

Areas of Focus for the Plan

This presentation of “Areas of Focus” for the regional plan is for the purposes of discussion. These “Areas of Focus” are not intended to be inclusive or exclusive. In addition, some of the items under each “Area of Focus” include examples for illustration purposes that are similarly not intended to be inclusive or exclusive.

Background

- Definition of planning region
- Goals/Objectives
- Entities involved
- Identification of areas of focus

What Does the Regional Plan Protect?

- Hydrology
- Definition of critical parameters
- Scientific basis for critical parameters
- Definition of monitoring and assessment of critical parameters

Watershed Management/Water Quality Protection Measures

- Location (e.g. buffer zones, sensitive features, etc.) of development
- Density (e.g. impervious cover, clustering, etc.) of development
- Nature (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) of development.
- Land-use restrictions
- Management of undeveloped land/Open space planning
- Agricultural
- Conservation easements/land acquisition for habitat protection (e.g. set-asides, offsets, mitigation)
- Voluntary water quality protection measures (e.g. rainwater harvesting, water conservation, good housekeeping, integrated pesticide/herbicide management)

Public Education/Outreach

- Awareness of the Regional Plan
- Support of Regional Plan concepts and implementation

Implementation, Enforcement and Accountability

- What parameters are to be used to measure and monitor water quality within the project area.
- Who will be responsible for implementing the plan.
- How will this be accomplished(e.g. legal, technical and financial)
- Implementation schedule for the plan

Economic Implications

- Costs for initial implementation
- Costs for on-going operations and maintenance
- Costs for enforcement and oversight
- Costs of failure and/or inadequacy