

Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP)



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Background



Commission Action

NO. 2024 – 05

Establishing a subcommittee of the Delaware River Basin Advisory Committee, focused on Source Water Protection.

The water resources of the Delaware River Basin provide drinking water, for over 8 million people in four states.

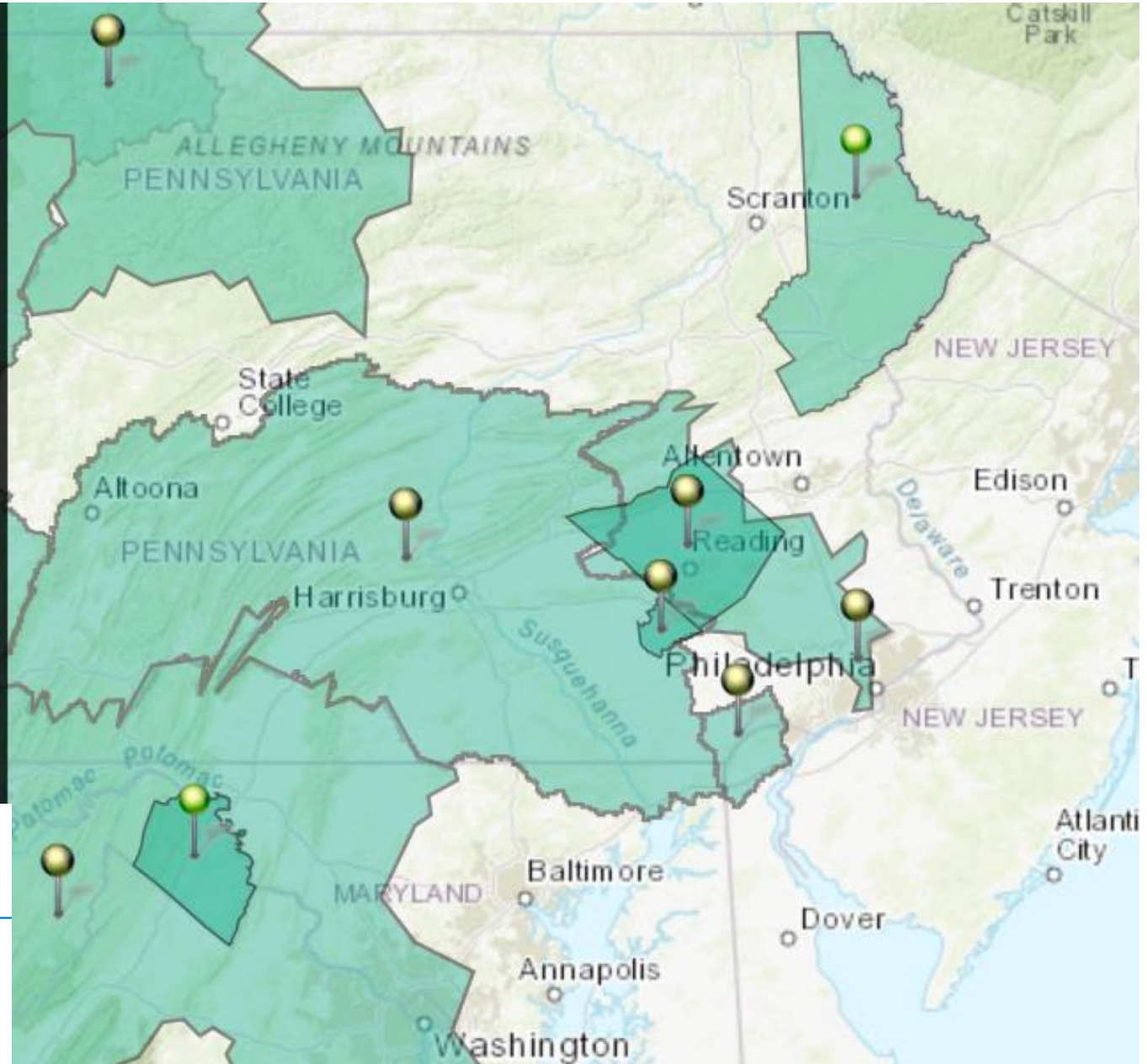
Subcommittee Framework



Next Steps and Discussion

Source Water Protection Around the Country

Browse local, state, and regional collaboratives



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We considered a “Collaborative” aimed at:

Challenges:

- Spills / Early warning
- Pollution inventory/ risks
- PFAS /emerging contaminants
- Salinity / road salts
- Runoff: pathogens, nutrients, other

Principles:

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Self-governing
- Drinking water focus

Commission adopted Resolution 2024 – 05 Creating a Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP)

1. No comments during public input process
2. Subcommittee of the Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC)
3. DRBC staff liaison : Chad Pindar, *Manager, Water Resource Planning*

From the
Resolution -

The primary
objectives of
the SSWP are:

1. Knowledge sharing and regional dialogue.
2. Focus on drinking water protection.
3. Promote and support the Delaware Valley Early Warning System (EWS).

The SSWP may establish other objectives as appropriate:

1. Identify priority issues, topics and measures and initiatives.
2. Coordinate approaches for SWP funding.
3. Coordinate with other groups such as the SAN.

The SSWP
has six (6)
reserved
members:

1. State of Delaware



2. State of New Jersey



NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

3. State of New York



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

4. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



5. US Environmental Protection
Agency



6. City of Philadelphia



Eligible non-reserved members:

1. Drinking water utilities that obtain their source water from and provide service to customers within the Delaware River Basin
2. Drinking water utilities that obtain their source water from the Delaware and Raritan Canal.
3. One vote per organization.
4. No limit on the number on non-reserved members

Other terms in the Resolution:

1. Elect a Chair and a Vice Chair
2. Establish task- or working groups if needed
3. All meetings of the SSWP shall be open to the public
4. Meet at least once per calendar year
5. Unless renewed, the SSWP shall expire three years from the effective date of the Resolution

The next steps include:

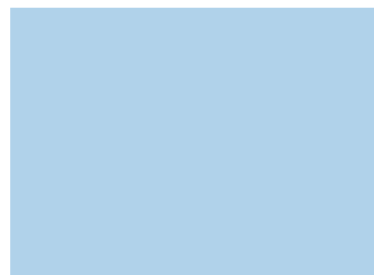
1. Form the subcommittee
 - Eligible and interested? Let us know **by July 26, 2024.**
2. Schedule a meeting – Q4 2024. Where?
3. Solicit topics and agenda items for first meeting
4. Survey?
5. Small meeting planning group?

Possible meeting topics:

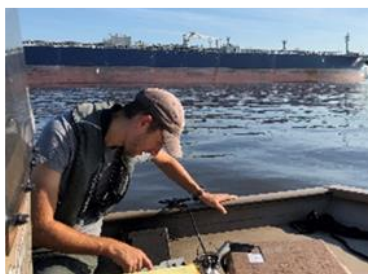
1. Spill readiness and response:
EWS; modeling resources; Coast Guard Sector
Delaware Bay
2. Regulatory and Agency Programs
and Updates.
3. Risk assessment, pollution
inventories and tools.
4. Emerging contaminants.
5. Salinity trends.
6. Prioritization.
7. Other?



Your questions and comments.



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