

Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) Public Advisory Group

March 5th, 2020





Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Recap insights from 2/12 meeting
- Group Discussion:
 - Refining and expanding redocumentations
 - Collecting information for issue papers
- Next Steps

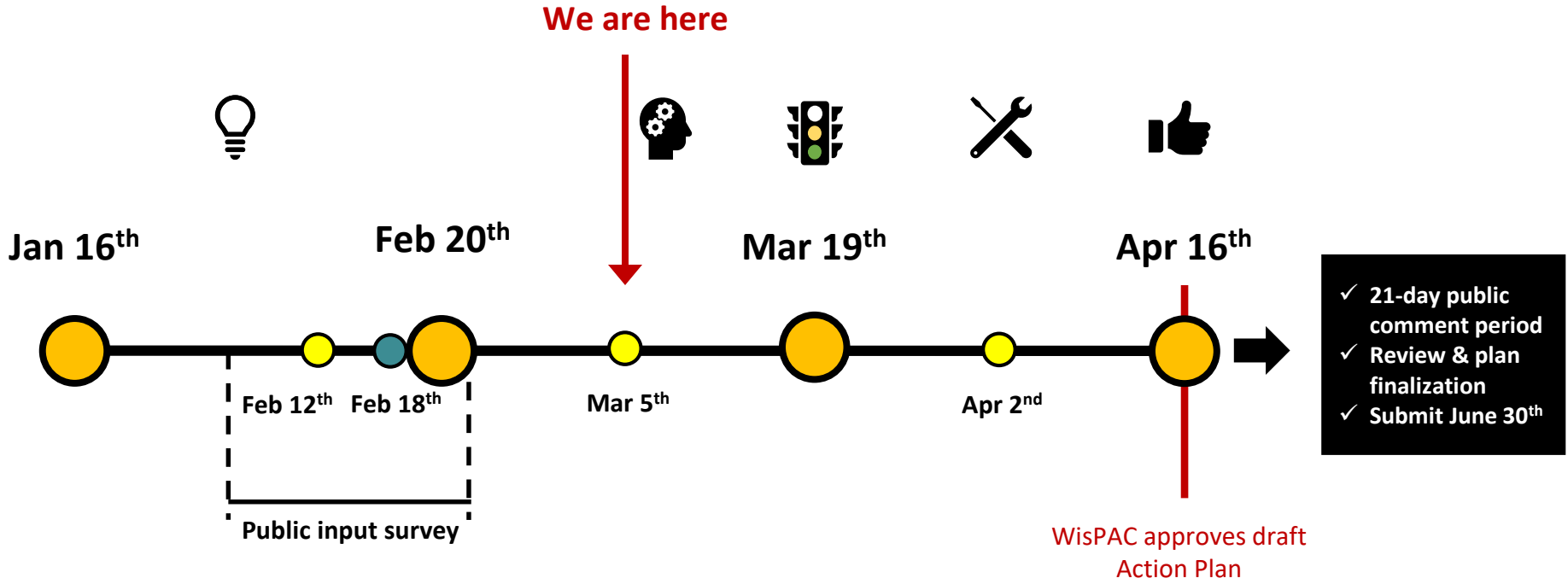


Welcome


Local Government Advisory Group

- External co-chairs
 - Paul Kent
 - Lawrie Kobza
- State co-chairs
 - John Dickert, DOR
 - Jim Zellmer, DNR

Timeline



- WisPAC Meetings
- Advisory Group Meetings
- Public Meeting



Recap from 2/12 Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Group

- Purpose of 2/12 meeting – initiate process of gathering input from PFAS stakeholders
- Set stage for future meetings on 3/5 (prioritization of ideas) and 4/2 (feedback on WisPAC March meeting)
- Place ideas and input into one of four buckets



Focus Area 1: Preventing Future Discharges and Exposure (1/2)

- Evaluate necessity of PFAS and potential reduction/ban/substitution/replacement
- Create stricter labeling requirements (transparency) for manufacturers.
- Provide information for consumers on PFAS-containing products and uses.



