

Review for “Provisional” Acceptance of WBP

- **Purpose:** The purpose of this form is to determine whether submitted Watershed Based Plans (WBPs) address the required nine WBP elements.. Provisionally Accepted WBPs include all EPA required elements, but have not been formally reviewed and accepted by MassDEP. All items on the below checklist must be satisfied for a WBP to receive provisional acceptance.
- **Reviewer Instructions:** Review submitted WBP and complete Section 1 and Section 2 to determine approval status. Upload completed form to “DEP Review” section of the WBP-tool accessible at <http://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWBP/Account/DEPReview>, then update “Plan Status” based on findings.

Section 1: Provisional Review Summary

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| WBP Info | WBP ID: | Watershed Name / Assessment Unit ID: |
| Review Info | Reviewer Name: | Review Date: |
| Findings | Are all checklist items satisfied? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(If yes, WBP is provisionally accepted)</i> | |
| Comments: | | |

Section 2: Provisional Acceptance Checklist

| Element A: Identify Causes of Impairment & Pollution Sources | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Map of watershed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of the major causes and sources of impairment (e.g., water quality data and other information from previous reports/studies; summary table of water quality impairment causes/sources; land use and impervious cover maps/information; watershed pollutant loading estimates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of water quality goals that (at a minimum) meet water quality standards for pollutants that threaten or impair the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the watershed (e.g., a table of water quality goal(s) including source of how the goal(s) was/were calculated) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If a TMDL exists for the watershed, relevant information from the TMDL is included (e.g., water quality goal information) |
| Element B: Determine Pollutant Load Reductions Needed to Achieve Water Quality Goals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of the load reductions needed to meet the water quality goal(s) identified in Element A and a description of how the required load reductions were calculated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If a TMDL exists for the watershed, relevant information from the TMDL is included (e.g., load reduction needed) |
| Element C: Describe Management Measures that will be Implemented to Achieve Water Quality Goals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Description of the management measures that need to be implemented to achieve the required load reductions identified in Element B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of the critical areas in which the management measures will be implemented |
| Element D: Identify Technical and Financial Assistance Needed to Implement Plan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Estimate of the financial and technical assistance needed to implement the plan including: 1) implementation of structural and nonstructural BMPs; 2) long-term operation and maintenance of management measures; 3) information and education activities (Element E); and 4) monitoring and evaluation activities (Element H & I) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Documentation of the potential funding sources and relevant authorities that might play a role in implementing the plan |
| Element E: Public Information and Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of education and outreach activities or actions that will be used to implement the plan |

Element F & G: Implementation Schedule and Measurable Milestones

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Schedule for implementing the management measures outlined in the plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of interim, measurable milestones to measure progress in implementing the management measures |

Element H & I: Progress Evaluation Criteria and Monitoring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification of direct and/or indirect benchmarks/interim targets for tracking water quality progress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Indication of how it will be determined if the watershed plan needs revision if interim targets/benchmarks are not met (i.e., adaptive management) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Monitoring component is included to determine whether progress is being made toward attaining or maintaining the water quality goal(s) |