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Priority	Initiative 1: County Pro	ogrammatic Initiatives										
1.1	Advance the Dauphin County Regional Water Resource Enhancement Program	Finalize intergovernmental cooperation agreement and sign-up municipalities for participation Identify early actions valued most by participating municipalities	All municipalities in Dauphin County	Countywide		Commitment from all municipalities to work together to address water quality and flooding issues, jointly. Logistical challenges of geographies divided by multiple watershed boundaries. Uncertainty of future MS4 regulations that would impact the anticipated cost savings.	0. 0		1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$130,000 per year \$1M line of credit – startup funding	2022: The intermunicipal agreement was finalized on 8/17/22. Outreach to all municipalities will proceed this summer with advisory committee meetings projected to occur during 2022 Q4.	
1.2	Implement existing Source Water Protection Plans	Consider intersection of areas of high nitrates in GW (use Conservation District Data), source water protection support from DEP, and develop communication strategy with municipal and landowner stakeholders in mind for BMP goals and quantitative action	Northern Dauphin Municipalities and Authorities, PADEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, DCCD	Wiconisco Creek watershed Other watersheds where feasible	2022 – review raw water chemistry data to better quantify need and potential cost savings for treatment (DCCD Data)	Reinforcing the municipal role in coordinating with the water authorities to perform education and outreach. Landowner connection of farming activities to water supply needs in downstream municipalities.	Coordination of meetings and continued education.		1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission Source Water Protection Plan development	\$130,000 per year \$100,000	2022: No progress to date.	
1.3*		Utilize public data sets (future Chesapeake Conservancy?, PSU) to identify buffer gap project opportunities	Municipalities, Conservation District, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Doc Fritchey Chapter Trout Unlimited, Capital Area Greenbelt Association, Tri- county Conewago Creek, Greening the Lower Susquehanna, Manada Conservancy, Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association	(demonstration BMPs), larger- sized municipal parks/public lands	2022-2025 (MS4 support) 2026-beyond (all municipalities)	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, or with volunteers to establish the buffer.	ground riparian project execution		1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – Additional Watershed Specialist for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year Expand Buffer Bonus Program to provide \$10,000 per acre of buffer installed to include 5-year	2022: DCCD has a few buffers planned to be implemented within the next year from a legacy of landowner outreach with little success in funding. Staff turnover is going to make next steps a challenge, but the project information is available for CD and HRG staff to advance the lead. Ag producers are looking to plant buffers as well, the largest being 11-12 acres. To be planted within the next year. PSU Extension Master Watershed Stewards and Ag and Enviro. Center staff have established a Riparian Ranger Program in Dauphin County and will be recruiting for members in early 2023.	

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1.4	Implement County Hazard Mitigation Plan & Emergency Management Plan	Plan for flood trouble spots for municipalities, review PENNDOT Paxton Creek study for next steps and potential for FEMA BRIC funding	Municipalities, Planning Commission, Dauphin County Emergency Management, Local Emergency Management Agencies, Public Works Departments	Countywide Work with emergency management plan to identify flood prone areas. Millersburg Borough/Upper Paxton Township?	2022 – review trouble spots and other stormwater drainage pinch points and include on a GIS map for regional project strategy	Flood controls can, if considered in design and maintained, capture pollution. Large scale projects are likely needed, which can be expensive and require large parcels of land to make a difference. Consider pairing up flood mitigation with a resilient park concept so that during dry weather, the general public can enjoy the area.	CRS program guides		1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission Planning, engineering, permitting, construction Flood elevation certificates for program entry 3 – Municipal Planners	\$130,000 per year \$5,000,000 \$390,000 per year	2022: Mapping of flood prone areas has been completed. In process of applying for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and have supported municipalities in applying for Hazard Mitigation grants. Creation of a Dedicated Hazard Mitigation Position >\$250,000 acquisition of a duplex in the Paxtang watershed for future projects. \$200,000 secured for a shovel ready project at the McKelvey Bridge project in Middle Paxton Township. \$500,000 project in Penbrook Borough.	
1.5*		Dauphin County's Act 167 Plan is over 10 years old. Explore the feasibility of updating this plan if funding is available. Re-visit the model stormwater ordinance that would require/incentivize additional protections for streams	Commission, Municipalities, DCCD,	Countywide	2023 – collaborate with municipalities to discuss the benefits and challenges of tackling an update	Should local involvement exist additional responsibility. Finding funding to update a Countywide Act 167 Plan. Lack of DEP funding for plan update.			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$130,000 per year \$250,000 for Act 167 Plan Update	2022: The 2022/2023 state budget includes new funding to support the development of Act 167 plans. If funding is available, Dauphin County will explore the possibility of updating their current plan.	
