Nutrient Management Technician has developed 20 AG E&S Plans and 20 Manure Management Plans to date in 2022, goal was 17 for both by the end of 2022. Information is entered in PK.		
4.2(H)*	See 4.2B	<b>Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans (AG E&amp;S) 30,000 acres</b>  <b>Nutrient Management (Manure Management) 25,000 acres of Core N and 15,000 31,000 acres of Core P</b>  Work with ACT 38 operators (24), Preserved Farms (11), and certified organics to document plans already required	4R Alliance, HCCD, Huntingdon County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, R&R Engineering,	Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022-2025	See 4.2B	12 Inspections completed per year for a total of about 50 completed over the last 4 years	6 – additional Ag Planners to work with farmers to meet 4R standards  Cost share support for equipment (Spreaders)  0.5 FTE – Chesapeake Bay Technician to expand this position to a full-time position	\$780,000 per year  \$250,000 cost share budget (maintenance, staff support and cost)  \$65,000 per year  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$450,000  \$15 per acre for a total cost of \$225,000	<b>2025:</b> Total acreage of ag plans developed in 2025 are currently unknown, however the District continually encourages the operators in the County to utilize the PAC Ag Plan Reimbursement Program.  <b>2024:</b> The District provided technical assistance to farmers by writing 18 manure management plans for operations in the County in 2024.  <b>2023:</b> Huntingdon County implemented 3,464 new acres of manure management plans in 2023.  <b>2022:</b> From 2020 to 2021 progress Huntingdon County increased nutrient management Core N reporting by over 2,600 acres and Core P by 13,700 acres.  PACD recently announced their Growing Greener grant for Ag Plan Reimbursement. Farmers in Huntingdon County will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to produce Ag E&S and Manure Management Plans. HRG will be attending the rollout of this program to maximize opportunities to get farmers additional plans.  Completed 13 ag inspection last year and planned for an additional 13 farms next year. Intern is writing manure management and ag E&S plans. Have seen an increase in number of voluntary and involuntary nutrient management plans.		

## 2025 Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Milestone Report – SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES

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4.3	Advanced Nutrient Management (4R) Practice Education and Implementation	Increase reporting of supplemental nutrient management BMPs through existing programs and initiatives.  Explore the idea of increasing pre-sides nitrogen testing (PSNT) or Chlorophyll testing to District program participants.  <u>Transition manure management plans to...</u>	4R Alliance, CD, County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land  Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion	2022-2025	Landowner interest, BMP verification (annual)  Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation  Additional funding to support soil testing. Soil testing is key to	Educational support		21 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning (Blair - 6, Cambria - 3, Huntingdon - 6, Fulton - 6)	\$2,730,000 per year  \$250,000 cost share	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair continues to report supplemental NM BMPs from status reviews performed. Blair has implemented 2 manure storages and 2 have finalized design and waiting for construction to begin. These storages will enable farmers to better apply manure following 4R practices.</p> <p>Cambria: There are two manure storages currently under construction which will enable farmers to better land apply manure following the 4R practices.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair continues to report supplemental NM BMPs from status reviews performed. Blair is working with producers and has 9 manure storages in various stages of design. These storages will</p>	
4.4*	Implement Practice to improve soil health and sustainability (Tillage Management and Cover Crops)	Determine feasibility of having a county cost share program to enhance adoption of the annual practice, pay incentive per acre  <b>Implement tillage management and cover crops on an annual rate of 19,000 acres High Residue, 12,000 acres Conservation Tillage, 5,200 acres Low Residue, 8,500-26,000 acres traditional cover crops, and 12,500-acres cover crops with fall nutrients (B)</b>  <b>8,000 15,000 acres HR, 6,500 acres CT, 3,000 acres LR, 6,200 12,000 acres of CC and 1,000 acres CC with fall nutrients (C)</b>  <b>10,000-20,000 acres HR, 7,700 acres CT, 5,000 acres LR, 7,700 16,400 acres CC and 8,700 acres CC with fall nutrients (F)</b>  <b>20,000 31,000 acres HR, 10,000 acres CT, 4,000 acres LR, 8,000 18,000 acres CC and 10,000 acres CC with fall nutrients (H)</b>	CD, County Farm Bureaus, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land  Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton County Ag Land  Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022-2023	Current verification methods do not accurately capture implemented amounts - work with Capital RC&D & DEP to improve transect survey routes and data collection methodology. Lack of technical assistance and farm planners to work with farmers to transition to High Residue Tillage.  Farmers are harvesting cover crops for animals, need accurate crediting for commodity cover crops. Existing Cover Crop Programs have strict plant by date that does not work with changing weather patterns and wetter years. Organic farmers are using tillage to manage weeds and vertical tillage is becoming more popular among farmers, younger generation is "trying" tillage for experience. Potato farmers use tillage as part of their operations.	Transect survey  2 – No till drills for rent  1 – No till drill for rent	EQIP – pays \$50 per acre for single species, \$60 per acre for 3 species  Cost share support for no-till drill (H)  County Conservation District – staff to administer the program  Capital RC&D Transect Survey	\$2,730,000 per year  \$250,000 cost share budget  \$250,000 cost share budget  \$90 per acre traditional per year \$2.745M for a 5-year total of \$13.725M (incentive payment, capital RC&D) \$50 per acre fall nutrients per year \$1.61M for 5-year total of \$8.05M \$150,000	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: For 2024-2025 Cover Crop Program, 3,318.21 acres were installed. The Cover Crop Program will be paused for the 2025-2026 season.</p> <p>Cambria: 57 acres were installed with No Till Drill program.</p> <p>Fulton: For the 2024-2025 Cover Crop Incentive Program, 1,890 acres were enrolled; however, the District only had enough funds to provide incentive payments for 980 acres for a total of \$54,305 (ACAP funds). 860 acres have been planted so far in 2025 with the District's two no-till drills available to rent; this total will increase significantly with the planting of fall cover crops.</p> <p>Huntingdon: Huntingdon County is restarting their Cover Crop Incentive Program through the CAP to encourage the use of Cover Crops within the County. Data and project information will be reported into PK after verification in the Spring of 2026.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair: For the 2023-2024 Cover Crop Program, 2,724.3 acres were installed. For 2024-2025 estimating 3,000 acres of Cover Crop to be installed.</p> <p>Cambria: 215.6 acres were installed with the No Till Drill program and 1,176.44 acres were installed in the Cover Crop program.</p> <p>Fulton: 1,467 acres were enrolled in the first year (23/24) of the District's Cover Crop Incentive Program; however, the District only had enough funds (ACAP) to pay for 734 acres. Currently accepting applications for the second year (24/25). In 2023, 1,259.4 acres were planted with the District's no-till drill. District added a second drill in late fall of 2023. To date, 667 acres have been planted with both the District's drills. In 2024, The District developed a survey to collect data from farmers for BMP verification. This survey is mailed with all NTD invoices. Farmers receive a 10% discount for completing the survey and including it with their payment.</p>		
