



Highlands Council Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2014



Highlands Regional Master Plan Monitoring Program

Public Participation and Outreach



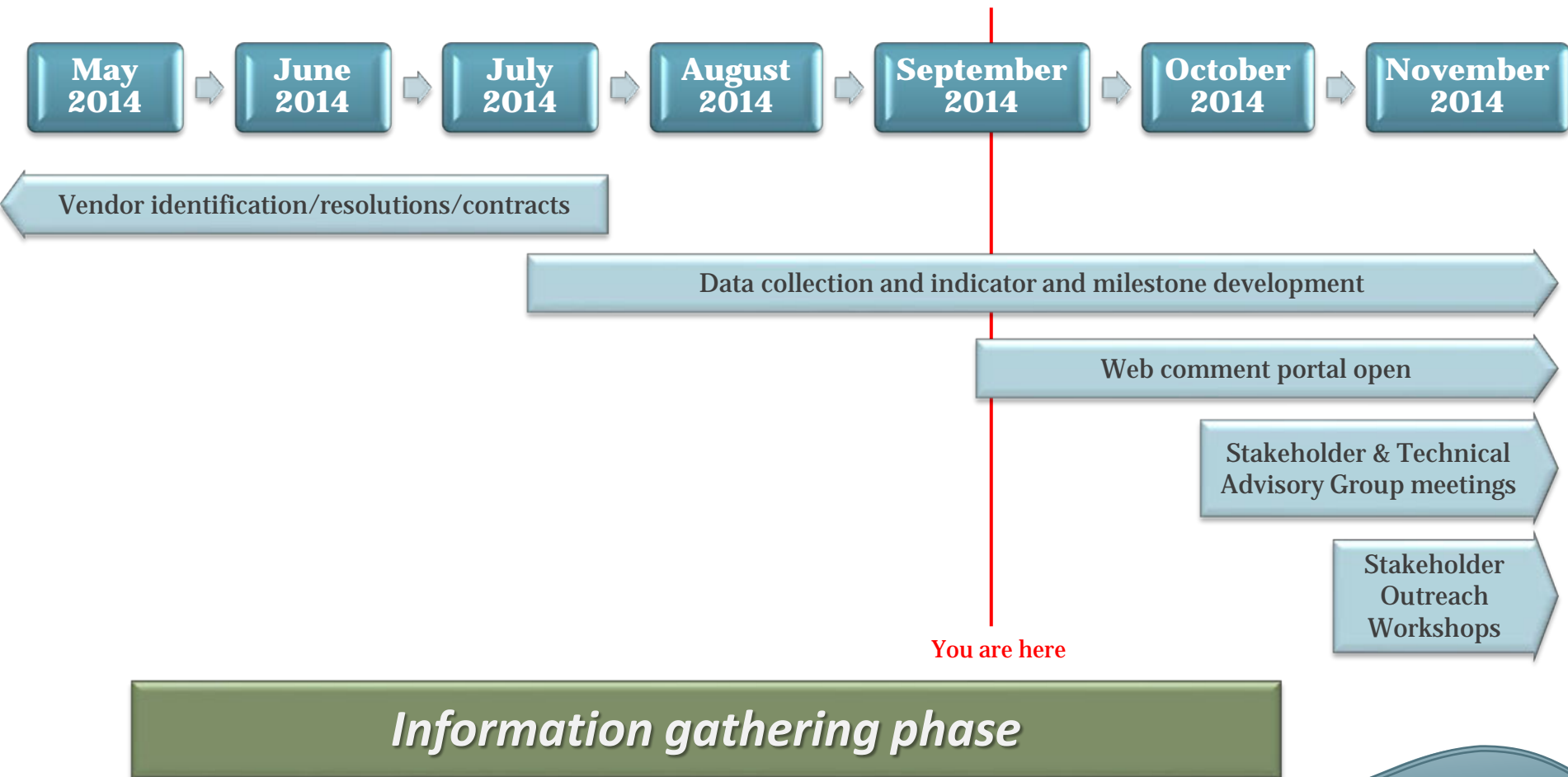
What is the Monitoring Program?

