

DRBC's Water Resources Resilience Plan: **Phase 2 Progress Report**

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Advisory Committee on Climate Change

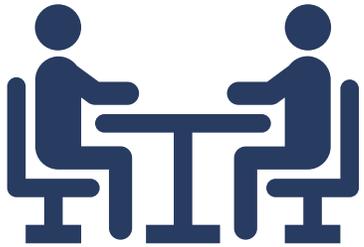
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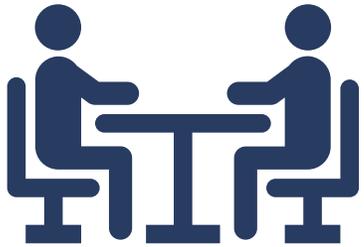
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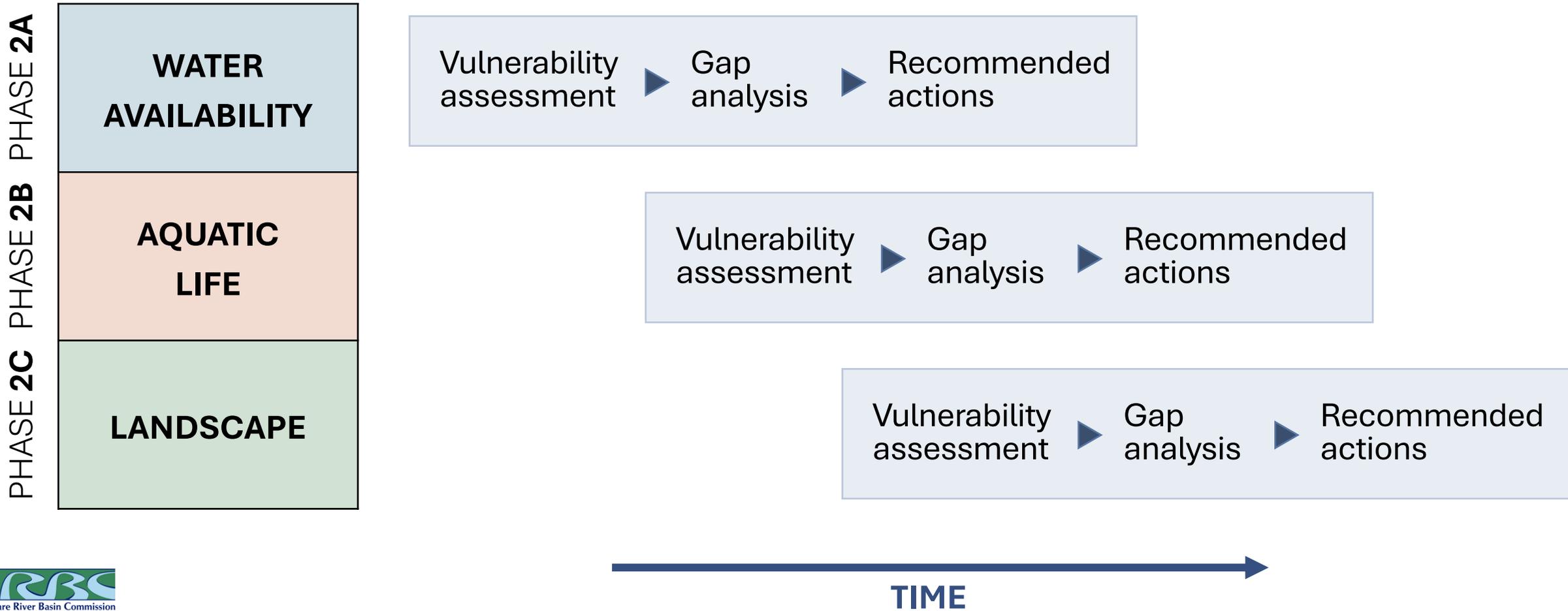