4.5B*	Implement more pasture management BMPs	<b>Prescribed grazing – 80 600 acres</b>  <b>Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 35 200 acres</b>  <b>Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 35 acres</b>  <b>Land retirement to AG Open Space – 300-700 acres</b>	BCCD, Blair County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef, and other pasture grazing animals	2022-2025	Landowner education, BMP funding for non-buffer work, plan updates, data gathering  Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation	Landowner education	CBF grant	6 – additional Ag Planners 3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year \$390,000 per year Prescribed grazing \$540 per acre: \$43,200 total FB Buffer with Exclusion \$10,500 per acre: \$367,500 total GB Buffer with Exclusion \$2,750 per acre: \$96,250 total Land Retirement \$500 per acre: \$150K total	<p><b>2025:</b> PA Ombudsman Program continues to co-host grazing events in partnership with a newly formed grazing network (this network includes CD staff, NRCS, and grazing farmers from Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Cambria Co). We hosted 4 events this year, reaching approx. 80 farmers.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> PA Ombudsman Program coordinated and held several outreach events within the region targeting increased implementation of rotational grazing and pasture management BMPs. A 2.8 acre rotational grazing system was installed in 2024. I&amp;Es on three additional farms with NRCS were performed.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> PA Ombudsman Program coordinated and held several outreach events within the region targeting increased implementation of rotational grazing and pasture management BMPs.</p> <p>A 30 acre rotational grazing system was installed in 2023. Another 25 acre rotational grazing system was also installed with additional animal walkways.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Phase 1 of BMP verification identified 90 potential hits for streambank exclusion fencing. This data set will allow for increased reporting of buffered acres with exclusion fencing.</p> <p>Blair County is working with a farmer to implement BMPs with CAP Block Grant funding. The district is coordinating with NRCS on additional projects. Grazing system installation project will be completed by spring of 2023 and reported into PracticeKeeper.</p>	

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<b>4.5C*</b>	Implement more pasture management BMPs	Prescribed grazing – <b>125</b> 365 acres  Pasture Alternative Watering – <b>250</b> 690 acres  Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 10 acres  Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 12 acres  Land retirement to AG Open Space – 200 acres	CCCD, Cambria County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Growmark Farm Service, PSU Extension	Cambria County Ag landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef, and other pasture grazing animals – Chesapeake Bay Portion	2022-2025	See 4.5B	Old NRCS plans need to be updated to comply with prescribed grazing definition – difficult to get landowner buy-in – fund alternative watering and fencing; most pastures are streamside	Landowner education	CBF grant	3 – additional Ag Planners  2 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$390,000 per year  \$260,000 per year  Prescribed grazing \$540 per acre: \$67,500 total  FB Buffer with Excl. \$10,500 per acre: \$105,000 total  GB Buffer with Excl. \$2,750 per acre: \$33,000 total  Land Retirement \$500 per acre: \$200K total  Pasture Alternative Watering \$500 per acre: \$125,000 total	<b>2025:</b> Cambria County has facilitated the installation of the following BMPs: 1 grazing system completed (roughly 15 acres), 1 grazing system nearly completed as of September 2025 (roughly 55 acres), 1 grazing contract starting in October 2025 (roughly 16 acres). In addition to BMPs on the ground, the County has held and educational Pasture Walk / Fencing Demonstration in Cambria County held in May 2025 and a Soil Health meeting held in Cambria County in July 2025 to provide education to operators.  <b>2024:</b> A pasture Walk held in Cambria County in May 2024 to showcase grazing and pasture management. 134 acres of grazing plans were written.  <b>2023:</b> PA Ombudsman Program coordinated and held several outreach events within the region targeting increased implementation of rotational grazing and pasture management BMPs.  51 acres of prescribed grazing plans were completed in 2023.  Another prescribed grazing project is scheduled for 2024 equaling 100 acres.  Installed 131.1 acres of pasture alternative watering systems.  <b>2022:</b> Phase 1 of BMP verification identified 50 potential hits for streambank exclusion fencing. This data set will allow for increased reporting of buffered acres with exclusion fencing.  Shifting CAP funding to cover gap in EQIP funding on an implementation project. Planning to apply for 2023 CAP Block Grant funding for a project. The district has an additional project opportunity they are exploring.	
<b>4.5F*</b>	Implement more pasture management BMPs	Prescribed grazing – <b>100</b> 1,500 acres  Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 5 acres  Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 5 acres  Land retirement to Ag Open Space – <b>70</b> 1,500 acres  Pasture Alternative Watering - 3,000 acres	FCCD, Fulton County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, PSU Extension	Fulton County Ag landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef, and other pasture grazing animals	2022-2025	See 4.5B	Increasing construction costs are resulting in canceled NRCS contracts	Landowner education	CBF grant	6 – additional Ag Planners  3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  Prescribed grazing \$540 per acre: \$54,000 total  FB Buffer with Exclusion \$10,500 per acre: \$52,500 total  GB Buffer with Exclusion \$2,750 per acre: \$13,750 total  Land Retirement \$500 per acre: \$35K total	<b>2025:</b> Received approval from DEP to add Evan Mellott's grazing project (an EQIP-funded project) to our 2025 CAP projects. The District plans to utilize 2026 CAP funds to finish implementing Cody Golden's grazing project.  <b>2024:</b> No Update.  <b>2023:</b> PA Ombudsman Program coordinated and held several outreach events within the region targeting increased implementation of rotational grazing and pasture management BMPs.  Seven acres of forest buffers were completed in 2023.  <b>2022:</b> Phase 1 of BMP verification identified 181 potential hits for streambank exclusion fencing. This data set will allow for increased reporting of buffered acres with exclusion fencing.	