Focus Area 1: Preventing Future Discharges and Exposure (2/2)

- Provide assistance for POTW pollution prevention program
 - Standardized industrial user survey
 - Information on products for informed public purchasing
 - Model ordinances and state enforcement support
- Model/standard ordinance language enforcement support from state



Focus Area 2: Inventorying and Minimizing Current PFAS Exposure

- Provide funding to inventory PFAS sources and address local PFAS issues
 - For fire departments to dispose of current supply and switch to fluorine-free foam
 - For LGU to identify degree and extent of known drinking water contamination
- BMP development for treatment and destruction/disposal



Focus Area 3: Identifying and Addressing Historical/Legacy PFAS Discharges and Exposure

- Fund and conduct additional studies around the state to identify and communicate known legacy sites
- Expedite development of statewide science-based cleanup standards for various media (soil, groundwater, sludge, landfill waste, etc.)
- Funding to LGUs:
 - Investigate extent of legacy contamination
 - Install treatment



Focus Area 4: Educating and Communicating PFAS Risks

- Provide clear communication on risks
 - Determine what various concentrations mean in what media
 - Identify and respond to knowledge or regulatory gaps as well as misinformation
 - Emphasize effective public education for broad audience, including marginalized groups
- Create communications/risk communications toolbox for municipalities
- Create dedicated website/resources combining DNR/DHS information



Other Input (1/2)

- Fast-track health standards for the most toxic or prevalent PFAS compounds.
 - Consider practicability of standards given widespread occurrence of PFAS.
- Get standards/BMPs ASAP for disposal methods like landspreading, landfilling, incineration, etc.
- Provide sustainable funding for dealing with persistent contamination (e.g. settlements with manufacturers or RPs, natural resource damage claims, etc.)
- Develop list of PFAS-free replacement products



Other Input (2/2)

- Identify research gaps & respond
 - Inventory and make available existing research (e.g. performance and availability of fluorine-free foams, toxicity of shorter chain compounds, etc.)



Refining and Expanding Our Recommendations

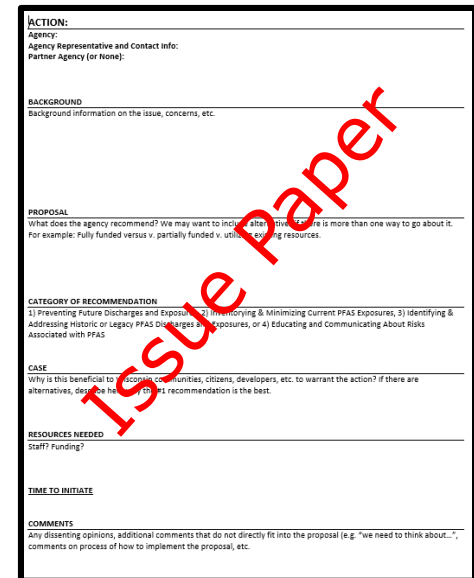
- ❓ Do the ideas listed reflect the feedback you provided?
- ❓ What changes would clarify the recommended actions?
- ❓ What other recommendations would you suggest including?



Developing Issue Papers

Final recommendations in the WisPAC Action plan will be organized into Issue Papers (see handout)

- WisPAC is developing these from the perspective of the state agencies
- We will now go through our initial ideas to do the same from the perspective of local government



ACTION:
Agency:
Agency Representative and Contact info:
Partner Agency (or none):

BACKGROUND
Background information on the issue, concerns, etc.

PROPOSAL
What does the agency recommend? We may want to include site alternatives if there is more than one way to go about it. For example: Fully funded versus v. partially funded v. utilizing existing resources.

CATEGORY OF RECOMMENDATION:
1) Preventing Future Discharges and Exposures, 2) Monitoring & Minimizing Current PFAS Exposures, 3) Identifying & Addressing Historic or Legacy PFAS Discharges and Exposures, or 4) Educating and Communicating About Risks Associated with PFAS

CASE
Why is this beneficial to the community, citizens, developers, etc. to warrant the action? If there are alternatives, describe how your recommendation is the best.

RESOURCES NEEDED
Staff? Funding?

