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Dear Co-Chairs and Steering Committee,

Attached please find a draft agenda for DCNR's February 1 Riparian Forest Buffer Advisory Committee Meeting. Recall that we've discussed this meeting and Advisory Committee as an opportunity for Phase 3 WIP stakeholder engagement. This committee was formed in Spring 2016 and has been meeting roughly quarterly to discuss challenges and opportunities around riparian forest buffers. The list of members is attached and you'll see that it includes many organizations having strong connections to the WIP. Attendance averages 50+. While the agenda speaks to buffers, we're assuming the discussion will be broader.

Our thought is that DEP and EPA would provide initial framing thoughts and information, and then each WIP Sector would provide a 10 or so-min perspective on your work to date. What topics have you discussed, challenges, and a sense of where you're heading. Finally, we would have both small-and large-group facilitation to provide feedback to the Sectors.

We're hoping this will provide an opportunity for dialogue and early feedback for the Sectors, deeper than simple brainstorming—and it could be a dry-run for the upcoming "charrettes."

We will finalize the agenda with Jennifer, Nicki, and Kristen—but would welcome any suggestions.

Please confirm that at least one co-chair (or another member of your workgroup) is available to attend, participate, and represent your Sector. Please reply to this email by COB Tuesday the 16th so we can make final arrangements. DCNR will handle meeting logistics; lunch will be provided; and it will be in the Harrisburg area. Workgroup members are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Please feel free to forward this for their information.

Thanks, and please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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