1.6*	, and the second	(193 farms in program currently – 18,546 acres)	Farmland Trust and Agricultural Preservation Coordinator, NRCS, DCCD, Manada Conservancy	Ag land use area that fits farmland preservation criteria	2021 – begin new outreach strategy 2021 – increase per acre pay 2022-2025 continue the program on annual basis	Technical assistance to coordinate preservation plans Preserved farms are required to have an NRCS Conservation Plan, work with farmers to ensure Conservation Plan is reported in PracticeKeeper. Recommend to make this a program requirement statewide. Gaining Plain Sect Involvement Generating additional applications is challenging. Long term administration, no money from the state to monitor track and enforce and easement, more than 100 inspections per year	Priority recommendatio ns, easement revision recommendatio ns, supplemental BMP funding research	acre increase this year	Ag Land Preservation Staff Administrator - inspections, plan writing, and full farm walks every two years 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year \$130,000 per year \$250,000 per farm funded, total of 24 farms \$6M	2022: Five farms are planned for preservation through 2023. There are 11 left on the list to be preserved.	

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	Establish funding/staff support to assist the agricultural community 692 farms in Dauphin County (2017 USDA Census)	Approximately 150 farms have their plans in Dauphin County, goal is to complete 280 by 2025 (40% of total). Enter Conservation and Nutrient Management Plans into PracticeKeeper. Potential implementation challenges (Continued): In order to communicate effectively with the farming community one on one farmer outreach must be conducted. Farmers do not participate in outreach events	DCPC, DCCD, Contracted planners, ACT 38 operators, Organic Farmers, Preserved Farms, integrators	Countywide	2022-2025	Limited compliance activities by DEP. In 2018 DEP conducted inspections in Northern Tier of Dauphin County and resulted in a lot of farmers to get Conservation Plans. Lack of Technical assistance to support the farming community Private sector Ag plans are not required to be shared with District staff. Work with ACT 38, Preserved farms and organic farms to report AG E&S and NRCS Conservation Plans. These operations are required to have plans, but no requirement to report the plans. It is recommended state agencies make changes to ACT 38 and Persevered Farm programs to require			6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 3 – FTE Inspector Construction Services 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$780,000 per year \$420,000 per year \$315,000 per year \$130,000 per year	2022: The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds applied for a Growing Greener grant totaling \$1.6 million to support additional ag engineering needs along with increased farm visits. In 2021 Lancaster Farmland Trust completed 20 farm visits. In 2022 the Lancaster Farmland Trust completed an additional 30 farm visits. Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) was announced in the Pennsylvania State Budget in July of 2022. This program will provide all counties in Pennsylvania with funding totaling \$154 million over the next 3-years to support Ag project implementation and technical assistance needs.	
1.8	University Partnership -	or read information provided in newsletters. GIS deliverables, stormwater studies/monitoring, BMP	Harrisburg University, PSU	Countywide, university-	2022-2025	PracticeKeeper reporting. The most effective way to capture and report BMPs is through one on one farm visits. Farmers do not participate in surveys or other methods. Continued undergraduate/graduate engagement as students graduate,	Outreach boots on the ground		1 – Administrative Assistant 5 – Student Internships to	\$75,000 per year \$50,000 per year	2022: Dauphin Planning: Two interns on staff in 2022: One from Harrisburg University and one from Pennsylvania	
		field/aerial identification, regulatory support Develop undergraduate and graduate students to support staff with implementation as interns and upon graduation	Harrisburg, Harrisburg Area Community College, PSU Ag and Environment Center (AEC), Shippensburg University, Widener University, Millersville University, Temple University	owned land		distance for students to travel. Lack of technical assistance professionals to mentor students. Lack of competitive paying job opportunities that ensure long term sustainable for recently graduated students	J		Support CAP Implementation		Western University, California Campus. The interns contributed toward the data collection and mapping containined on the Water Quality and CAP portions of the website.	
1.9A	Water quality communication plan, leveraging existing documents and covering topics including hazard mitigation plan, MS4 municipalities, comprehensive plan and Act 167	Develop messages and audience; execute plan and distribute messaging through staff and partners Utilize the DPJM County Countywide Action Plan (arcgis.com) - ARC GIS website as a source of consistent communication	Multi-partner, TCRPC as lead entity building upon environmental aspects	Countywide	2022 – 2025	Simplifying the resources that are available, targeting Dauphin County farmers and other landowners Sharing staff resources across the 4-county region	Website development and continued maintenance		development and continued maintenance 1 – FTE Marketing and Outreach Coordinator 1 – FTE Clean Water	\$10,000 per year \$130,000 per year \$130,000 per year	2022: The DPJM Countywide Action Plan website listed in the Performance Targets has been updated to include information about implementation of the Countywide Action Plans. Additionally, a GIS tracking data base has been added to capture the location of potential projects.	

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1.9B	Utilize local arts and businesses to promote water quality messaging and general public education	Identify local businesses that support water initiatives or need clean water for their businesses to thrive Identify local artists who have a passion for water/environmental issues	Millworks, Paxton Creek Watershed & Education Association, Paxton Creek Cooperative (Capital Region Water, Susquehanna Township, Lower Paxton Township), CBF	Paxton Creek watershed?	2022 – coalition building, one event	Fortitude to see small projects through to gain momentum and realize general public understanding about stormwater runoff, local stormwater fees may provide a reason for public to understand what they're paying for, will art translate to the call to action?				\$5,000	2022: No progress to date.	
