

319 Program for the Upcoming Year and Q&A: WIP Tracking – Status Update

Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management
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Background – Timeline

- WIP Audit / Closeout process went into effect in 2024.
- Goal: Ensure that grant funds are being utilized in an effective manner with WIPs that are up-to-date
- 4 Step Process:
 - Internal Audit
 - WIP Status Determination Survey
 - Follow-up correspondence
 - Issuance of formal status determinations
- January 5, 2024 – WIP Status Determination Survey distributed
- Success/Completion Letters sent out January 2024
- February 16, 2024 – Q&A Session Held
- WIP Status Determination Letters sent out March – April 2024



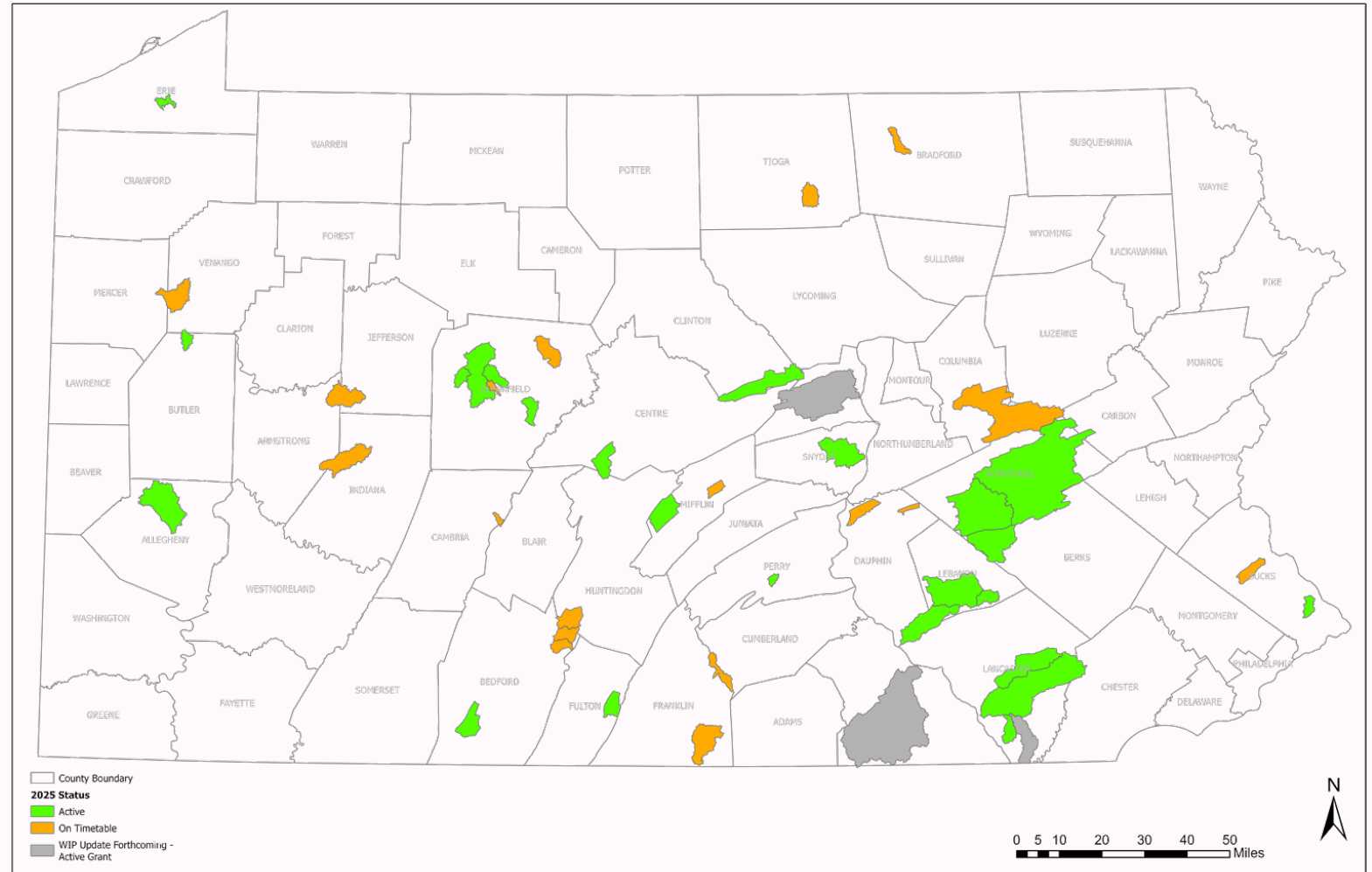
2025 Status Update - Survey

- Formal survey for 2025 was not needed
 - All candidate WIPs were surveyed in 2024
- A few WIP Status Determination Letters were sent out in February 2025
 - Delayed issuing certain determination letters for extenuating circumstances in 2024
- Between 2024 & 2025:
 - # WIPs Closed Out: 6
 - # WIPs Requiring Updates: 20
 - # New WIPs*: 5
- *No new 319 WIPs will be accepted until further notice
 - Revisions of existing WIPs are welcome
 - If desired, plans can still be developed and utilized as WIPs, they just will not be approved by EPA 319 program / be eligible for 319 NPS funding.



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WIP Status 2025



Updated map showing the WIPs that are Active and up-to-date, and those that are now on a timetable for being updated / have updates forthcoming under a current grant.

Reminders for “Active” WIPs

Determination Letter Conditions

- If intending to utilize grant funds to update the WIP – ***apply*** for a grant within **2 years**
- ***Submit*** updated WIP within **4 years**
- Submit information related to any grants awarded and/or BMPs implemented as requested by DEP

Extensions

- Can be requested in writing, on official letterhead (sent via email)
- Submit documentation of progress
- Justify request for the extension

Condition / Extension Non-Compliance

- If an updated WIP is not ***submitted*** within the allotted timeframe, the WIP will be closed out.
- A new WIP will need to be submitted for approval in order to receive 319 grant funding in the future.



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