

Conceptual Subcommittee Structure

DATA COLLECTION WORKING GROUPS

Needs Assessment

Focus on the following issues:

- Examine the current and projected costs for the construction, upgrade, repair and operation and maintenance of Pennsylvania's drinking water and sewage infrastructure.
- Examine the actual costs of water and sewer service, including recommendations for allocating the costs of capital investment, asset management, operation and maintenance among customers and state or federal assistance programs.
- Examine user rates and affordability throughout the basin
- Consideration should be given to other study requests and how they will be impacted, in particular:
 - SR 224 – This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the cost for 184 wastewater treatments in the Chesapeake Bay drainage area to comply with the new nutrient reduction requirements as identified in the Department's Compliance Plan.
 - HR 88 - The mission of the HR 88 sewage management and treatment task force is to conduct a comprehensive study and investigation of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2000 Clean Water Needs Survey as they apply to sewage treatment systems in Pennsylvania, the ability of sewage treatment systems to meet these needs from legal, technical and financial perspectives and the use of new, alternative or innovative technology to achieve these needs.

Innovative Measures

Focus on the following issues:

- Examine the projected cost savings realized by the consideration and implementation of all available non-structural alternatives. This would include examining the cost effectiveness of trading.

Financial Resources

Focus on the following issues:

- Examine the current and projected financial resources to address water and sewer services and infrastructure needs.
- Examine the potential sustainable funding from federal, state and local source and public/private partnerships.
- Should operation and maintenance be funded?
 - Cannot be funded with bonds

IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUPS

Financial Sustainability

- Establish requirements for available funding, including consideration for:
 - Asset Management
 - Board and Local Official Training
 - Full-Cost Pricing
- Prioritization and Targeting of Resources
- Provide recommendations on the optimum mix of loan and grant monies to insure the affordability of projects and maximize the use of available funding
- Analysis of possible economies of scale

Legislative and Regulatory Issues

- Review existing statute and regulation and identify any provisions that prevent the effective implementation of an Infrastructure Sustainability Initiative to include the elements of sustainability defined in the Executive Order. If such requirements exist, develop recommendations for changes to address these problems.
- Develop statutory language needed to implement the recommendations of the Task Force.