1.9C	Agricultural Communication Strategy	Develop a strategy to complete one on one farm visits. Develop a communication plan to engage integrators. Utilize Farm Bureau Newsletter for announcements Partner with pesticide meetings and other AG meetings to provide information.	CD, County Farm Bureau, Integrators, Ag Land Preservation, PSU Extension, NRCS	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 country boundaries they serve. It is recommended DEP/PDA/SCC communicate with integrators on a frequent basis to reduce mixed messages.			6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 1 – FTE Marketing and Outreach Coordinator 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year \$130,000 per year \$130,000 per year See 1.9A for website costs. Costs for meeting attendance and administration may be covered through other funding requests.	2022: Farm visits have been utilized to conduct outreach to farmers about the Countywide Action Plan. In 2021 20 farm visits were conducted and in 2022 an additional 30 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 within Dauphin County. Scaling up of farm visits would allow for additional outreach to occur.	2
1.10*	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	MS4 municipalities that include agricultural land use in the vicinity of the Urbanized Area	MS4 watershed HUC12 pilot area – Swatara Creek watershed?	2022 - 2023	DEP acceptance of approach, permit compliance coordination among sectors, farmers in compliance with state and federal regulations			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: No progress to date.	

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Priority	Initiative 2: Reporting	and Tracking										
2.1*	(quantity and location) for select BMPs, expanding on general recommendations provided in QAPP BMPs = forest buffers, urban forest buffers, grass buffers, urban grass buffers, manure storages, wet ponds and wetlands, fencing	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 or another batch upload option (FieldDoc)	Harrisburg University, PSU Harrisburg, Harrisburg Area Community College, Chesapeake Conservancy, Stakeholder peer review - USGS, Farm Bureau, PDA, EPA	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 on compliant farm operations.	Tools General methodology	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/method refinement 6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 5 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation	\$46,000 (2022 only) \$780,000 per year \$50,000 per year	In December of 2021, Dauphin County was awarded \$30,000 to conduct Phase 1 of a multiphased BMP verification remote sensing effort. Dauphin County elected to use all of the money on the remote sensing analysis focusing on six priority BMPs including: Barnyard Runoff Controls, Animal Waste Management Systems, Forest Buffers, Grassed Waterways, Streambank Exclusion Fencing, wet ponds and detention basins. Remote sensing data analysis performed by the Chesapeake Conservancy is being finalized in August of 2022 and results are provided in an online ARC Gis Portal. Qualified 3rd party staff will begin field verification efforts to verify the remotely identified practices. A BMP Verification Quick Guide is being developed by HRG to assist with field verification efforts. In April of 2022, the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds applied for a NFWF Most Effective Basins grant to support Phase 2 of the BMP verification analysis in the MEB in Dauphin County. Initial results from Phase 1 look excellent in providing opportunities to take credit for practices on the ground that are not currently reported.	
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 – Harrisburg/ SHIP/PSU/Etc. University, USGS, Farm Bureau, PDA, municipalities with MS4 permits, Municipal Engineers, Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association	Countywide	2022 – cataloguing 2023 – batch upload processing and field views 2024 - 2025 – implementation focus	Different data set scales/precision	Precision Conservation Tools Batch upload processing BMP field backcheck	N/A	Further GIS and data processing/method refinement 5 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation	\$46,000 (2022 only) \$50,000 per year	2022: No progress to date.	

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2.3*	urban structural and non- structural practices	Performance Target(s) Add development related BMPs to PK/FieldDoc so that as land use data sets are updated, there are accompanying BMPs	and Partnerships Municipal engineers, Chesapeake Conservancy, DCPC, Tri County Regional Planning, student interns	Location Urban/suburba n landscape	Expected Timeline	or Recommendations 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. FieldDoc would need to be accessible to municipalities to self-report BMPs that are installed and continue to function.	Technical Reporting platform		Technical Training 5 – Student Internships to Support CAP Implementation 3 – Municipal Planner	Financial N/A \$50,000 per year \$390,000 per year	Progress to Date 2022: Phase 1 of BMP verification will identify Wet Ponds and Detention Basins in Dauphin County. Field verification will need to occur on these projects. PA DEP has updated FieldDoc to allow for additional reporting of urban practices.	Action item
2.4*	documentation program for commercial and homeowner nutrient applications in developed lands	Support fertilizer legislation – where legislation requires reporting, be the data clearinghouse Legislation will support the implementation of Urban Nutrient Management – 1,000 acres	PSU Extension, PDA	Countywide	TBD based on fertilizer legislation if passed	Education of responsible parties, receiving timely information, training on reporting system, will need direction from State on what's expected and any reporting system that's developed.	TBD based on fertilizer legislation if passed	fertilizer	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$130,000 per year Urban Nutrient Management \$10 per acre à \$10,000	2022: 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.	
