

THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Pennsylvania

SCOPE:

- » The Lower Susquehanna Source Water Protection Partnership is working to improve efforts to restore and protect source water quality at the regional scale, through collaborative government and non-government agencies, water suppliers, planners and others
- » The Partnership takes a regional approach to many of the issues that face water suppliers on an individual level, but with many of the systems using similar sources or overlapping contribution areas, a broader approach will be beneficial.
- » Coverage includes Lower Susquehanna Watershed - by County - Lebanon (PA), Dauphin (PA), Lancaster (PA), Cumberland (PA), York (PA), Adams (PA), Harford (MD), Cecil (MD)

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COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- » The Partnership first convened in 2012 and meets on a regional scale twice a year
- » The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the lead organization

MEMBERS:

- » Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- » U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- » Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- » Pennsylvania Rural Water Association
- » Penn State Agricultural Extension
- » League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

WATER CONCERNS:

- » Early warning and spill response
- » Agricultural and urban runoff
- » Unregulated contaminants, disinfection byproducts, etc

STRATEGIES:

- » Improving spill response across agencies, water suppliers and emergency responders;
- » Addressing stormwater issues;
- » Connecting Clean Water goals to Drinking Water;
- » Water quality monitoring; and
- » Assessing risks to drinking water throughout the Lower Susquehanna region

RESULTS:

- » Convened partnership group in 2012
- » 24/7 spill response modeling
- » Real-time water quality monitoring
- » Partnership meeting twice a year with over 30 groups represented
- » Starting strategic planning process