

**2016-17 MPC Task List**

Task Priority Scheme: A = highest priority ongoing, B= as time permits

	<b>Task</b>	<b>Current/New Initiatives 2013-2018</b>
<b>Administrative</b>		
A	Represents the White Clay Creek Watershed Steering Committee (WCCSC) as liaison to the National Park Service (NPS) and other Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. Update program achievements and answer questions regarding future needs. Participate in conference calls and meetings with NPS staff. Maintain contacts and update federal congressional delegations.	Ongoing
A	Develop draft annual budgets in consultation with NPS and WCCSC and maintain a database of WCCSC projects for tracking budget lines.	Ongoing
A	Maintain filing system, operating procedures and logistics, and database of contacts; update listserves' participants; purchase needed supplies; and subcontract for needed services.	Ongoing
A	Maintain regular contact with subcommittees, attending meetings when feasible and assisting with projects related to the implementation of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) as appropriate.	Subcommittees meet as needed, but majority of the work is carried out with ad hoc committees with oversight from the Steering Committee
A	Serve as WCCWMC representative to the public and other organizations and local, state, and federal governments/agencies via email, website, phone conversations and meetings.	DRBC, SOW - Artesian, FERC - White Clay Expansion Loop pipeline projects
A	Assume responsibility for scheduling and coordination of WCCSC meetings and the development of minutes and agendas and distribution via email listserve and hard copy to all interested parties.	Ongoing
B	Revise work plan under WCCSC direction and with NPS input.	Ongoing
B	Keep track of major development proposals and land use issues and alert WCCSC and NPS to projects with potential significant affects to White Clay Creek. Coordinate with NPS on local project reviews. Attend planning and zoning board meetings as circumstances dictate and time allows.	DRBC, SOW - Artesian, FERC - White Clay Expansion Loop, pipeline projects, Fish Kills - DEP, CCCD followups
<b>Education/Outreach</b>		
A	With assistance from UDWRA, oversee content and design of website (www. whiteclay.org)	Redesigned website, combined with WCWA site, started Mailchimp periodic newsletter, update site as needed with events, minutes, meeting materials, new programs.
A	With assistance from DE State Parks: plan, promote and hold annual Creek Fest	recruited new vendors (up from 12- 30), increased attendance (@200 added annually), increased sponsorship levels, added prefest events, developed White Clay passport program.
B	Organize and participate in other public outreach events as needed and time allows.	On-going

B	With assistance from UDWRA and White Clay Watershed Association plan and promote 1-2 public seminars/year on topics related to the WMP	presented to CBTF on bacteria study, save our water - on artesian, 3 township BOS meetings, two public workshops on catch the rain, Delaware Community Foundation, and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the Wild and Scenic Program
B	Advertise via email and web site upcoming environmental education programs, conferences, and special events within the White Clay Creek watershed, such as those at White Clay Creek State Park and White Clay Preserve.	Started Mail Chimp Newsletter Service, Provide municipalities (specificlaly London Grove, and New Garden) with articles for thier quarterly newsletter on storm water education or water quality related stories.
B	Coordinate with the other subcommittees to conduct educational programs about the WMP for local government boards and commissions to cultivate their support in implementation of WMP.	Attended BOS meetings to inform BOS on Watershed activites such as the CWP as requested or determined necessary.
B	Revise traveling display as needed.	Put together new display material for public events.
		Created and distributed new watershed signage, road side signs, and bmp markers
		Developed new and consitent interpretive signage for Hunt Basins, Gooddard Park Rain gardens, Crutis Mill Park, and currently Newark Reservoir. Funding leveraged with City of Newark and SUEZ depending on project and location.
		Worked with UD WRA to produce the White Clay Creek State of the Watershed Report 2016
		Increased number of students served via school programming from 50 - 850 by working with Stroud to utilize PA EITC funds and providing transportaiton to PA public schools thereby keeping costs per student lower.
<b>Restoration</b>		
B	Water Quality, Ecological Restoration, and Historic and Cultural Preservation.	Current and or New Initiatives

	<p>Assist in carrying out restoration projects related to the implementation of the WMP, particularly as related to improving water quality and ecological restoration. Assist UDWRA, WCWA, Advisory Council and others in carrying out historical and cultural research and restoration projects related to the implementation of the WMP.</p>	<p>Expanded PA and DE bacteria monitoring programs, leveraging funds and in kind from both Stroud and DNS. Supported and supervised 3 summer interns. Worked with Stroud to expand sampling to include Microbial Source Tracking. In kind and cash match (\$7000). Working with Jenny Egan and Jinjun Kan to get work and data published.</p> <p>Started pilot green infrastructure program with Brandywine Consercy for the White Clay called Catch the Rain. Outputs to date: two public workshops, 9 applicants with site visits and corresponding reports, development of educational materials and rebate program. Funds leverage with Brandywine Conservancy inkind valued at \$10,000(?) and \$20,000 in cash Dockstaeder Grant, \$1500 support from SUEZ</p> <p>Collaborated with the Christina Watershed Partnership (BRCA, CCWRA, et al.) to work with watershed municipalites on meeting their MS4 requirements through a multimunicipal planning effort for the East Branch. Funds leverage from a NFWF innovation Grant recieved by BRCA in the amount of \$100,000 to work with three pilot areas. (\$10,000 will come directely to White Clay), in addition to inkind hours, and some municipal funding (\$10,000 White Clay pilot municipalities)</p> <p>Working with Stroud and Save Our Water Volunteers to create a citizen science monitoring programe using DIY remote sensors. Funded (\$5000) by Stroud via their EPA grant.</p> <p>Worked with Brandywine Conservancy to do a buffer assessment for the entire watershed illustrating riparian forest gaps and smaller than 100' wide buffers.</p> <p>Worked with Brandywine Conservancy to locate sites for reforestation stewardship. Targeted Franklin Preserve for stewardship and replanting in 2016.</p>
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<b>Open Space</b>	
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<b>B</b>	<b>Land Preservation</b>
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	<p>Natural Lands Trust (NLT) has a Cooperative Agreement with NPS. Preservation projects and transactions are coordinated with NLT. Assist the Open Space subcommittee as needed in carrying out projects related to the implementation of the WMP, particularly as related to the open space preservation and reforestation.</p>	<p>Ongoing support and forum for land preservation projects brought to the table by BC and NLT.</p>
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<b>B</b>	<b>Trails and Recreation</b>
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	Assist, review and comment with Friends of the State Park, the Preserve, and the Advisory Council in Recreation and Trails initiatives	Participated in the WCCSP trails open house and communicated back to committee, In contact with Delaware Greenways about proposed trail network.
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