

UPDATING Chester County's Water Resources Plans

WHO

is taking the lead on updating the County's water plans?

Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA) will lead the process to review and update, as needed, the water plans and model stormwater ordinance for Chester County. CCWRA led development of the prior plans and will again work with other County agencies on these updates. A stakeholder-focused process will be used and input is encouraged from all interested individuals and organizations.

WHAT

plans are being updated?

- **Watersheds** – *An Integrated Water Resources Plan for Chester County and Its Watersheds* (adopted by the Chester County Board of Commissioners as part of Landscapes in 2002).
- **County-Wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan** for Chester County (adopted by the Chester County Board of Commissioners and approved by PADEP per PA Act 167 in 2013).
- County-Wide Act 167 **Stormwater Management Model Ordinance** for Chester County (included in the 2013 Act 167 Plan).
- These documents will be updated in an integrated and simultaneous process.

WHY

are the plans being updated?

- To ensure that they provide the best available guidance and information to respond to current and future water conditions, issues, interests, and needs facing the citizens, businesses, communities, and natural resources of Chester County.
- To support the implementation of Landscapes3.
- To fulfill the review and update requirement of PA Act 167.
- To ensure municipal stormwater ordinances comply with all NPDES MS4 ordinance requirements by PADEP's *September 30, 2022 adoption deadline*.

WHEN

will the update process begin and end?

- The update process will begin in 2019 with various public/stakeholder outreach and input initiatives and activities occurring through the second half of the year.
- Drafting of plan and ordinance components will begin in 2020 and will include opportunities for review and comment by municipalities, the public, and stakeholders.
- Final draft plan documents are targeted for completion in summer 2021. This will allow time for the final draft plan documents to undergo the required formal public review periods and official approval processes, and allow sufficient time for municipal adoption of the revised model stormwater ordinance by the PADEP deadline of September 30, 2022.

HOW can you participate in the planning updates process?

- **All interested members of the public** are encouraged to visit our website or contact us for more information and participate in the upcoming informational and input meetings and events.
- **Municipalities** are encouraged to provide us with contact information for two individuals who can best speak to their planning and stormwater engineering and water resources interests. We will correspond with these individuals to stay in touch with your municipality for communicating information, receiving your input and comments, and coordinating on key steps of the update process. In addition, consider identifying one or more individuals who will attend informational and input meetings and events.
- **Businesses and industries** whose operations rely on the use of water, or involve the control of stormwater, and/or management of potential pollutant sources are encouraged to contact us for more information and participate in upcoming informational and input meetings and events.
- **Agricultural operators** who rely on water for livestock, irrigation and general operations, and/or whose operations involve soil disturbance and/or use of nutrients and/or pesticides are encouraged to contact us for more information and participate in upcoming informational and input meetings and events.
- **Watershed and natural resources conservation organizations** are encouraged to visit our website or contact us for more information, provide us with information for at least one point of contact, and participate in upcoming informational and input meetings and events.

WHERE can you reach us for more information?

Please contact us with any questions, suggestions, or input you would like to provide:

Website: www.chesco.org/water

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