

# Raritan Water Region Informal Work Group Meeting

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# Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards (BEARS)

## Analysis

Assessment/ 303d List  
Integrated Report

TMDL Development/  
Watershed Restoration  
Plans

## Restoration

319(h) NPS Grant Program

AmeriCorps NJ Watershed  
Ambassadors Program  
Citizen Scientist/  
Volunteer Monitoring

## Standards

SWQS Development  
GWQS Program

C1 Designations

# Purpose and Expectations

- \* Share Water Quality Information
- \* Share Water Quality Initiatives
- \* Enhance Robust Comprehensive Assessment
- \* Communication of More Meaningful Water Quality “Story” on Water Quality Issues, Impacts and Solutions for the Raritan Water Region in 2016 Integrated Report
- \* Stakeholder Input Part of NJ’s Water Quality Vision

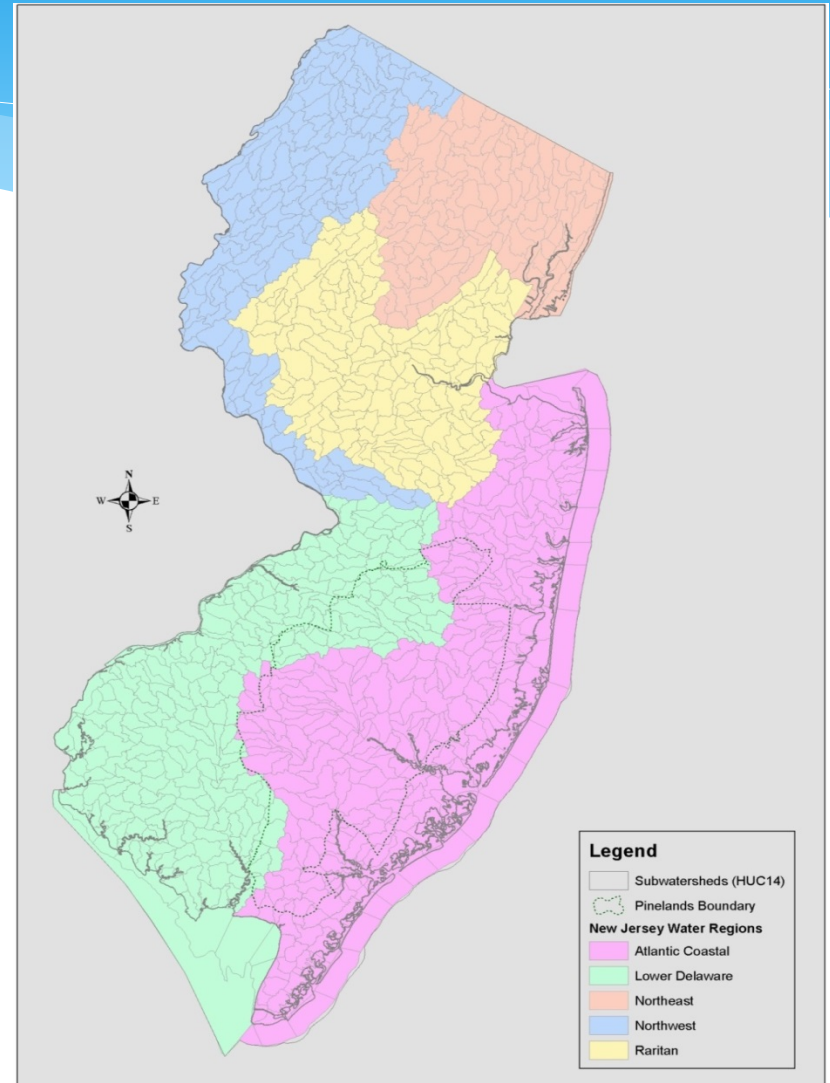
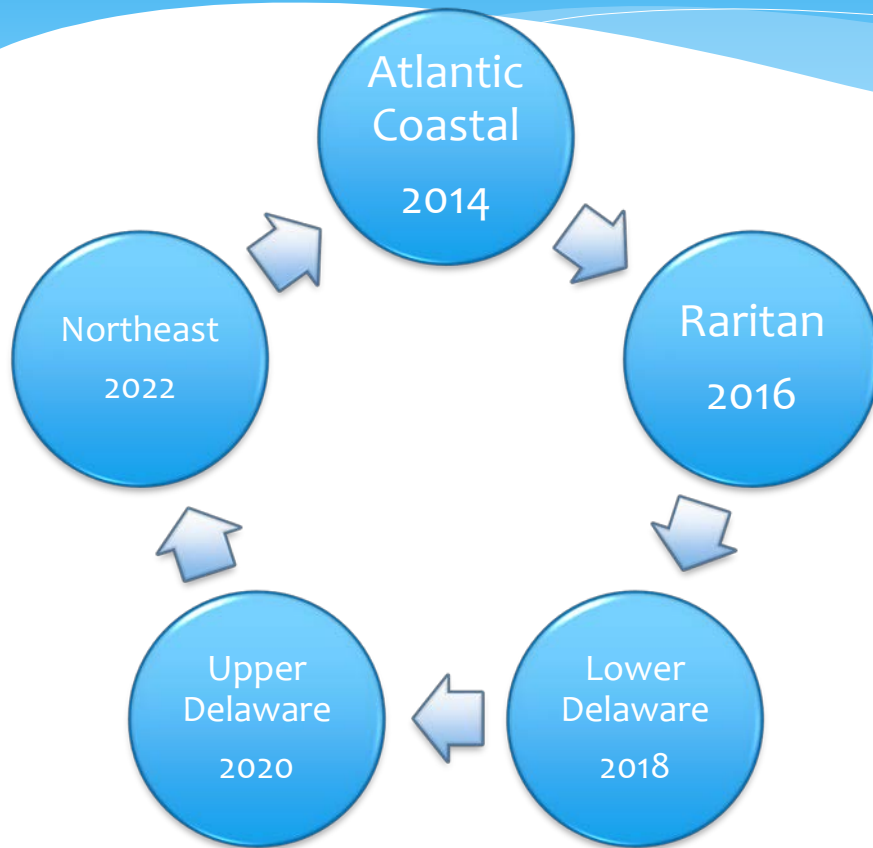
# EPA Guidance December 2013

- \* *A Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration and Protection under the CWA Section 303(d) Program*
- \* Vision Approach provides a Framework to ID and Prioritize Waterbodies for Restoration/Protection
- \* TMDLs, Restoration & Protection Plans all Recognized by EPA as means to achieve Water Quality Objectives
- \* Implemented in Stages 2016 – 2022
- \* Stakeholder Engagement
- \* NJ's Vision Approach – part of 2016 Integrated Report

# New Jersey's Vision Approach

- \* Identify Priority Areas for TMDL Development, Restoration and/or Protection
- \* Comprehensive Regional Assessment
- \* Rotating Basin Approach
- \* Sublists 5A, 5L, 5R
- \* Informal Stakeholder Process

# Rotating Basin Approach



# Impaired Waters SubLists

5A

- Arsenic: Arsenic does not attain SWQS due to natural geology

5L

- Legacy: Use impairment caused by “legacy” pollutant with no active human sources

5R

- Restoration: Use impairment attributed mainly to NPS/stormwater where NJDEP has an approved Watershed Based Plan in place; no major point sources