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<b>4.5H*</b>	Implement more pasture management BMPs	Prescribed grazing – 4,600 acres  Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 25 250 acres  Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 25 59 acres  Pasture Alternative Watering - 11,200 acres	HCCD, Huntingdon County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, R&R Engineering,	Huntingdon County Ag landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef and other pasture grazing animals	2022-2025	See 4.5B	Landowner education	CBF grant	6 – additional Ag Planners  3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  Prescribed grazing \$540 per acre: \$2,484,000 total  FB Buffer with Exclusion \$10,500 per acre: \$262,500 total  GB Buffer with Exclusion \$2,750 per acre: \$68,750 total	2025: No current pasture BMP projects are currently under contract, however the Meily Project had a watering system proposed as part of the project which may be a future CAP or ACAP project if design funding can be coordinated.  2024: Existing pasture management BMPs were reported to PracticeKeeper in 2024 as HCCD conducted site visits on farms and verified existing practices. New pasture management BMPs are proposed through ACAP for future implementation, see action item 1.7.  2023: PA Ombudsman Program coordinated and held several outreach events within the region targeting increased implementation of rotational grazing and pasture management BMPs.  1,369 acres of prescribed grazing were verified or installed in 2023.  0 acres of forest buffers were installed in 2023. but a 13 acre planting is planned for spring 2024  15.97 acres of grass buffers were installed in 2023.  2022: Huntingdon County AG BMPs is a GG grant that implements AG BMPs (mainly rotational grazing systems) on farms in Huntingdon County. BMPs include fence, watering systems, stream crossings, riparian buffer plantings, roof runoff structure, streambank fencing etc. Partners for the project include NRCS and HCCD. HCCD is about 75% completed with the project.  Phase 1 of BMP verification identified 164 potential hits for streambank exclusion fencing. This data set will allow for increased reporting of buffered acres with exclusion fencing.  Pasture Alternative Watering increased by 1,000 acres from 2020 to 2021 progress in CAST.	
<b>4.6(B)*</b>	Riparian buffer and re-forestation BMPs	350 riparian forest buffer acres – 50 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  85 riparian grass buffer acres –60 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  15 acres – urban forest buffer  2 acres – urban tree canopy  40 acres – urban forest planting  20 acres - non-urban tree plantings	BCCD, Blair County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land	2022-2025	Landowner partnerships, landowner education, volunteer acceptance of buffer plantings, buffer maintenance guide for farmers, routine site visits to confirm buffers are thriving, invasive species removal during establishment  Lack of technical assistance to conduct landowner outreach, implementation, and maintenance of proposed projects	Materials  Mapping	Budget available to be determined  Utilize PFBC incentive program to pay landowners for fishing access	6 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning  3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  Forest Buffer \$10,000 per acre: \$650K total  Grass Buffer \$2,500 per acre: \$150K total  Forest Planting \$10,000 per acre: \$400K total  Tree Canopy \$5,000 per acre: \$10K total	2025: The Western PA Conservancy has been awarded a NFWF INSR “Accelerating Riparian Forest Restoration and Community Forestry Programs in Central PA” Grant in 2024 that is funding 3.1 acres of riparian buffer installations. WPC has additional funding and landowner agreements in place for an additional 7.5 acres of buffer installations over the next few years. WPC also has 150 urban trees planned for planting in the Fall of 2025.  2024: Blair County implemented a 1.5 acre buffer that was funded through a NFWF grant and private funding. Implemented 3.56 acres of buffers through the Blair County Riparian Buffer Incentive Program.  WPC NFWF INSR grant- See 1.1c  2023: Blair County has been reporting grassed waterways and riparian buffers identified through the remote sensing effort. HRG assisted with verification for several days in the county and reported field verified BMPs into the PK 3rd party module for inclusion into the county dataset.  Riparian Forest Buffer – Blair and Freedom Township – 2 acres – Completed November 2022.  Riparian Forest Buffer – Allegheny Township – 1.5 acres – proposed for Fall 2023.  2022: Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify potential hits for grassed waterways and forest buffers implemented in the past 10 years. These potential BMPs will need field verified but provide a great opportunity to identify BMPs not currently reported.  BCCD, buffer planned for Maple Hollow Townhouses and is in progress to be installed by the end of 2023, A 2-acre riparian buffer was established this Fall at the Newry Lions Club. The Conservation District is serving as an implementation partner for the Newry Lions Club to complete their work. They received funding through DCNR/WPC. Also, at this site in June they completed a stream bank stabilization project.	

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4.6(C)*	Riparian buffer and re-forestation BMPs	<p><b>174</b> riparian forest buffer acres – 10 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010</p> <p><b>113</b> riparian grass buffer acres –100 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010</p> <p><b>10</b> acres – urban forest buffer</p> <p><b>5</b> acres – urban tree canopy</p> <p><b>2</b> acres – urban forest planting</p> <p><b>56.72</b> acres – agriculture tree planting</p> <p><b>50</b> acres – forest harvesting practices</p>	CCCD, Cambria County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Growmark Farm Service, PSU Extension	Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion	2022-2025	See 4.6B	<p>Funding program must include a 5-10-year maintenance program to establish buffers along with incentive program on the order of \$4K per acre payment to landowner or to offset cost of hiring a contractor to maintain the buffer.</p>	Materials Mapping	<p>Budget available to be determined</p>	<p>3 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning</p> <p>2 – additional FTE environmental technician</p>	<p>\$390,000 per year</p> <p>\$260,000 per year</p> <p>Forest Buffer \$10,000 per acre: \$200K total</p> <p>Grass Buffer \$2,500 per acre: \$250K total</p> <p>Tree/Forest Planting \$10,000 per acre: \$580K total</p> <p>Tree Canopy \$5,000 per acre: \$25K total</p> <p>Forest Harvesting \$60 per acre: \$3K total</p>	<p><b>2025:</b> Cambria County continues to enter identified and verified practices into PracticeKeeper.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Cambria County has entered Grassed waterways and other BMP's into Practice Keeper as part of plans.</p> <p><b>WPC NFWF INSR grant- See 1.1c</b></p> <p><b>2023:</b> Cambria County has been reporting grassed waterways and riparian buffers identified through the remote sensing effort. HRG assisted with verification in the county and reported field verified BMPs into the PK 3rd party module for inclusion into the county dataset.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify potential hits for grassed waterways and forest buffers implemented in the past 10 years. These potential BMPs will need field verified but provide a great opportunity to identify BMPs not currently reported.</p>	

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<span style="color: green;">4.6(F)*</span>	Riparian buffer and re-forestation BMPs	305 riparian forest buffer acres – 30 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  45 riparian grass buffer acres –20 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  23 – Agriculture Tree Planting  40 20 acres – urban forest buffer  10 acres – urban tree canopy  1 acre – Urban Forest Planting  150 acres – Forest Harvesting Practices	FCCD, Fulton County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, PSU Extension	Fulton County Ag Land	2022-2025	See 4.6B	Buffer plantings are becoming more expensive, must increase dollars per acre provided.	Materials  Mapping	Budget available to be determined  6 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning  3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  Forest Buffer \$10,000 per acre \$700K total  Grass Buffer \$2,500 per acre: \$50K total  Tree/Forest Planting \$10,000 per acre: \$240K total  Tree Canopy \$5,000 per acre: \$50K total  Forest Harvesting \$60 per acre: \$9K total	2025: District anticipates that additional buffers will be implemented once the Wells Tannery & Roaring Run CAP projects are completed. Additionally, the District hopes to secure funds to implement the Glazier & Souders projects that were designed in 2025.  2024: 8 acres of riparian forested buffer were completed in 2024.  WPC NFWF INSR grant- See 1.1c  2023: The County has been reporting grassed waterways and riparian buffers identified through the remote sensing effort.  2022: Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify 243 potential hits for grassed waterways in Fulton County. Additionally, analysis will analyze forest buffers implemented in the past 10 years. These potential BMPs will need field verified but provide a great opportunity to identify BMPs not currently reported.	
