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# CHESAPEAKE BAY WIP UPDATE

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## Un-reported/Under-reported BMP Initiative (Pages 80 & 201-203 of WIP):

- Discussions with Conservation Districts initiated at "All Bay" Day
- NACD project to develop protocols with EPA for reporting un-reported/under-reported BMPs
- Data being gathered for Street Sweeping, currently reported as zero for progress runs

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## Un-reported/Under-reported BMP Initiative (Pages 80 & 201-203 of WIP):

- Stormwater: Working to see if EPA may recognize a performance standard for new Chapter 102 permits. Could possibly reduce the need to count future BMPs.
- Center for Dairy Excellence collecting data for 30 farms and working with 4-6 Conservation Districts
- Scotts low P fertilizer sales

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## Un-reported/Under-reported BMP Initiative (Pages 80 & 201-203 of WIP):

- Additional efforts?

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## "Million Pound" Project (Page 197 of WIP):

- Growing Greener Grant Announcement of January 6, 2011
- DCNR modified their Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) application this year to increase the priority and awareness of "Green/Sustainability" Projects. C2P2 funds various projects related to recreation (parks, trails, etc).

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## "Million Pound" Project (Page 197 of WIP):

- Additional efforts?

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WIP Implementation:Urban Tree Canopy (Page 198 of WIP):

- DCNR Chesapeake Bay Forester meeting with municipalities to provide technical assistance regarding benefits of tree canopy

Air Quality (Page 200 of WIP):

- Requested EPA quantification of two air quality rules for nitrogen deposition reductions
- Proposed rulemaking: High Electric Demand Days

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Continued Leadership at the Local Level (Page 196 of WIP):

- Working with York Circuit Rider and the York County TMDL Workgroup
- York County announces Integrated Water Resources Plan:
  - <http://extension.psu.edu/water/discovery-watersheds/newsletter/news/2011/york-county-planning-commission-announces-integrated-water-resources-plan>

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Continued Leadership at the Local Level (Page 196 of WIP):

- Lancaster County
  - Consortium
- Projects with LIVE Green
  - <http://livegreenlancaster.org/about-green/urban-greening/>
  - NFWF grant, Six pilot projects for stormwater, awarded August 2010

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Continued Leadership at the Local Level (Page 196 of WIP):

- Lycoming County
- Conewago Creek
- Additional efforts?

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Legislative Efforts (Page 213 of WIP):

- Chesapeake Bay Commission Leadership:
  - Urban Nutrient Management
  - January 6, 2011 Agenda: <http://www.chesbay.state.va.us/Agendas/January2011agenda.pdf>
  - At May meeting, to be communicating with Congress/Executive Agencies about importance of sustained funding

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Advanced Technologies and Nutrient Trading:

- Six (6) Point sources and Eighty (80) Nonpoint source projects have certifications for credits
- Recent PennVEST auctions
- 10 contracts
- Commonwealth Financing Authority will be submitting an application to USDA to be considered an approved entity or "bank". If the application were approved then CFA could be the lender of \$\$ for projects and USDA would provide CFA the loan guarantee.

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### Water Quality Initiative (Pages 97 & 196 of WIP):

- Four positions funded by EPA's Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP) – page 100 of WIP
  - Three positions filled; the fourth is being filled
- Revisions to Conservation District contracts to include Bay Technicians, located in the Conservation Districts, to do 100 site visits/year which will be education and outreach related to compliance with existing Pennsylvania regulations.

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### General:

- Lycoming County: Municipalities and model ordinance (See Sun Gazette article dated January 27, 2011)
- Point Source Strategy continues to be implemented. As of December: Phase 1: All 63 permits issued; Phase 2: 43 of 47 issued; Phase 3: 12 of 74 issued; plus 30 industrial permits being worked on
  - 2010-2011 is the 1st compliance year for 28 facilities (see pages 52-53 of WIP)

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### General:

- Federal Facilities
- Additional efforts that have not been covered?

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### News Stories:

- Number of baby oysters in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay is at its highest level since 1997:
  - [http://www.chesapeakebay.net/news\\_mdoysterspat11.aspx?menuitem=56084](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/news_mdoysterspat11.aspx?menuitem=56084)
- January 2011 Fact Sheet of BMPs produced by USDA/NRCS
- PPL and Lancaster County Conservancy project to conserve eight islands in the Susquehanna River and approximately 3,400 acres on both sides of the River (Lancaster & York counties)
  - <http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/354531>