



PA Clean Water Gathering

Clean Water Progress Teams: Strategies for Success

Background

In October 2023, DEP's Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM) hosted the first Clean Water Gathering of State Program Action Leaders and Countywide Action Planning (CAP) leaders. Over 80 partners, representing county, state, and federal organizations, came together to celebrate successes and discuss high level needs, issues, and challenges to continued progress on Pennsylvania's Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and Countywide Action Plan (CAP) clean water nutrient reduction goals.

The issues and challenges discussed in the meeting were combined into three focused challenge areas that the partners agreed upon. These priority challenge areas hinder or prevent partners from being more successful and need collective leadership and effort at many levels to be addressed.



Clean Water Progress Teams: Action Through Partnerships

Following the Clean Water Gathering, BWRNSM's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Division team immediately took action by seeking county and state partner volunteers to come together in 2024 to address the priority challenge areas raised at the Clean Water Gathering and to build on the success from Phase 3 WIP and CAP efforts.

Three collaborative Clean Water Progress Teams were created and have been meeting throughout 2024 to develop robust recommendations around the priority action items generated at the Clean Water Gathering. Team members bring a wealth of knowledge and a strong, diverse, and extensive network of partners and resources. Each team is developing recommended "Strategies for Success" around priority action items.

- **Technical and Administrative Assistance Progress Team**
- **Staff Building/Staff Retention Progress Team**
- **Funding and Multi-Grant Coordination Progress Team**

Partners - Projects - Progress