<span style="color: green;">4.6(H)*</span>	Riparian buffer and re-forestation BMPs	414 riparian forest buffer acres – 10 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  65 150 riparian grass buffer acres –30 new buffer acres; Need to recredit additional acres lost since 2010  24 120 acres – Agriculture Tree Planting  40 20 acres – urban forest buffer  30 80 acres – urban tree canopy  10 acres – Urban Forest Planting  850 acres – Forest Harvesting Practices	HCCD, Huntingdon County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, R&R Engineering, Huntingdon Borough Tree Commission, Juniata River Blueprint Community, Juniata College, Mount Union Borough	Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022-2025	See 4.6B		Materials  Mapping	Budget available to be determined  6 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning  3 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$780,000 per year  \$390,000 per year  Forest Buffer \$10,000 per acre: \$500K total  Grass Buffer \$2,500 per acre: \$75K total  Tree/Forest Planting \$10,000 per acre; \$340K total  Tree Canopy \$5,000 per acre: \$150K total  Forest Harvesting \$60 per acre: \$51K total	2025: The Western PA Conservancy has been awarded a NFWF INSR “Accelerating Riparian Forest Restoration and Community Forestry Programs in Central PA” Grant in 2024 that is funding 3.6 acres of riparian buffer installations. WPC has additional funding and landowner agreements in place for an additional 11 acres of buffer installations over the next few years.  Chesapeake Conservancy installed 13.5 acres of riparian buffers on the Yoder Farm located in the Herod Run Watershed.  2024: See 1.1c and 1.7  Chesapeake Conservancy will be planting a new buffer on the WPC completed Herod Run Stream restoration project site in Summer of 2024.  Clearwater Conservancy applied for a \$99,000 DCNR C2P2 grant to fund stream buffer implementation projects in multiple Counties including Huntingdon County. The conservancy will also be planting two acres of buffers on Halfmoon Creek as part of a larger project that spans both Centre and Huntingdon County.  WPC NFWF INSR grant- See 1.1c	2023: The County has been reporting grassed waterways and riparian buffers identified through the remote sensing effort. HRG assisted with verification in the county and reported field verified BMPs into the PK 3rd party module for inclusion into the county dataset. In 2023, 16.5 acres of grassed waterways were implemented in the county.  2022- Huntingdon County AG BMPs is a GG grant that implements AG BMPs on farms in Huntingdon County. BMPs include streambank fence, watering systems, grazing plan implementation, and a silage leachate system. We are about 85% completed with the project. HCCD completed a Water Quality Improvement Project grant that included the construction of a roofed manure stacking area for a turkey operation where field stacking had previously been utilized. Partners for both grants

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4.7	Wetland restoration implementation on marginal production ag land	<b>26.50 acres of Wetland Restoration (B)</b> <b>28 acres of Wetland Restoration (C)</b> <b>18.40 acres of Wetland Restoration (F)</b> <b>14.70 acres of Wetland Restoration (H)</b>	Conservation Districts, County Farm Bureaus, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension, Watershed Organizations	Blair County Ag Land Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton County Ag Land Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022–2025	Willing landowner; appropriate siting, design, and construction for successful restoration result Lack of technical assistance for landowner outreach and agriculture planning to identify potential site locations Lead time it takes to secure projects can take years	Landowner outreach		11 – additional FTE environmental technician 7 – stream/wetland biologist	\$1,430,000 per year \$980,000 Wetland Restoration \$30,000 per acre: \$2.58M	<b>2025:</b> Blair: No Update. Cambria: No Update Fulton: No Update Huntingdon: No Update. <b>2024:</b> Blair: No Update. Cambria: No Update. Fulton: No Update. Huntingdon: No update. HRG has been utilizing existing maps and outreach to determine potential locations for wetland restoration projects. From there HRG plans to develop a regional grant application for the SRBC Consumptive Use Grant. <b>2023:</b> HRG has been working with HCCD to create a plan for the Black Farm wetland project. HCCD has been working with WPC and USFWS to determine what has been completed and what is yet to be done. If HCCD takes the lead on the project, a SRBC funding application will be developed in the fall of 2023. <b>2022:</b> Huntingdon County: Cultural activities being implemented this fall. Black Farm is intersected in	
4.8	Stream Restoration (Urban and Agriculture)	<b>31,240 (~6 mile) Linear feet Urban Stream Restoration, 3,000 5,000 Linear feet Ag Stream Restoration (B)</b> <b>8,400 1,000 Linear feet Urban Stream Restoration, 4,000 10,000 Linear feet Ag Stream Restoration (C)</b> <b>3,000 1,000 Linear feet Urban Stream Restoration, 10,000 Linear feet Ag Stream Restoration (F)</b> <b>3,000 1,000 Linear feet Urban Stream Restoration, 4,000 31,000 Linear feet Ag Stream Restoration (H)</b>	CBF, Chesapeake Conservancy, TU National, PFBC Stream Restoration Team, NRCS, Conservation District, Planning Commission, Municipalities, ISC, Watershed Organizations, Trust for Tomorrow, WPC, TU JK Chapter	Blair County Ag Land Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton County Ag Land Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022 – 2025	Design/permit/construction cycle seems to work in two-year increments, there is an assumption that eroded/degraded streams exist based upon 403(d) listing – should that not be the case in the field, adjust quantitative goal down and ensure buffers are in place Lack of funding to cover engineering design	Design/GP-1 permit assistance		Design, permit, construction services 7 – Municipal Engineers (Blair - 2, Cambria - 1, Fulton - 2, Huntingdon - 2) 11 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit (Blair - 3, Cambria - 2, Fulton - 3, Huntingdon - 3) 7 – stream biologists (Blair - 2, Cambria - 1, Fulton - 2, Huntingdon - 2)	Urban - Assume \$900/LF - \$41.1 M; Ag - Assume \$400/LF - \$8.40 M \$980,000 per year \$1,430,000 per year \$980,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> Blair: The Western PA Conservancy has partnered with BCCD, Partners for Fish and Wildlife and Clearwater Conservancy to applied for \$288,259 to DEP's Growing Greener Program to fund three stream restoration projects located in the Frankstown Branch totaling 2,800' of stream restoration in Blair County. Using CAP funding, BCCD installed streambank projects at the Benedetto property totaling 700' and at the Castel/Diehl properties totaling 1,000'. Cambria: No update. Fulton: Fulton County anticipates that additional linear feet of restoration will be implemented once the Wells Tannery & Roaring Run CAP projects are completed. Additionally, the District hopes to secure funds to implement the Glazier & Souders ag stream restoration projects that were designed in 2025. Huntingdon: The Western PA Conservancy has completed two Stream Restoration projects that were funded with a 2023 Growing Greener Grant in Huntingdon County. The Conservancy is also gearing up to begin construction on another Growing Greener funded Stream Restoration Project in the Warriors Mark Watershed in the summer of 2025. Huntingdon County has 4 stream restoration projects using Growing Greener funds - 1 project has begun, 3 are slated for the Spring of 2026. CAP funds are being utilized for two stream restoration projects and one conservation conversion project. We have also applied to Growing Greener for design and permitting funding for two other stream projects in the County. <b>2024:</b> Blair: 3,005 LF of stream restoration was completed along Gillans Run in Duncansville Borough/Allegheny Township. The FTWSA Project was completed, restoring a total of 2,400 LF along the Frankstown Branch Juniata River and 200 LF on McDonald Run in Freedom/Blair Township. WPC implemented a 870 LF stream restoration project along Poplar Run. A project stabilizing 245 LF of streambank on Blair Gap Run in Allegheny Township and a project stabilizing 365 LF of streambank on Poplar Run in Newry Borough is proposed for Fall 2024 construction. Another project stabilizing 1,000 LF of streambank on Canoe Creek is proposed for Spring/Summer 2025 Construction. Two	

