

PUBLIC AGENCY SURVEY

As described in **Section 7.4** in *Chapter 7.0 Institutional Assessment* of the Schuylkill Watershed Conservation Plan, 64 public agencies in the watershed were surveyed as to their activities, ongoing and completed projects, needs and resources available to other organizations, and opportunities for cooperative action. Public agencies were interviewed either in person or via telephone. The complete survey used to interview public agencies in the watershed is reproduced below.

Schuylkill Watershed Conservation Plan Public Agency Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions based on your agency expertise. If a question is outside the scope of your agency's work, then answer "N/A."

Part 1: Contact Information

- Agency
- Completed By
- Title
- Department
- Address
- Phone, Fax, Email
- Area of Schuylkill watershed covered by agency

Part 2: Program/Project Information

1. Please describe the primary objective(s) and regulatory responsibilities of your agency/department relative to the Schuylkill watershed.
2. Please list and describe the two most important **ongoing** projects or planning efforts and the two most important **completed** projects or planning efforts in which your agency is involved in the watershed. They may be regulatory or non-regulatory and may be described as (but not limited to) environmental preservation or restoration, cultural or historic preservation/restoration, agricultural preservation, water projects, streambank stabilization, bioengineering, trail creation, historic structure renovations, etc.

Ongoing Projects	Category	Goal/Description	General Location
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2A.

2B.

Completed Projects	Category	Goal/Description	General Location
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2C.

2D.

3. A. What does your agency consider to be the two primary threats to the natural resources, water resources or cultural/historic resources within your agency's jurisdiction in the watershed? And, if site-specific, please note their locations.
 - 3A1.
 - 3A2.
- B. What innovative approaches/solutions/projects (non-regulatory or regulatory) could be tried to solve these threats?

What additional resources are needed to address these two primary threats? (financial, personnel, training, legislative changes, etc.)

In your opinion, what organizations, structures or teams are best positioned to solve these problems?

4. What are the best opportunities or projects for other public agencies or nonprofit organizations to work cooperatively on projects with your agency?
5. Name examples where a public/private partnership has been a success and why.
6. What primary resources/programs exist through your agency to help other public agencies or nonprofit organizations complete projects?
 - a) Financial
 - b) Educational
 - c) Technical
 - d) Training
 - e) Communications/Public Relations
 - f) Political Access/Process
 - g) Other (list)
7. Check the top two categories your agency needs to be more effective in carrying out its environmental responsibilities in the watershed.
 - a) Training, for example...
 - b) Better communication with other public agencies or nonprofits, for example...
 - c) Regulatory modifications, for example...
 - d) Government grants/general funding, for example...
 - e) Technical assistance, for example...
 - f) Public relations, for example...
 - g) Other (specify)
8. A. What is the single critical natural area within your jurisdiction and (8B) the single most critical area in the watershed? Why?
 - 8A.
 - 8B.
9. A. What methods has your agency pursued for funding watershed protection efforts?
B. What were the sources of funding for these efforts?
10. Over the next 5-10 years, what measures of success would you establish to demonstrate that progress has been made?
11. Please rank each as it relates to the value of the SRWCP. Circle the single most important issue that the SRWCP should address to positively impact the watershed.

	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Comments</i>
a.	Watershed-Based Planning		
b.	Land-Use Planning		
c.	Water Quantity/Stormwater and Flooding		
d.	Habitat Protection and Enhancement		
e.	Greenways Implementation/Open Space Preservation/Recreation/Public Access/Park Expansion		
f.	Containing Urban/Suburban Sprawl/Revitalizing Urban Centers		
g.	Water Treatment/Sewage Treatment/Septic Systems/Sewage Regulations		
h.	Government Funding		
i.	Inter-Governmental Cooperation/Communication		
j.	Education/Awareness/Water Conservation		

	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	Education		
k.	Cultural Resources Protection		
l.	Farmland Protection		
m.	Farm Waste Management		
n.	Farming Incentives		
o.	Wetlands Loss		
p.	Acid Mine Drainage		
q.	Current/Ongoing Industrial Impacts; or Brownfields (development on existing industrial sites); Superfund Sites		
r.	Other, Please Specify		

12. Is there anything you believe is important to convey in the Conservation Plan that we have not specifically asked?

- Yes/No
- If yes, please explain...

13. Please list other organizations that you believe would benefit from work evolving from the SWCP

Contact Name	Agency/Organization	Address/Phone/Fax/Email

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your response is providing valuable input for the Schuylkill Watershed Conservation Plan!