INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN
2016—Program Plan

The Plan is based on the Commission’s Strategic Plan, basin needs and funding sources.

GOALS

• TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A LEADER IN THE COORDINATION OF INTERSTATE AND REGIONAL EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER PARTNERS
• TO BE A PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS
• A MORE INFORMED AND ACTIVE PUBLIC
• DECISION MAKING AND ACTIONS SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE

Commission and Staff

• Expect Brig. Gen. William H. Graham to be appointed as a Federal Commissioner, replacing Brig. Gen. Kent Savre
• Add 1 full time equivalent biologist position under EPA 117 grant task
• Add 0.8 full time equivalent environmental education project position, Nguyen Le, Education Projects Coordinator
• Interns: 0.4 full time equivalent position each for Aquatic Life and CO-OP projects

Water Resources

• Continue development of the Potomac Basin Comprehensive Water Resources Plan
  • Designed as a tool for stakeholders
• Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership
  • Four quarterly meetings
  • Outreach to upstream utilities on safe drinking water issues
  • Tracking Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring results
  • Study of forest impact on treatment costs
  • Impervious cover study, Phase 2
• Participation in Adams County Water Resources Advisory Committee
• Water Quality Data Inventory
  • Add data, improve website user interface

Cooperative Water Supply Operations on the Potomac (CO-OP)

• Evaluation of water supply storage and operational alternatives
  • Drought Exercise
• Begin development of Decision Support System for drought management
• Monthly (Spring through Summer) Water Supply Outlooks
• Continue development of water withdrawal and consumptive use assessment tool
• Workshop on demand forecasts and sustainable financing
• Test and enhance real-time Low Flow Forecast System
Water Quality Improvement

- Chesapeake Bay Program’s Watershed Model Phase 6 development team
- EPA Region 3 long-term water quality trends report
- Develop Accotink Creek TMDLs: sediment, chlorides
- Leadership in Water Quality Management
- Models to estimate pesticide loads for tributaries to Rock Creek and Potomac watersheds in the District of Columbia
- Water quality data management for the Chesapeake Bay Program
- Participation in Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Teams: Water Quality

Aquatic Life

- West Virginia filamentous algae Year 4 report and Year 5 field work
- Interpretive report on 3 years of biological data collected on Potomac mainstem; establishing a baseline
- Indicators of ecosystem health
- Effectiveness of restoration efforts
- Complete Chesapeake Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity measure of stream health
- Participation in Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Teams: Sustainable Fisheries & Stream Health

Communications and Education

- Add content and enhancements to website
- Add content to Facebook and integrate with website
- Weekly e-mail news digest, summertime weekly public service announcement
- Respond to information requests

BUDGET

Revenue ~ $2.44M

- Grants & Other 28%
- Signatory 20%
- EPA 106 31%
- CO-OP 21%

Expenses ~ $2.41M

- Salary+Fringe 77%
- All Other 20%
- Contracts 3%

Allocation of Expenses

- Water Resources 14%
- Aquatic Life 13%
- Comm/Education 19%
- Water Quality 31%
- CO-OP 23%
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