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4.9	Implement more barnyard runoff control/loafing lot management	<b>39</b> 60 acres of barnyard runoff controls (16 acres reverified), 1 acre loafing lot management, Work with GIS department to identify barnyards within 150 feet of stream for prioritizing (B) <b>5</b> 18 acres of barnyard runoff controls (2 acres reverified), 2 acres of loafing lot management, 100 acres of agricultural drainage management (C) <b>10</b> 50 acres of barnyard runoff controls (2 acres reverified), 2 acres of loafing lot management, 29 acres of agricultural drainage management (F) <b>40</b> 80 acres of barnyard runoff controls (10 acres reverified), 5 acres of loafing lot management, 30 acres of agricultural drainage management (H)	Conservation District, County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land  Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton County Ag Land  Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022–2025	Landowner buy-in and project development/funding  Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation  Lack of funding to cover engineering design  Increasing construction costs are cancelling NRCS contracts	Engineering Support	21 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning (Blair - 6, Cambria - 3, Huntingdon - 6, Fulton - 6)  11-FTE Design, Engineer, Permit (Blair - 3, Cambria - 2, Fulton - 3, Huntingdon - 3)  11 - FTE Inspector Construction Services (Blair - 3, Cambria - 2, Fulton - 3, Huntingdon - 3)  Agriculture SWM \$10,000 per acre (\$1,590,000)	\$2,730,000 per year  \$1,540,000 per year  \$1,155,000 per year  Barnyard Runoff Control \$175K per project, assume 1 acre per project (\$9.625M)	<b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County is continuing to work with producers to address barnyard runoff controls. We installed several manure storage facilities to store manure and capture runoff from HUA's. We are also working with multiple producers and projects to install runoff controls.  Cambria: Cambria continues to explore project opportunities utilizing ACAP funding to assist with funding projects. 2 AHUA's are under construction at this time, which addresses runoff concerns with proposed roof runoff controls. An additional producer is having an I&E completed that will help barnyard runoff. Other producers are working with the District to complete steps that will assist in reducing runoff in barnyard areas.  Fulton: Two ACAP projects are currently under construction (Fleming & Rotz). The District accepted applications for the next round of ACAP funds and anticipates approving these projects in September 2025.  Huntingdon: The Morningstar's Dairy Farm's project is currently under Design with construction to begin once the project is designed.  2024: Blair is continuing to explore project opportunities. We are currently working with 5 producers to address barnyard runoff. 3 of these farms are in various stages of planning and design and 2 are under construction. We continue to look at the ACAP funding program to assist in funding projects.  Cambria: Funding is planned to be applied for to help fund a 10,000 sq foot HUA and manure stacking structure.  Fulton: EQIP/ACAP projects are under construction with new HUAs and barnyard runoff controls on two operations (Palmer & Kint). ACAP dollars are being used to assist ag operators with out-of-pocket expenses, 90-100% depending on the practices being installed. A proposed HUAP project was approved to receive technical assistance through DEPs TAP. Larson Design Group will be assisting with survey & design. (G. Richards)		
4.1	Additional animal waste management BMP implementation for livestock	<b>10,000</b> 15,000 new AU's of animal waste management systems (B) <b>2,800</b> new AU's of animal waste management systems (C) 10,000 new AU's of animal waste management systems (F) <b>40,000</b> 15,000 new AU's of animal waste management systems; 362 AU's of animal mortality compost systems (H)	Conservation District, County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, Precision Agriculture, Agway, PSU Extension	Blair County Ag Land  Cambria County Ag Land – Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton County Ag Land  Huntingdon County Ag Land	2022–2025	Time to get through planning, design, and construction; outreach to smaller farms that likely need the assistance; match cash value for small farms; readiness to plan/implement projects when outreach efforts result in willing landowners  Lack of funding to cover engineering design		21 – additional Ag Planners to provide TA and ag planning (Blair - 6, Cambria - 3, Huntingdon - 6, Fulton - 6)  11-FTE Design, Engineer, Permit (Blair - 3, Cambria - 2, Fulton - 3, Huntingdon - 3)  11 - FTE Inspector Construction Services (Blair - 3, Cambria - 2, Fulton - 3, Huntingdon - 3)  Animal waste management system \$175,000 per project, assume 100 AU's per project \$57.4M in total	\$2,730,000 per year  \$1,540,000 per year  \$1,155,000 per year  Animal waste management system \$175,000 per project, assume 100 AU's per project \$57.4M in total	<b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County implemented 2 waste storage facilities/manure stacking sheds under ACAP. We have an additional 2 to be constructed Fall 2025.  Cambria: See 4.9 above.  Fulton: One ACAP project is currently under construction (Fleming) with a manure storage facility being installed. The District anticipates funding additional animal waste management systems with the awarding of additional ACAP projects in September 2025.  Huntingdon: Currently no animal waste management systems are contracted for construction, however Huntingdon County's ACAP program is currently open and accepting new applications.  Butch Dysard's project was completed in 2025 which included a solid manure stacking facility as part of the project.  2024: Blair County has 4 waste storage facilities/manure stacking sheds funded under ACAP. These storages are planned to hold manure for 828 AU's. We have an additional 5 systems in various stages of planning and design. These storages are planning to store manure for an estimated 2,111 AU's.  Cambria: See 10,000 sq ft structure comment above in 4.9. Funding for two additional grazing systems is planned to be applied for, these systems will mitigate the need for a waste storage facilities.  Fulton: Two EQIP/ACAP projects are under construction with manure storage facilities being installed on two of the larger dairy operations in the county (Palmer & Kint).  Huntingdon: See 1.7  2023: Current County ACAP programs are progressing and the majority of the projects that will be constructed over the next several years will be barnyard runoff/loafing lot management projects		

