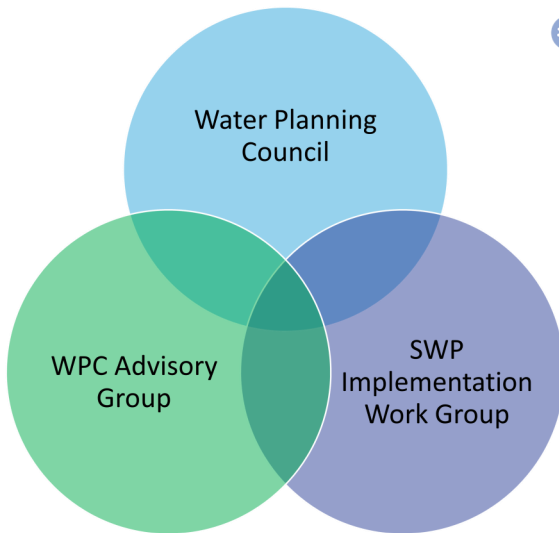


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History: In 2014, Public Act 14-163, “An Act Concerning the Responsibilities of the Water Planning Council,” became effective. The Act directed the Water Planning Council (WPC) to develop a State Water Plan and periodically update the Plan. Such a Plan was developed with considerable stakeholder input, submitted to the General Assembly, and approved on June 5, 2019.

The WPC is advised by a legislatively established Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPCAG) composed of representatives from water utilities, various business and industry interests, environmental and recreation interests, agricultural interests, regional councils of government and public health districts.

Upon adoption of the Plan, the WPC has been working with available resources to implement Plan recommendations in a prioritized manner, including establishing a representative stakeholder workgroup to assist with Plan implementation. At the direction of the WPC, this Implementation Workgroup (IWG) and the WPCAG have formed a number of ad hoc work groups, open to all who are interested in a group's area of focus. This has proven effective in bringing together stakeholders interested in supporting ongoing efforts to implement the Plan.

Implementation Workgroup Activities

- Drought
- Private wells
- Outreach and Education
- Water Planning Chief Position Description
- State Water Plan Implementation Tracking & Reporting
- Evaluation of United States Geological Survey Data Collection Programs

Water Planning Council Advisory Group Activities

- Protection of Class I & II-like Lands Not Owned by Water Companies
- Siting of Solar Renewable-Energy Projects on Source-Water Lands
- State Land Conveyance and Water Resource Protection

Critical Actions Needed to Achieve Successful Implementation

- Hire a Water Planning Chief and providing appropriate, dedicated administration staff
- Update to the State Water Plan

Priority Actions for 2023 and Beyond

- Establishing a regularly updated webpage with dedicated staff resources
- Continued assessment and adoption of Drought Plan recommendations
- Evaluating an update of CT’s Water Fixture Standards to align with EPA WaterSense standards”
- Establishing a permanent methodology to track plan implementation progress and facilitate reporting
- Continuing efforts to encourage water conservation and identify legislative changes that promote conservation, where feasible, such as with outdoor irrigation practices
- Aligning Plan with Governor’s Council on Climate Change initiatives
- Identifying and addressing emerging contaminants such as PFAS
- Addressing aging Infrastructure

Ongoing Actions

- Actions regularly undertaken by the WPC, the IWG and WPCAG, and the Outreach and Education Workgroup
- USGS monitoring program analysis