2.5*	reporting utilizing PracticeKeeper, Capital RC&D Transect Survey, PSU Survey, Manure Transport Reporting and Remote Sensing	Increase reporting of agriculture plans into PracticeKeeper. Work with Capital RC&D to improve current transect survey routes to be more inclusive. Work with PSU to produce better response rate to the PSU survey for Dauphin County. Work with PDA/DEP to improve manure transport reporting.	DEP, DCCD, NRCS, PDA, NRCS, Dauphin County Farm Bureau, Capital RC&D, Chesapeake Conservancy, PSU Survey, Manure Brokers	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 Dauphin County farmers. Manure brokers are not required to report data annually. CAST data is not inclusive.			5 – Summer interns for reporting and verification	\$50,000 – per year See 3.5 for funding needs to improve cover crop reporting for Capital RC&D	2022: 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.	
Priority	Initiative 3: Achieve N	ew Pollutant Reductions										
	Implement Paxton Creek Master Plan	Restoration includes naturalized channel, vegetated riparian zones, green space, large parks, multi-use trails North Paxton Park Greenway 7,600 linear feet Paxton Creek Park 5,300 linear feet	Capital Region Water, PennDOT, City of Harrisburg, PCWEA, HRA, USGS	North Paxton Creek Greenway, Paxton Creek Park, South Paxton Creek Greenway	2021 Begin implementation Ongoing construction and maintenance	Obtaining required permits for stream corridor reconstruction, funding to support expensive restoration efforts; plan implementation requires a dedicated, multi-jurisdictional team and potentially significant land acquisition	N/A	N/A	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: Capital Region Water and CREDC are taking the lead on this project, though many partners are at the table and roles are being determined. A partner agreement will be drafted with quarterly meetings. Design funding is being investigated for the project. Once the concept design is completed, feasibility and final design will be completed, including eminent domain as needed.	
		South Paxton Greenway 5,400 linear feet										

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3.1b	Implement Paxton Creek Master Plan	Provide adequate channel size and flood conveyance to reduce 100-year flood elevation to 314 feet, provide stormwater retention and treatment Ongoing monitoring conducted by USGS	PennDOT, City of Harrisburg, PCWEA, HRA, Capital Region Water, USGS	North Paxton Creek Greenway, Paxton Creek Park, South Paxton Creek Greenway	2021 Begin implementation Ongoing construction and maintenance	Obtaining required permits for stream corridor reconstruction, funding to support expensive restoration efforts; plan implementation requires a dedicated, multi-jurisdictional team and potentially significant land acquisition	N/A	N/A	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		See 3.1a above.	
3.2a	Manada Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan	Prioritization of the stream channel for restoration projects, riparian restoration including buffers Establish buffers between MNDA 08.72 and 07.12 Stream restoration below MNDA 07.12 Agriculture BMPs near state Route 443 Education and enforcement of septic tank maintenance	DCCD, Doc Fritchey Chapter TU, Wildlife Program Fort Indiantown Gap, Manada Creek Watershed Association, Sewage Enforcement Officers, municipalities in the watershed	Manada Creek, Fort Indiantown Gap		Willingness of private landowner to implement BMPs that will improve water quality. Funding to support restoration efforts. Lack of technical assistance to promote and support implementation of restoration practices.		Coldwater Heritage Grant – 2013 Manada Creek	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: No progress to date.	
3.2b	Clarks Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan	Prioritization of the stream channel for restoration projects, riparian restoration including buffers, include fish habitat restoration, promote stormwater management BMPs were feasible	DCCD, Doc Fritchey Chapter TU, Clarks Creek Watershed Association, Middle Paxton Township and Rush Township	Clarks Creek, Middle Paxton Township and Rush Township	2022-2025	Willingness of private landowner to implement BMPs that will improve water quality. Funding to support restoration efforts Lack of technical assistance to promote and support implementation of restoration practices			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: No progress to date.	

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3.20	Develop a Coldwater Conservation Plan for Spring Creek	Develop a Coldwater Conservation Plan for Spring Creek that is consistent with CAP initiatives and can help to support implementation of the CAP.	Doc Fritchey TU, Penn State Extension, Derry Township Municipal Authority	Spring Creek – Derry Township/ Conewago Township	2022-2025	Funding to support the development of a Coldwater Conservation Plan. No watershed organization currently exists for Spring Creek.			1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: \$14,971 from 319 grant funds (via pass-through from Trout Unlimited Doc Fritchey) to assist with the development of a 319 plan for Spring Creek (Hershey) - Penn State will be completing virtual and in person land surveys of the watershed in summer 2022 to create a comprehensive list of potential ag BMPs (and potentially urban stormwater). Water Quality Monitoring plan was approved by EPA.	