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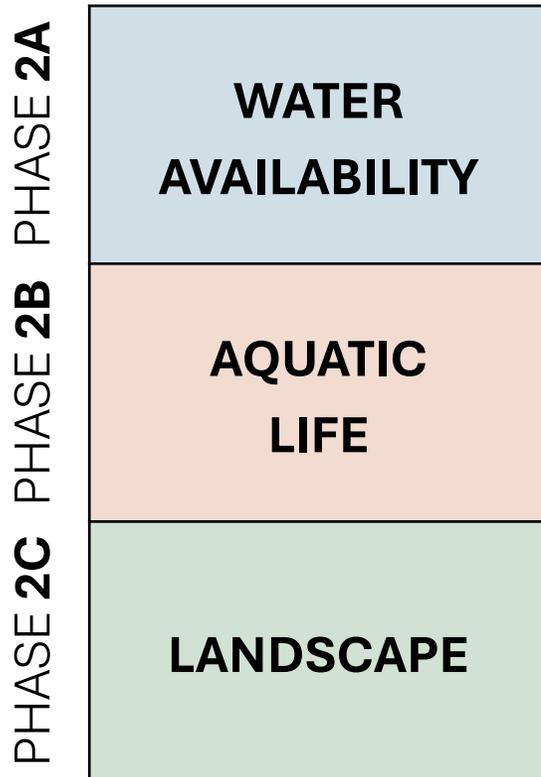
Three water resource assets

WATER AVAILABILITY	High-quality water supply from streamflow, reservoirs, and groundwater
AQUATIC LIFE	All species that live in and/or rely on water bodies in the Basin and their habitat
LANDSCAPE	Water-adjacent land and infrastructure that supports quality of life and recreation

Three water resource assets, Three parallel tracks



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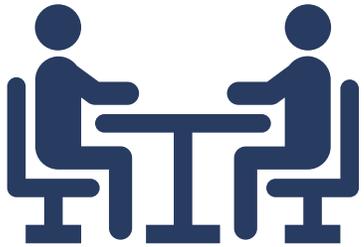


Gathering Resources

- Internal DRBC team includes 5 staff.
- Hiring a graduate-level intern this summer.
 - **Application deadline: March 27, 2026**
 - <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/staff/internships.html>
- Considering additional options to ensure we have the resources available to complete Phase 2 in a timely manner.



**Phase 2 will proceed along
three parallel tracks**



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PHASE 1 GOALS

- Help us define the **scope** of the Water Resources Resilience Plan.
- **Collectively define values** (assets) and **concerns** (hazards) relating to water resources and climate change.

PHASE 2 GOALS

- Help us decide **what to focus on** and **connect to why** climate resilience is important.
- **Collectively rank concerns** to inform prioritization of resources and recommendations.
- **Collect and share stories** of human impacts.

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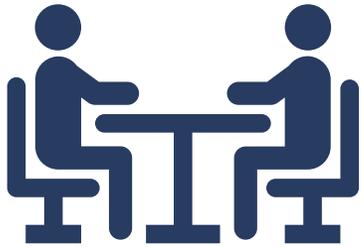
- Help us define the **scope** of the Water Resources Resilience Plan.
- **Four open-ended questions** posed at 13 listening sessions and in an online comment card.

PHASE 2 APPROACH

- Help us decide **what to focus on** and **connect to why** climate resilience is important.
- **Interactive ranking** offered in-person (on the spot) and as an online survey.
- **Collect stories** in person and in an online survey.



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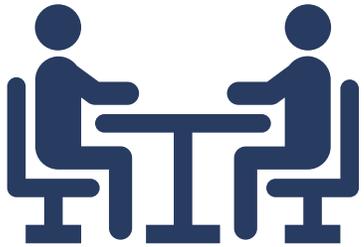
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PRELIMINARY TIMELINE

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Activities and Milestones	
March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish Phase 1 report, incorporating feedback received from ACCC and others.• Begin downloading and processing data needed for Phase 2.
April 30, 2026 12p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WRRP webinar: Overview of Phase 1 and next steps for Phase 2.
May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch Phase 2 stakeholder engagement.
Summer 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACCC meeting

Discussion questions

1. *Are there opportunities to collaborate on stakeholder engagement over the next 18 months?*
2. *What strategies have you used to broaden reach and incentivize participation?*
3. *What other questions or feedback do you have?*