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4.11*	Urban Stormwater Management, Non-Regulated (MS4) Communities	<b>Runoff Reduction Performance Standard – 47,80 (F), 13,250 (H), 80 (C) Acres treated</b> <b>Stormwater Treatment Performance Standard – 30 (H) acres treated</b> <b>Wet Ponds and Wetlands – 138 (B), 99.5 (C), 75.5 (F) Acres treated</b> <b>Advanced Grey Infrastructure – 2,600 (B) Acres treated</b> <b>Bioretention – 5 (B) acres treated</b> <b>Vegetated Open Channels – 492 (B) acres treated</b> <b>Infiltration Practices – 2 (B) acres treated</b> <b>Filtering Practices – 5 (B) Acres treated</b> <b>Dry Detention Ponds – 172 (B) Acres treated</b> <b>Dry Extended Detention Ponds – 39 (B) Acres treated</b>	Planning Commission, ISC, Municipalities	Blair County Developed areas Cambria County Developed areas – Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton County Developed areas Huntingdon County Developed areas	2022-2025	Coordination/ training for municipal staff, FieldDoc batch upload opportunity, non-MS4 engagement (what's in it for them?), difficulty obtaining past information (MS4s typically have databases from 2003-present) Implement existing ordinances at local municipal level Catalogue existing BMPs that fit into this category and newly built ones	Reporting platform	18 Summer interns for reporting and verification 7 – Municipal Engineers 4 – municipal planner	\$180,000 – per year \$980,000 per year \$520,000 per year \$5 M overall project budget	<b>2025:</b> All Counties- Meetings have been held with Blair, Cambria, and Huntingdon's County Planning to setup a communication line with County Planning and Municipalities to gauge interest in Stormwater BMPs. <b>2024:</b> All Counties: Efforts in 2025 are planned to hold discussions with the Municipalities' engineers across the Southern Alleghenies to gauge need and interest in urban BMPs that could be funded through the CAP. <b>Fulton:</b> The County has an opportunity to implement a new watershed implementation plan late in 2024. From this plan, potential urban BMP projects have been identified in McConnellsburg Borough that could be future CAP projects. <b>2023:</b> no progress to date. <b>2022:</b> no progress to date.		
4.12*	MS4-related Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan Implementation	<b>PRP Plan implementation by end of current permit term</b> <b>Bioretention – 77.82 acres treated</b> <b>Dry Ponds – 3 acres treated</b> <b>Stream Restoration – 17,940 LF (part of total stream restoration goal)</b>	Antis Township, Logan Township, Altoona City, Allegheny Township, Duncansville Borough, Blair Township, Hollidaysburg Borough, Frankstown Township, ISC, Planning Commission, Engineering Consultants	Blair County MS4 Municipalities	2022-2023	Municipal capacity to implement plans (technical, financial) Develop a grant funding source just for MS4 communities so they are not competing against all stakeholders. Need larger sources of funding. Land available to implement projects. Expanded flexibility to work outside of designated areas	Municipal engineer design/permit, construction readiness	Each Muni is contributing percentage cost to help fund projects, stormwater fees do exist	2 – Municipal Engineers 1 – municipal planner	\$280,000 per year \$130,000 per year Bioretention \$500,000 Dry Ponds \$30,000	<b>2025:</b> Blair County continues to implement PRP BMPs and to date has reduced 1,032,038.20 lbs./yr. of sediment. Approximately 380,000 lbs./yr. of sediment must be reduced to meet the ISC's PRP Reduction Requirement. Two projects are being implemented in 2025 that will achieve and exceed the remaining reduction goal. <b>2024:</b> Blair County continues to implement PRP BMPs and to date has reduced 1,032,038.20 lbs./yr. of sediment. Approximately 380,000 lbs./yr. of sediment must be reduced to meet the ISC's PRP Reduction Requirement. <b>2023:</b> Blair County continues to implement PRP BMPs and to date has reduced 808,351.36 lbs./yr of sediment. Approximately 600,000 lbs./yr. of sediment must be reduced to meet the ISC's PRP Reduction Requirement. <b>2022:</b> Blair County continues to implement PRP BMPs to date 85,661lbs of sediment has been reduced. An additional 700K lbs. of sediment must be reduced to meet the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committees joint PRP allocation.	

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4.13	Conservation Landscaping/Turf to Meadow Conversion	Promote new program and enable one large tract landowners' participation  <b>140 new acres of Conservation Landscaping (B)</b>  <b>50.5 new acres of Conservation Landscaping (C)</b>  <b>60.5 new acres of Conservation Landscaping (F)</b>  <b>50.5 new acres of Conservation Landscaping (H)</b>	DCNR, Chesapeake Conservancy, municipalities CBF, Conservation District, Planning Commission, ISC, Watershed Organizations	Blair County Developed areas  Cambria County Developed areas – Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton County Developed areas  Huntingdon County Developed areas	2022 - 2025	Landowner education and acceptance  Existing mowing ordinances or weed ordinances may be a challenge in some communities	Planting plan assistance		4 – FTE Municipal Planner  11 – additional FTE environmental technician	\$520,000 per year  \$1,430,000 per year  \$2,500 per acre meadow à \$750,000 budget for all		<b>2025:</b> All Counties- A field day has been proposed to take staff from all four Southern Alleghenies Conservation Districts and representatives from County Clubs, Golf Courses, Municipal Government and other groups to highlight the success of the Conservation Landscaping project underway at the Lewistown Country Club in 2026. The intent is to highlight to the attendees that these projects can be diverse and be designed to fit and function in their landscapes.  <b>Blair:</b> HRG completed brochures for BCCD and County Planning highlighting the benefits of Conservation Landscaping for landowners to encourage interest and participation for future project implementation.  <b>Cambria:</b> None currently, however, interest is starting to pick up but no projects are planned at this time.  <b>Fulton:</b> Phase One of the Tall Timbers project was completed in 2024 adding 2.92 acres of conservation Landscaping on the County's Office. Phase two has kicked off adding additional acreage as part of the project and additional BMPs such as pervious hardscapes to reduce stormwater runoff.  <b>Huntingdon:</b> Partnership with HCCD, Juniata College and HRG will kick off the first Conservation Landscaping project in the County on a half acre demonstration project on Juniata College's campus. Preliminary site plans and cost opinions will be drafted this summer, and the project will be utilized as an educational tool to inspire future projects in the County.  <b>Huntingdon County</b> is attempting to initiate a Lawn Conversion Program using CAP funds. The Watershed Specialist has been in meetings with the state Lawn Conversion Team to begin the process.  <b>2024:</b> WPC will be completing a 1.6 acre turf lawn to meadow conversion project in 2023 funded by Growing Greener. This is the final phase of the Poplar Run stream restoration project that was completed in 2023. Partners for Fish and Wildlife and BCCD were partners on the project.			
