

Summary of Strategies

Strategy #1 – Meet Virginia DEQ regulatory requirements for water supply planning and similar West Virginia requirements.

Strategy #2 – Establish a regional drought awareness and response system for local governments that allows the timely delivery of conservation awareness messages.

Strategy #3 – Cooperatively build local government tools (model studies, ordinances, policy guidelines, brochures, and similar vehicles) to address mutual water issues in a consistent and cost-effective manner.

Strategy #4 – Develop a “Shenandoah Valley Water Resources Science Plan” to provide decision-makers with the ability to better see how policy actions affect future watershed conditions.

Strategy #5 – Establish partnerships among localities and stakeholders to more effectively pursue financial investments in water quality by state, public, and private and non-profit sectors.

Strategy #6 – Make existing laws more effective through an integrated approach to coordinating enforcement and reporting enforcement actions in a visible manner.

Strategy #7 – Develop a better picture of short and long-term water quality trends and how water quality affects production costs for municipal and individual water supply.

Strategy #8 – Develop and communicate a regionally consistent education and outreach plan that links issues to easily implementable acts of stewardship.

Strategy #9 – Engage more local and regional elected officials and decision-makers in the process of meeting the region’s water resources challenges.

Strategy #10 – Further develop “greenways/green space” as a regional water quality tool and develop ways to help localities incorporate these concepts into plans and policies.

Strategy #11 – Develop a marketing strategy that creates economic incentives for agriculture, rural businesses (including ecotourism), industry, and local communities to practice water stewardship.

“Shenandoah Valley Water Resources Strategic Plan” online in PDF at Pure Water Forum: http://www.purewaterforum.org/Shen_Strategic_Plan.php