

**Questions for the RMAC and LMAC**  
**Regarding Future Approaches to the Rivers and Lakes Programs**  
June 25, 2015

1. Do the committees want to take on some of the responsibilities of the Shoreland Advisory Committee (SAC) regarding the SWQPA upon the sunset of SAC (effective December 31, 2015)? If so, which of these responsibilities should the committees take on, given available time and expertise?
2. Should the RMPP and LMPP continue as is with periodic process improvement updates, or should a moderate (Hybrid) or significant (Watershed) program change be made?
3. If the answer to #2 is “moderate program change,” what changes should be made first? Based on discussions during the meetings in February and April, the following questions stand out:
  - a. Should all rivers and lakes be included in the program?
    - i. If yes, is there still a legislative designation process for rivers, and do we add one for lakes? Should a system be implemented that allows for greater protections of some waterbodies based on a set of criteria (e.g. stakeholder group motivation, threats to water quality, etc.)?
    - ii. What is the role of local stakeholder groups (other than the existing LACs)?
  - b. Should river corridor management plans and lake management plans incorporate the criteria within EPA’s a-i watershed-based plans in order to take advantage of potential funding opportunities?
4. Whether or not major program changes are attempted, should the RMPP and LMPP Section at NHDES be moved under the umbrella of Watershed Assistance Section (WAS) within the Watershed Management Bureau? WAS administers the EPA pass-through 604(b) and 319 grants, as well as implements stormwater control projects such as Soak Up the Rain.