3.20	Support implementation	Assist existing WIP team	Tri-county Conewago	Conewago	Year 2 Milestone	Many partners and great momentum		Penn State		\$14M (WIP update	2022: \$955,282 from NFWF - "The Chiques-Conoy-	
	of Conewago Creek WIP	where requested on funding	Creek Association,	Creek		should enable the group to move		AEC		scope), \$54M overall	Conewago Regional Partnership: Integrating the Cloud,	
	Update, which will result	needs, landowner outreach,	PSU AEC,	watershed –	Year 5 Milestone	forward. Technical assistance and		Recipient		watershed restoration	Muddy Boots and the Business of Farming to Get Farmers	
	in cover crops,	and reporting.	Londonderry	Hoffer Creek,		funding at this scale will be a challenge.					to Yes" - while much of this work is in Lancaster County, it	
	conservation tillage,		Township, Conewago		Year 10+ Milestone	Willing landowners are a challenge.					does include the Dauphin County portion of the Conewago	
	riparian buffers, grazing		Township, TetraTech,								and all of Londonderry Township outside of the Conewago	
	land management,		LandStudies, Red	Conewago	(see page 57 of						as well. These funds are to be spent by December 2022.	
	cropland retirement,		Barn Consulting,	mainstem	WIP Update for						Also supported buffer plantings and maintenance in East	
	nutrient management,		TeamAg, Rosetree		details)						Hanover Twp, Londonderry Twp, Lower Swatara Twp, and	
	streambank stabilization,		Consulting, HRG,								Derry Twp.	
	streambank fencing,		Dauphin County									
	animal management		Conservation District,									
	waste systems, contour		DEP, NFWF, NRCS, USGS									
	farming/strip cropping, ag E&S control, floodplain	-	0303									
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3.3*	operators to be in compliance with state and federal Conservation and Nutrient Management Plans	Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans (Ag E&S) 33,700 new acres Nutrient Management (Manure Management) 40,300 new acres of Core N, 14,400 new acres of Core P Work with ACT 38 operators (22), Preserved Farms (193), and certified organics to document plans required as part of the program	4R Alliance, DCCD, Dauphin County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits	Countywide 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 plans and plans for preserved farms not required to be entered into PK, the recommendation is to require State 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	\$15 per acre for a tota cost of \$505,500 \$15 per acre for a tota cost of \$604,500	2022: PACD recently announced their Growing Greener grant for Ag Plan Reimbursement. Farmers in Dauphin County will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to produce Ag E&S and Manure Management Plans. HRG attended the rollout of this program to maximize opportunities to get farmers additional plans. From 2020 to 2021 Dauphin County increased Nutrient Management Core N by over 4,300 acres and Nutrient Management Core P by over 12,300 acres. Additionally, Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans increased by over 1,400 acres. DCCD plans to continue outreach and writing plans per the State Conservation Commission Delegation Agreement.	
3.4	Education and Implementation	nutrient management plans and incentivize implementation		Countywide AG Land	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 meeting the recommendations of supplemental BMPs. Machine dependent for most farming operations Cost of fertilizer is self-regulating farmers to use less fertilizer; therefore, lower rates			6 – additional Ag Planners to work with farmers to meet 4R standards	\$10 per acre of advanced nutrient management planning per type total cost for all is \$67,000	2022: No progress to date.	

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3.5*	Implement Practice to improve soil health and sustainability (Tillage Management and Cover Crops)	Determine feasibility of having a county/state cost share program to enhance adoption of the annual practice Implement tillage management and cover crops on an annual rate of 24,000 acres High Residue, 10,000 acres Conservation Tillage, 4,000 acres of cover crops and 15,000 acres of cover crops with fall nutrients	DCCD, Dauphin County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits	Countywide Ag		Capacity to manage the program at the county level, landowner interest Lack of technical assistance and farm planners to work with farmers to transition to High Residue Tillage Current verification methods do not accurately capture implemented amounts — work with Capital RC&D to improve Transect Survey Routes Farmers are harvesting cover crops for forage, need accurate efficiency 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	Transect survey	Financial	6 – additional Ag Planners to transition farmers to high residue County DCCD – staff to administer the program	\$780,000 per year	2022: From 2020 to 2021 Cover Crops in Dauphin County increased by over 8,500 acres.	Action item
3.6	Implement more pasture management BMPs Use Ag Land Preservation Goals to reach Pasture Management Goals	Off Stream Watering – 150 acres Forest buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 10 acres Grass buffers on fenced pasture corridor – 10 acres Land Retirement to Ag Open Space – 170 acres	DCCD, Dauphin County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Private Sector Agriculture Farm Visits, CBF	County ag lands – landowners who raise horses, dairy, beef and other pasture grazing animals		Landowner education, BMP funding for non-buffer work, plan updates, data gathering Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation 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 Increasing construction costs are cancelling NRCS contracts	Landowner education			\$390,000 per year \$390,000 per year Off stream Watering \$500 per acre \$75K total FB Buffer W/ Exclusion \$10,500 per acre \$105K total GB Buffer W/ Exclusion \$2,750 per acre \$27.5K total Land Retirement \$500 per acre \$85K total		