4.14	Impervious surface reduction project	Identify a flood prone area that could be converted to a park or open space  <b>5 – acres Impervious Surface Reduction (B)</b>	Planning Commission, eligible municipalities	Blair County	2022-2025	Lack of local interest, property purchase/donation	Mapping	Available budget to be determined	4 – FTE Municipal Planner  Design, permit, construction	\$520,000 per year  \$287,300 for impervious surface reduction	<b>2025:</b> HRG has completed brochures for BCCD and County Planning highlighting the benefits of Impervious surface removal for landowners to encourage interest and participation for future project implementation.  <b>2024:</b> HRG conducted outreach in to Blair County Municipalities and County Planning in 2024 to identify future projects for impervious surface removal. As of August 2024, no potential projects have been identified, but the outreach to Municipalities has made them aware of the CAP initiative.  As part of the ordinance updates that follow adoption of new comprehensive plans, we are encouraging regulation that eliminates any impervious surface that does not have direct use, such as striped areas in parking lots, excessive-width aisles, underground SW facilities that can be accommodated on the surface with modern BMPs, etc.  <b>2023:</b> Discussion with municipalities continues for impervious surface reduction.  <b>2022:</b> Action item #20 of the Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated regarding the flood buyout program sparked renewed interest and municipalities are seeking interested parties to participate in the program. This ties into the CAP item on converting impervious cover to parkland.				

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4.15*	Continue dirt and gravel road program for each county Conservation District	<b>21 miles</b> 50,000 LF (9.5 miles) overall restored through past projects and future projects (B) <b>21 miles</b> 13,000 LF (2.5 miles) overall restored through past projects and future projects (C) <b>26 miles</b> 30,000 LF (5 miles) overall restored through past projects and future projects (F) <b>88 miles</b> 20,000 LF (4 miles) overall restored through past projects and future projects (H)	Blair County Conservation District Cambria County Conservation District Fulton County Conservation District Huntingdon County Conservation District	Blair Countywide Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton Countywide Huntingdon Countywide	Ongoing	Continue D&G Road program funding Cambria – increase DGLVR education opportunities by 5% over 5 years Education of municipalities can be challenging, need more involvement from all municipalities Expand Dirt and Gravel Road eligible practices to include farm lanes	Education, technical assistance, project oversight Blair County using NFWF Grant for private farm lane improvement implementation	\$1.6 million since 1997 \$1.75 million since 1997 \$2.0 million since 1997 \$4.0 million since 1997	4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District Dirt and Gravel Roads \$40 per foot TBD	\$520,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County has completed two DGR projects and 1 LVR project in 2025, anticipates completing an additional LVR project in the Fall of 2025. Two additional LVR Projects are slated for Spring 2026 construction. The County is continuing assessing additional DGLVR sites for potential projects. Cambria: Cambria County's LVR program completed 550' in 2025. Fulton: 1.5 miles of roadway have been repaired in 2025. Huntingdon: 2.76 miles of roadway have been repaired in 2025. <b>2024:</b> BCCD completed two LVR Projects in 2024 and anticipate another DGR Project to be implemented by Spring 2025. Continuing to assess additional DGLVR sites for potential projects. Cambria: Cambria - Low Volume Road drainage improvement projects. 2022 1 project 10,081ft - 2023 1 project 5143ft - 2024 1 project 6880ft Fulton: 2.39 miles of roadway have been repaired in 2024. Huntingdon: For the 2024 construction season HCCD had 7 projects total, 5 DGR and 2 LVR that were completed. 11,378ft was the total length of all projects combined along with 1 stream crossing replacement done <b>2023:</b> Fulton: 2.044 miles of roadway have been repaired in 2023. One more active project that should be complete in early 2024. BCCD has two Dirt and Gravel road project to be completed by September 30, 2023 and accessed additional Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road sites for potential projects.		

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4.16 <sup>z</sup>	Work with PennDOT and local municipalities to reduce frequency of mowing road ditches and along roadways	Educate local municipal leaders and work with PennDOT to address state owned roads on the importance of keeping higher vegetation along roadways to prevent erosion and increase nutrient uptake.	Local Municipalities, DEP and PennDOT	Blair Countywide Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton Countywide Huntingdon	2023	PennDOT's and Municipal willingness to cut back on mowing programs. DEP Chesapeake Bay Program will need to assist in the education of PennDOT.			4 FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District 4 FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year \$520,000 per year	<b>2023:</b> No progress to date. <b>2022:</b> No progress to date.	Consistent lack of progress and lack of coordination/buy in from PennDOT through State partners
4.17	Private Funding & Grant Administration	Identify some private funding sources that may be able to supplement public funding sources/existing sources utilized for stakeholders, continue to work with partners to facilitate additional funding	Existing project implementer networks	Blair Countywide Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton Countywide Huntingdon Countywide	2022-2023	Need to expand network, educational aspect of less common funders, logistics of utilizing unproven funding sources (or lesser known)  Grant administration is a challenge due to limited staff and time-consuming nature of grant reporting and administration	Financial services		4 – FTE Conservation District Grant Manager 4 – FTE Planning Commission Grant Manager 8 – staff accountants	\$520,000 per year \$520,000 per year \$560,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2024:</b> No progress to date.  <b>2023:</b> HRG has worked to refine PennVEST applications for agricultural projects that can supplement existing funding programs.  <b>2022:</b> HRG and LFT are exploring potential opportunities to apply to the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) and the Walton Family Foundation's new program, Achieving Conservation through Targeting Information, Outreach and Networking (ACTION) to support innovative research that increases adoption of conservation practices. A potential grant application would bolster farm visits in all counties to increase the adoption of Conservation Practices.	
