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Chester County Water Plans Updates

In 2002, the Chester County Board of Commissioners adopted *Watersheds, An Integrated Water Resources Management Plan for Chester County and its Watersheds* as the water resources element of Chester County's Comprehensive Plan, *Landscapes*. To comply with the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act ("Act 167") of 1978, the Chester County Board of Commissioners subsequently adopted the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Addendum" as an amendment to *Watersheds* and *Landscapes* in 2013. This plan was approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection as required under PA Act 167 (1978), and all municipalities within Chester County have since adopted the model stormwater ordinance that was included in this plan. This ordinance was also developed to comply with NPDES MS4 ordinance provisions required at that time.

The Chester County Planning Commission recently completed an update to the County's comprehensive plan, *Landscapes*³, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners in November 2018. To ensure that the County and its citizens, businesses, organizations, and municipalities are equipped with the information needed to respond to the County's evolving water resources needs, the Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA) is preparing to update the *Watersheds* plan and the County's Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan to support *Landscapes*³, and to update the model stormwater ordinance to assist municipalities in complying with new NPDES MS4 stormwater ordinance requirements prior to PADEP's *September 30, 2022 deadline*.

The CCWRA will be seeking comments from municipalities and stakeholders across the County to gather input on desired changes to incorporate into the updated documents. Throughout the update process, CCWRA will host informational meetings and events to gather comments from all stakeholders. Information and updates will be periodically posted at chesco.org/water. However, if you have any topics of interest or concerns to be considered for the updated plans, we welcome your input at any time. Any questions or input comments can be sent to water@chesco.org. The current versions of *Watersheds*, the County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan, and the Act 167 Stormwater Management Model ordinance are available at the above link for review.

CCWRA will be hosting our *annual Chester County Municipal Stormwater Summit on September 20th, 2019* at the Public Safety Training Campus. This event will showcase key themes for the *Watersheds* and Act 167 updates and will provide opportunity for questions and comments. We encourage anyone seeking to learn more about these updates to attend.