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3.7*	Riparian buffer and reforestation BMPs	Performance Target(s) 363 riparian forest buffer acres, (353) acres lost since 2017 need reverified 41 riparian grass buffer acres – (31) acres lost since 2017 need reverified 29 acres – Agriculture Tree Planting 12 acres – urban forest buffer Forest Conservation – 2,100 acres	CBF, Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association, TU – Doc Fritchey, Swatara/ Paxton Creek/ Tri- Valley/ Twin Valley/ Wiconisco/ Clarks Creek, Watershed Association, Manada Conservancy, NRCS, DCCD, Municipalities,	Countywide	2022 -2023 – line up landowners for new acres, re-verify acres "lost" in reporting system 2023-2025 – in the	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 Flash grazing must be allowed with buffer installation Funding program must include a 5-10-year maintenance program to establish buffers along with incentive program \$4K minimum per acre payment	Materials Mapping	Budget available to be determined	6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – additional FTE	\$390,000 per year \$390,000 per year Forest Buffer \$10,500 per acre \$325K Grass Buffer \$2,500 per acre \$25K Tree/Forest Planting \$10,000 per acre \$290K Forest Conservation \$2,000 per easement acre \$4.2M	Progress to Date 2022- DEP Growing Greener - Prioritizing Forested Buffer Incentives - Tier 1 and 2 Counties, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Dauphin - NRCS Codes: 560/575/340/382/561/468/516/367/558/578/580/620/645/360/313/614 - Conservation Districts and NRCS, This project will pickup landowner cost-share for NRCS practices if a buffer is installed, we also pay for site prep and maintenance of buffers. We have 12 projects, still looking for more, and are in the process of contracting with 7 contractors to do site prep and maintenance on buffers. In September of 2022, HRG will contact the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to establish a Riparian Ranger Program in Dauphin County. PSU Extension Master Watershed Stewards will be the leader in running the program.	
3.8	Wetland restoration implementation on marginal production ag land	20 acres of Wetland Restoration Identify 1 large property owner from University of Vermont restorable wetland layer to help identify where wetland restoration is feasible	Nature Conservancy, Hershey Trust, Northern Dauphin County Farmer, Manada Conservancy	Hoffer Creek (TNC), Armstrong Creek, Powells Valley Creek, Swatara Creek (East and South Hanover Township), Conewago Creek	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.	Landowner outreach		3 – additional FTE environmental technician/rapid delisting program management 2 – stream biologist	\$280,000 per year \$280,000 per year Wetland Restoration \$30,000 per acre \$600K	2022: no progress to date.	

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3.9		49,800 Linear feet (9 miles)	Army Corps of		2022 – 2025	Design/permit/construction cycle	GIS		Design, permit,	Assume urban \$900/LF	2022: The Conewago Creek Stream Restoration project	
		Urban Stream Restoration 3,000 Linear feet Agriculture Stream Restoration Armstrong Creek has shovel ready project needs \$800k in funding.	Engineers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, PA Fish & Boat Commission, Watershed associations, DF Chapter TU, MS4 municipalities	Dauphin County – Armstrong Creek Urban areas - Paxton Creek, Asylum Run, Slotznick Run, Swatara Creek and its tributaries, Conewago Creek and its		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. Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plans are primarily focused on stream restoration, so it's a great partnership opportunity for the county	The state of the s		construction services 3 – Municipal Engineers 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit	- \$45M Assume rural \$400/LF \$800K \$420,000 per year \$420,000	received over \$500k in CAP funding to complete stream and floodplain restoration. Phase 1 construction is set to be completed by the end of 2022. Phase 2 is finalizing municipality agreements to facilitate land acquisition.	
240			DCCD NDCC Daughin	urban tributaries	2022 2025	to assist municipalities where there's a need for regional funding solutions for the current permit term and future permit terms.			2 – Stream biologist		2022. Dhana 1 of DMD varification will identify where	
3.10	runoff control/loafing lot management	24 acres of barnyard runoff controls 39 acres of agriculture drainage management	DCCD, NRCS, Dauphin County Farm Bureau, Private Sector Ag Consultant		2022-2025	Lack of Technical assistance to support agriculture planning and implementation. Lack of funding to cover engineering design. Increasing construction costs are cancelling NRCS contracts.			6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 3 – FTE Inspector construction Services	\$420,000 per year \$420,000 per year \$315,000 per year Barnyard Runoff Control \$175K per project, assume 1 acre per project \$1.725M ir total Agriculture Stormwater Management \$10K per acre \$390K		

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3.11	Animal waste management BMP implementation for livestock	2,000 AUs managed through new BMPs	NRCS, DCCD, County Farm Bureau	Livestock and Poultry farms	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 yield willing landowners. Lack of funding to cover engineering design.	Engineering		6 – additional Ag Planners to provide technical assistance and ag planning 3 – FTE Design, Engineer, Permit 3 – FTE Inspector construction Services	\$420,000 per year \$420,000 per year \$315,000 per year Animal waste management system \$175,000 per project, assume 100 AUs per project \$3.5 M in total	BMP Verification Phase 1, shows the potential to report an additional 108 animal waste storage facilities currently not reported through PracticeKeeper. This will help determine potential locations for management BMPs.	