<b>Priority Initiative 5: Research, Education, and Training: Blair, Cambria, Fulton and Huntingdon County</b>												
5.1A	Incorporate existing water quality monitoring data into Chesapeake Data Explorer/ Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative	Successful data input/acceptance by ALLARM program by end of 2021  Work with Foundation of PA Watersheds to establish their data into CMC  <i>Work with BCCD and Altoona Water Authority to report data</i>  Work with water and sewer authorities that monitor to include data in the Chesapeake Bay Model and/or CMC	ALLARM, Local watershed groups, Pa Foundation of Watersheds, BCCD, Altoona Water Authority, Ridge and Valley Stream Keepers, Stroud, Clearfield Creek Watershed Association, Juniata College	Blair Countywide Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion Fulton Countywide Huntingdon Countywide	2022-2023	Data precision, QAQC, opportunity to educate landowners about local stream health and what they can do about it  Explore ways to present local data working with Juniata College	Data QAQC and training  Data Input  Explore ways to present local data working with Juniata College	Volunteers for Water quality monitoring  New monitoring equipment  11 – additional FTE environmental technician  7 – stream biologist/environmental scientist	N/A  \$40,000  \$1,430,000 per year  \$980,000 per year	<b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County has redeveloped a Volunteer Stream Monitoring Network to collect data on select Blair County waterways. BCCD is actively working on obtaining volunteers for the program before training/sampling can occur.  <b>Cambria:</b> No Update  Fulton: No update.  <b>Huntingdon:</b> Huntingdon County is establishing a partnership with Stream Restoration Inc to conduct stream monitoring on AMD sites in the County.  <b>2024:</b> BCCD has redeveloped a Volunteer Stream Monitoring Network to be launched in spring 2025 at which time will begin collecting data on select Blair County waterways.  <b>Cambria:</b> No Update.  Fulton: No Update.  <b>Huntingdon:</b> Additional water quality monitoring in Standing Stone and Shavers Creek was completed in late 2023. The Little Juniata Watershed Association is conducting water quality monitoring on The Little Juniata and Spruce Creek throughout 2024.  <b>2023:</b> Capacity changes with the Program Coordinator and Conservation Districts has pushed the convening of the Watershed Specialists. We will reevaluate in 2024 if this should be a priority at the County level or if it should be scaled to the State or Federal level.  <b>2022:</b> ALLARM is in the process of developing citizen scientist monitoring data collection protocols to assist with stream health data collection. Should the protocol be approved, it will be shared with all		

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<span style="color: green;">Green</span> - action has been completed or is moving forward as planned <span style="color: yellow;">Yellow</span> - action has encountered minor obstacles <span style="color: red;">Red</span> - action has not been taken or has encountered a serious barrier												
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5.1B	Initiate additional water quality monitoring sites that promote long-term trend evaluation at key locations	Location identification, financial and volunteer budget analysis, and initial landowner communication by end of 2021  CAST-21 acknowledgement of our data  Map existing monitoring locations  Expand monitoring based on Corridors of Opportunity area monitoring gaps  Have DEP Re-assess Spring Run Fulton County	ALLARM, Keystone Water Resources Center, Local University, Altoona Water Authority	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide, Specifically Fort Run	2023-2024	Land access, expanded volunteer need, equipment/materials budget, Consistent data collection, QAQC continuation  Explore ways to present local data working with Juniata College			Volunteers for Water quality monitoring  New monitoring equipment  11 – additional FTE environmental technician  7 – stream biologist/enviro nmental scientist	N/A  \$40,000  \$1,430,000 per year  \$980,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: St. Francis University has completed their first phase of Water Quality Monitoring on Sugar Run. Additional samples may be taken in 2026 to get a larger sample to get additional data on loading in the watershed and for BMP implementation. A plan moving forward still needs to be developed with BCCD and SFU.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> No Update</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> No Update.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> St. Francis University will conduct water quality monitoring on Sugar Run in 2024 and 2025 to obtain updated reports to plan for future AMD BMPs to improve the watershed.</p> <p><b>2023:</b> HRG met with Penn State Altoona, Mt. Aloysius, and St. Francis to talk about current water quality programs and efforts. Mt Aloysius and St. Francis's current program structure would allow for the integration of long term monitoring into class curriculum and extra curricular work but funding. Project distance, and student manpower are limiting factors in the successful implementation of this initiative. Current CD staff time is limited and not feasible for long term monitoring. Project specific, pre and post project installation monitoring is a more feasible option to show success of BMP implementations. HRG will continue to work with university and non-profit partners to move this goal forward.</p> <p><b>2022:</b> In the fall of 2022, HRG will convene the Watershed Specialist to identify the largest "gaps" of water quality monitoring data, develop strategies to comprehensively incorporate new data to support CAP efforts.</p> <p><b>Blair County:</b> BCCD is doing water quality monitoring currently within Brush Run along Lakemont Park and the Reservoir. They have two stations out at this time to collect Turbidity, Specific Conductivity, temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen. Monitoring has been taking place over the</p>	
5.2	Create new and enhance existing local watershed associations for short-term success and long-term sustainability	Develop new or reestablish existing watershed associations to support with CAP implementation. Watershed organizations can support with outreach, engagement, new project identification and implementation	ALLARM, Keystone Water Resources Center, Local University, Tri-Run Watershed Association (Enhance), Little Juniata River Watershed Association, JK TU Chapter	Blair Countywide  Cambria Chesapeake Bay Portion  Fulton Countywide  Huntingdon Countywide	Ongoing	Willing volunteers and leaders to establish and run watershed organizations to be successful and support with implementation  Enhance the capacity of local watershed associations for short-term success and long-term sustainability	Social media shares  Project development support	4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for CD  4 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$520,000 per year  \$520,000 per year  \$5000 per organization to produce promotional materials (hats, shirts, stickers) for members à \$60,000 per year	<p><b>2025:</b> Blair: Blair County continues to work closely with the John Kennedy Chapter of TU for work related to the identification and completion of stream restoration/stabilization/habitat projects (two completed/scheduled in 2024 Newry Lions Club Property Phase 2 - Poplar Run and the Gill/Fisher Project on Blair Gap Run). Blair District also had renewed contacts with both JK TU and the Little Juniata River Association in an effort to reinvigorate our Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. Master Gardeners of Blair County continue to work at NatureWorks Park to promote and enhance pollinators and native plants.</p> <p><b>Cambria:</b> The Watershed Specialist continues to work with the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association on AMD project work.</p> <p><b>Fulton:</b> No progress to report. There are no Watershed Associations in Fulton County.</p> <p><b>Huntingdon:</b> Huntingdon County continues to attempt to start a Watershed Group in Huntingdon County.</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Blair District continues to work closely with the John Kennedy Chapter of TU for work related to the identification and completion of stream restoration/stabilization/habitat projects (two completed/scheduled in 2024 Newry Lions Club Property Phase 2 - Poplar Run and the Gill/Fisher Project on Blair Gap Run). Blair District also had renewed contacts with both JK TU and the Little Juniata River Association in an effort to reinvigorate our Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. District staff presented to the Young Professionals Committee of the Blair County Chamber in June of 2024 regarding our volunteer efforts for monitoring and for work at NatureWorksPark. Master Gardeners of Blair County continue to work at NatureWorksPark to promote and enhance pollinators and native plants.</p> <p><b>Cambrria -</b> Watershed Specialist continues to work with the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association on AMD project work.</p> <p>Fulton: No progress to report, there are no Watershed Associations in Fulton County</p>		