Excerpt from "Scope of Service - Virginia Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Planning Assistance"

The intent of this project initiative is for each Virginia Planning District Commission (PDC) covering Chesapeake Bay watershed localities to convene locality and regional officials, staff and stakeholders to provide input and recommendations for meeting Local Area Planning Goals (LAPGs) in accordance with the DEQ-provided "Outline for Local Area Planning Goal Initiative". PDCs may choose to collaborate or partner with adjacent PDCs in this planning effort, but template BMP input decks will be required for each PDC.

Local area planning goals are defined as pounds of nitrogen and phosphorous to be reduced. DEQ will develop urban, forest and septic local area planning goals and associated template BMP input decks that meet those goals at the Planning District Commission (PDC) boundaries. These planning goals will incorporate tree canopy and any forestlands not included with SWCD boundaries. Agricultural and forest LAPGs and input decks will be provided to Soil and Water Conservation District Areas for a parallel planning effort. The template BMP input decks contain mixes of nonpoint source pollution controls that meet the local area planning goals. Template BMP input decks will be based on input decks developed during the WIP II process to initiate discussions. The template BMP input decks will be adjusted to reflect implementation that has already exceeded WIP II goals. Template BMP input decks can be provided as a shared Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Training (CAST) scenario or as a preformatted Excel spreadsheet and are the primary tools to determine if local area planning goals are met.

DEQ will provide the PDCs with the non-agricultural LAPGs, the template BMP input decks and a Recommendation Template to use across the PDC area during the planning process. DEQ will provide the PDCs with the non-agricultural loads already reduced by sector and BMPs implemented for those reductions. DEQ will also provide training on the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Training (CAST) modeling tool and other input deck formats for PDC staff along with localities and other stakeholders to help inform the scenario development format and submission process. Supporting materials will provide examples of implementation strategies that local and regional partners may use to develop their implementation recommendations. DEQ will also provide tools such as:

   a. the Chesapeake Bay Program's data analysis and mapping tools,
   b. mapping of locally impaired streams and local TMDLs,
   c. information on the co-benefits of WIP implementation,
   d. costs of implementation,
   e. information about the Chesapeake Bay-model nitrogen and phosphorous reductions through 2017
   f. information about BMP implementation within the PDC
   g. basic communications documents to explain the Phase III WIP and Bay TMDL