3.12*		Implement existing ordinances and Catalogue existing BMPs that fit into this category Runoff Reduction Performance Standard – 936 acres treated Stormwater Treatment Performance Standard – 13 acres treated	County Regional Planning, Municipal Engineers, PSU	County-wide	Ongoing 2022-2025	Coordination/ training for municipal staff, FieldDoc batch opportunity, non-MS4 engagement (what's in it for them?), difficulty obtaining past information (MS4s typically have databases from 2003-present)	Reporting platform		5 Summer interns for reporting and verification 3 – Municipal Engineers 3 – municipal planner	\$420,000 per year \$420,000 per year \$390,000 per year Project budget: \$4M	2022: A potential pilot project has been identified in Millersburg Borough and Upper Paxton Twp.	

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	MS4-related Chesapeake	Plan implementation by end	West Hanover	Urbanized	2023 – might be	Municipal capacity to implement plans		Unknown		\$420,000 per year	2022: No progress to date.	Action (cm
	Bay Pollutant Reduction	of current permit term (2023)	Township, Lower	planning area	2025 if they're	(technical, financial)	engineer		Engineers			
	Plan Implementation	Wet Ponds and Wetlands –	Paxton Township, Susquehanna Township,		individual permittees	Develop a grant funding source just for	design/permit, construction		3 – municipal	\$390,000 per year		
		167 acres treated	Capital Region Water, Swatara Township,		permittees	MS4 communities so they are not	readiness		planner	7330,000 per year		
		Disastantian and	Lower Swatara			competing against all stakeholders.	NACNA Course and			Project budget \$5.4M		
		Bioretention and Raingardens – 153 acres	Township, Londonderry Township,			Need larger sources of funding.	MCM Support, which may result					
		treated	Hummelstown			Land available to implement projects.	in project					
		Bioswale – 75 acres treated	Borough, Paxtang Borough, Penbrook			Expanded flexibility to work outside of	readiness – see County 2021-					
		bioswaic 75 acres treated	Borough, Steelton			designated areas	2022					
		Vegetated Open Channels –	Borough, Highspire Borough, Middletown				implementation					
		18 acres treated	Borough, Derry				<u>plan</u>					
		Infiltration Practices – 32	Township, South Hanover Township, East									
		acres treated	Hanover Township, PSU									
		Dry Extended Detention	Master Watershed Stewards, Audubon,									
		Ponds – 181 acres treated	TNC, CBF									
		Advanced Street Sweeping – 396 miles										
		Dry Detention Ponds – 2										
		acres treated Stream Restoration (see										
3.14	Conservation	Promote new program and	DCPC, DCNR,	Developed	2022 - 2025	Landowner education and acceptance.	Planting plan		3 – FTE Municipal	\$390,000 per year	2022: \$6,190 from WPC DCNR Watershed Forestry Funding	-
	, •	enable one large tract		areas in County municipalities		Evicting mouring ordinances and wood	assistance		Planner		awarded to East Hanover Township Parks and Rec and Penn	1
	ivieadow Conversion	landowners' participation	Organizations, Municipalities, PSU	municipanties		Existing mowing ordinances and weed ordinances can be a challenge to			3 – additional FTE	\$390,000 per year	State Extension is assisting. 1.24 acre turf to meadow conversion in the community park to be completed fall	
		100 new acres of	Master Watershed			implementation.			environmental		2022 and spring 2023, and will include field day trainings for	r
		Conservation Landscaping	Stewards, Audubon, TNC, CBF						technician		other municipal/grounds crews to attend and learn.	
			,							\$2,500 per acre		
										meadow à \$250,000 budget		
3.15*	Continue dirt, gravel, low	14 miles overall restored	DCCD	Countywide	2025	Continue D&G Road program funding.	Education,	\$1.68 Million	1 – FTE Clean Water		2022: One project was completed in Jefferson Township on	
	volume road program	through past projects and		·			technical		Coordinator for		Hemlock Road. The road base was restored, the road was	
		future projects				Expand Dirt and Gravel Road Program to include farm lanes.	assistance, project oversight		Conservation District		resurfaced with DSA, and drainage was improved. The project was 4.577 linear feet long.	
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3.16*	Work with PennDOT and	Educate local municipal	Local Municipalities,	Countywide	2023	PennDOT's and Municipal willingness			1 – FTE Clean Water	\$130,000 per year	2022: No progress to date.	
	•		DEP and PennDOT			to cut back on mowing programs. DEP			Coordinator for			
		PennDOT to address state owned roads on the				Chesapeake Bay Program will need to assist in the education of PennDOT.			Planning Commission			
	along roadways	importance of keeping higher								4422.000		
		vegetation along roadways to prevent erosion and increase nutrient uptake.							1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District	\$130,000 per year		
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3.17	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		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		1 – FTE Conservation District Grant Manager 1 – FTE Planning Commission Grant Manager	\$130,000per year \$130,000 per year \$140,000 per year	2022: 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 Dauphin County to increase the adoption of Conservation Practices.	