TIME TO INITIATE

COMMENTS
Any dissenting opinions, additional comments that do not directly fit into the proposal (e.g. "we need to think about...", comments on process of how to implement the proposal), etc.



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Joint meeting of Citizen/Public and Local Government advisory committees

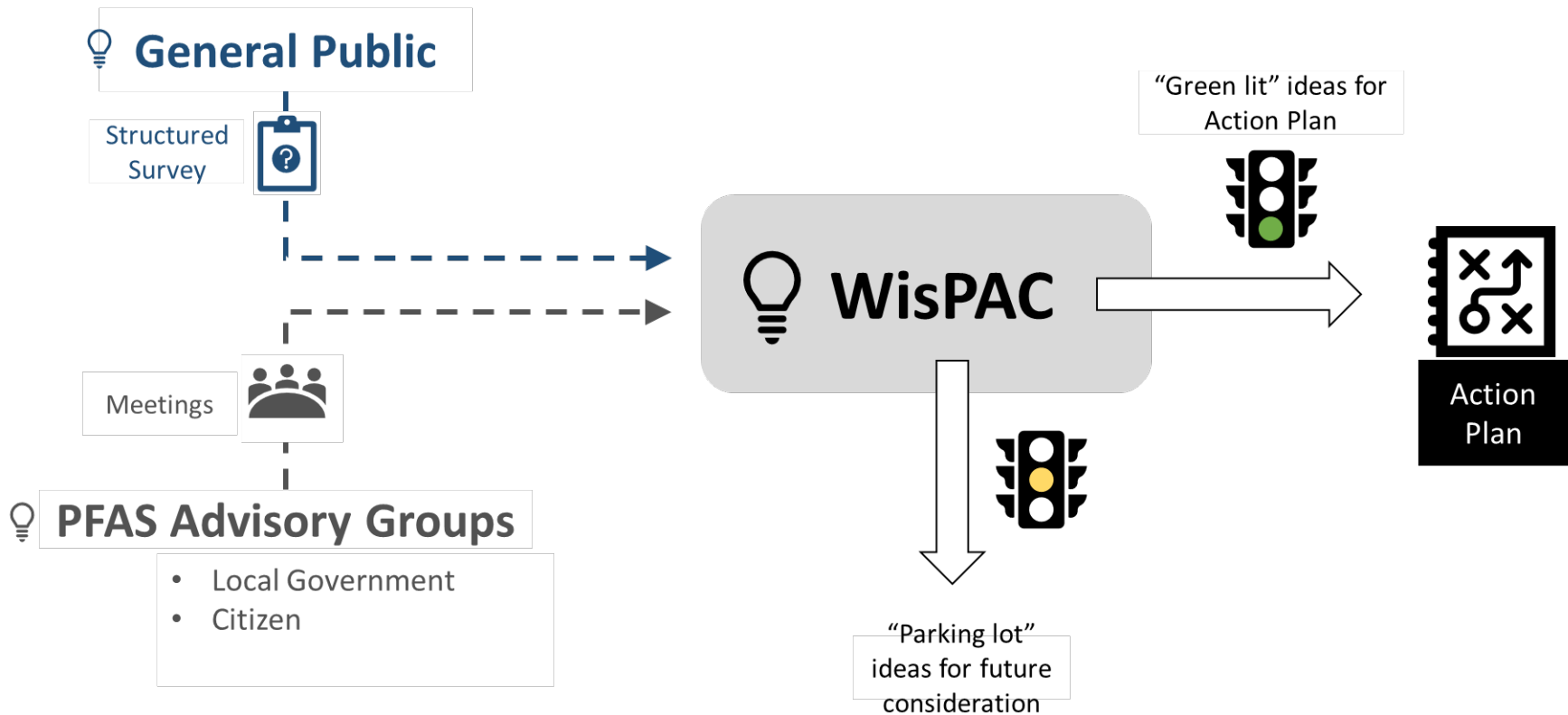
April 2nd

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

GEF II in Madison

Organizing Output

How will WisPAC use advisory group recommendations?





WisPAC

- Meeting March 19th in Fitchburg
- Time and agenda will be posted to the WisPAC web page in the coming weeks.



Thank you!