

The Lower Susquehanna Source Water Protection Partnership

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Pennsylvania

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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).

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; and
- 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



Information current as of November 2020. Please check with the Collaborative contacts (or website if available) for the most up to date information. To find other source water collaboratives across the U.S. or to add yours to the list, visit the Source Water Collaborative's [How To Collaborate Toolkit](#)