3.18	Partner with local environmental organizations and integrators performing conservation work	Partner with The Hershey Company, Land O' Lakes and PSU Extensions to build capacity, expand education and outreach and utilize resources. Work with PSU extension to secure long term funding for Master Watershed steward coordinator. Work with Audubon to leverage Green Ribbon Landscapes and partner on more plantings in urban areas. Work with integrators to ensure conservation practices are reported. Working to ensure farms have conservation plans, buffers, cover crops and no-till.	The Hershey Company, Land O' Lakes, PSU Extension and Master Watershed Stewards (14), PSU Master Watershed Stewards, Audubon, TNC, CBF, PennAg	Countywide	2022 – assist The Hershey Company with corporate development of science-based targets for water for their cooperate environmental goals, connect with Audubon on Green Ribbon Landscape opportunities in Dauphin County 2023-2025 – evaluate opportunities	Support Ag Conservation Assistance	CAP Coordinator		PSU Extension Coordinator 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission	\$10,000 per year \$130,000 per year	2022: No progress to date.	
Priority	Initiative 4: Research,	Education, and Training										
4.1	Develop new water quality monitoring data into Chesapeake Data Explorer/ Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative database	Successful data input/acceptance by ALLARM and other environmental	ALLARM, TU – Doc	Countywide	2022	Data precision, QAQC, opportunity to educate landowners about local stream health and what they can do about it	Data QAQC and training Data input		Volunteers for Water quality monitoring New monitoring equipment 3 – additional FTE environmental technician 2 – stream biologist/environme ntal scientist	\$10,000 \$130,000 per year \$280,000 per year	2022: 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. 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 Counties.	

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	4.2	Leverage restoration of	Completed background study	Dauphin County	Wildwood Lake	2022-2024	The many co-benefits of restoration are	Survey base	N/A	Bio- and	\$1M	2022: The formal partnership with USACE did not occur due	
		Wildwood Lake in terms of	of nitrogen reduction	Parks and Recreation	park property		sometimes conflicting and addressing	mapping and		geochemical study		to it being unacceptable for Growing Greener funds to be	
		sediment reduction credits	performance by existing	Department, DEP,	(owned by		the needs of all stakeholders while	abbreviated		of nitrogen		used as match. The design of the restoration project has	
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4.2	Leverage restoration of Wildwood Lake in terms of sediment reduction credits and study of nitrogen reductions tied to performance of retained wetlands	Completed background study of nitrogen reduction	Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department, DEP, USACE, Friends of Wildwood, HRG, Normandeau	Wildwood Lake park property (owned by Dauphin County, located within Harrisburg city limits)	2022-2024	The many co-benefits of restoration are sometimes conflicting and addressing the needs of all stakeholders while honoring the wild nature of Wildwood is a delicate balance. The restoration of Wildwood Lake is expected cost at least \$10 million, and the only cost-effective approach is through a USACE partnership.		\$147,000	Bio- and geochemical study of nitrogen sequestered/proces sed by wetland system Feasibility study, design, engineering, construction	\$1M \$10M (estimated, to	2022: The formal partnership with USACE did not occur due to it being unacceptable for Growing Greener funds to be used as match. The design of the restoration project has advanced and will be completed by the end of 2022. No comprehensive funding source exists for the implementation of the full project, so phased fundraising will advance in early 2023 and will continue. The nitrogen reduction performance study has not advanced due to lack of funding and as a result of having to pivot from the USACE partnership but remains a goal through 2024.	Action item
4.3	Supporting watershed associations for short-term success and long-term sustainability aligning with their goals	Develop new or reestablish existing watershed associations to support with CAP implementation. Watershed organizations can support with outreach, engagement, new project identification and implementation	National Trout Unlimited, ALLARM, TU — Doc Fritchey, Swatara/ Paxton Creek/ Tri-Valley/ Twin Valley/ Wiconisco/ Clarks Creek, Watershed Association, SRBC, Manada Conservancy, DCCD, DEP, All Things Swatty, Swatara Water Trail	Countywide	Ongoing	Willing volunteers and leaders to establish and run watershed organizations to be successful and support with implementation.	Social media shares, meeting logistics Project development support	Limited match	1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Planning Commission 1 – FTE Clean Water Coordinator for Conservation District		2022: \$162,422 from DEP Growing Greener - a portion of these funds supported to initiation of the Master Watershed Stewards program in Dauphin County. The funds are set to expire in December 2022. Live Stakes planted in Centennial Acres park (Lower Paxton) as well as a live stake nursery to expand access to live stakes for future projects, as well as educational signage. Future NFWF funding to support ongoing work by the PSU - AEC in the southeast portion of Dauphin County.	
4.4	Leverage Dauphin County Return on Environment and Kittatinny Ridge conservation goals	where goals align with evolving CAP implementation	The Nature Conservancy, DCNR, Audubon Pennsylvania, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, get outdoors PA	Susquehanna Water Gap/Capitol Area	Ongoing	Future land conservation efforts will take time and funding to see through in the Kittatinny corridor, but they are important to pursue because they preserve clean water.				TBD	2022: Audubon Pennsylvania and Manada Conservancy are prioritizing land for protection.	