- Not intended to amend the RMP, but rather develop factual foundation for potential amendments to the current or future iterations of the RMP.
- Indicators and milestones will help to identify where RMP policy is most effective, and where amendments may be called for.
- Based on factual outcomes Council may choose to make policy or programmatic changes to the RMP or recommend further study



RMP Monitoring Program Timeline

6-Month Window





Public Participation & Outreach Approach Overview

1. Web Comment Portal
2. Targeted Stakeholder Meetings
3. Stakeholder Outreach Workshops
4. Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
5. Public Outreach Sessions
6. Public Hearings on Draft Reports



Public Participation & Outreach Approach Overview

Step 1: Public Comment Web Portal

- **When:** Currently open for public comment
- **Who:** Open to the general public
- **How:** Comments will be accepted online via a web-based tool. Hard-copy via mail, fax or hand delivery will also be accepted



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Step 2: Targeted Stakeholder Meetings

- **When:** Fall/ Winter 2014 (Eleven meetings will be scheduled)
- **Who:** Representatives from state agencies, county and local government, and non-governmental organizations
- **How:** Facilitated, small-group meetings. Technical in nature. Designed to garner input on potential indicators and data availability



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State and Federal Stakeholders

- State Agriculture Development Committee
- NJ Dept. of Agriculture
- NJ Dept. of Community Affairs
- NJ Economic Development Agency
- NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
- NJ Office of Planning Advocacy
- NJ Transit
- NJ Dept. of Transportation
- NJ Transportation Planning Authority
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Department of Agriculture



Targeted Stakeholders

The groups listed below represent a draft list of stakeholders that were part of the local participation in connection with the development of the 2008 Highlands Regional Master Plan. Suggestions for additional groups should be made to the Highlands Council at Highlands@highlands.nj.gov.

- NJ Association of Appraisers
- NJ Association of Realtors
- NJ Audubon Society
- NJ Builders Association
- NJ Business and Industry Assoc.
- NJ Conservation Foundation
- County Boards of Agriculture
- County Agriculture Development Boards
- County Economic Development Groups
- County Officials/Planners
- Delaware Riverkeeper
- Fair Share Housing Center
- NJ Farm Bureau
- NJ Federation of Sportsman's Clubs
- Forestry Association
- NJ Future
- Greenwood Lake Association
- NJ Highlands Coalition
- County Historic Associations
- Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
- Impacted Landowners
- Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
- Lake Hopatcong Commission
- League of Municipalities
- The Land Conservancy
- Municipal Officials/Planners
- Musconetcong Watershed Association
- NY/ NJ Trail Conference
- Pequannock River Coalition
- Passaic River Coalition
- PlanSmart NJ
- Raritan Headwaters Association
- Regional Tourism Boards
- Sierra Club
- Sustainable Raritan
- Trout Unlimited
- NJ Water Supply Authority



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Step 3: Stakeholder Outreach Workshops

- **When:** Fall/ Winter 2014 (Three workshops will be scheduled)
- **Who:** Open to the public and by invitation
- **How:** Facilitated, larger meetings. Topic-driven. Designed to provide a stakeholder forum for individuals and groups that are too large or diverse to accommodate in smaller sessions.



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Step 4: Technical Advisory Committees (TACs)

- **When:** Winter 2014/2015 and Spring 2015 (Ten meetings in each session will be scheduled)
- **Who:** Technical experts spanning content areas of the RMP.
- **How:** Facilitated work sessions (2 per topic) designed to review indicator and milestone findings, and provide input toward monitoring activities for the 2015-2025 period.



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Step 5: Public Outreach Sessions

- **When:** Winter 2015 (Three sessions will be scheduled)
- **Who:** Open to the public
- **How:** Facilitated large-format sessions.



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Step 6: Public Hearings on Draft Reports

- **When:** Summer/ Fall 2015 (Five hearings will be scheduled)
- **Who:** Open to the public
- **How:** Facilitated large-format sessions following the Council's release of the draft Monitoring Program Recommendation Report and Fiscal Impact Assessment



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