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The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that an update of its *Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin* has been completed and the final updated Plan is now available. The Comprehensive Plan is available on the Commission's website, <http://www.srbc.net/planning/comprehensiveplan.htm>, and a hard copy can be provided upon request via e-mail to srbc@srbc.net.

The Susquehanna River Basin Compact, enacted in 1970, authorizes and requires the Commission to formulate and adopt a comprehensive plan. The plan provides an overarching framework for the management and development of the basin's water resources and serves as a guide for all Commission programs and activities. It is further intended to be a useful resource for the Commission's member jurisdictions, water resource managers, private sector interests, and others in the basin.

The current Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2008 and called for five-year updates to help ensure the Plan is current and of long-term value and utility. It groups management responsibilities into six key water resource "priority management areas": (1) sustainable water development; (2) water quality; (3) flooding; (4) ecosystems; (5) Chesapeake Bay; and (6) coordination, cooperation, and public information. A total of 29 goals has been established for the priority management areas in the updated Plan, with 84 actions identified as being necessary to meet the goals.

The Plan also recognizes the benefits of highlighting other important water resource topics. These selected topics are designated as "areas of special interest" by the Commission; they are (1) mine drainage; (2) climate change; (3) consumptive use mitigation; (4) drought coordination; (5) economic development, recreation and other public values; (6) emerging contaminants; (7) energy production and development; (8) flood forecasting and warning; (9) invasive species; (10) fisheries monitoring and restoration; (11) potentially stressed areas and water challenged areas; and (12) water and wastewater infrastructure. The Commission believes these areas of special interest need to be addressed by the combined efforts of all levels of government, the private sector and the Commission

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