

Delaware River Basin Commission

Water Resources Resilience Plan

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A few ground rules

- These informal sessions are not being recorded and are not “on the record.”
- DRBC staff will be taking notes to capture your input.
- Your input can also be shared through a virtual comment card—you can fill it out multiple times!
- We will try our best to answer questions, however, we want to hear from you!
- Kindly stay on topic.
- Respect a diversity of perspectives.
- Maintain a respectful space.

DRBC may remove attendees for conduct, behavior or language that is disruptive or threatening and DRBC reserves the right to close the session if the safety and security of attendees cannot be maintained.

Today's agenda

- Overview of DRBC's Water Resources Resilience Plan
- Share your feedback and thoughts!
- Additional resources and next steps

Start
considering
our scoping
questions...



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3. How would you like to see the Commission protect water resources?
4. How do you want to stay informed and engaged about DRBC's resilience plan?

DRBC's Water Resources Resilience Team



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What is the Delaware River Basin Commission?

Managing, protecting, and improving the Basin's water resources.



From 1961...



... to today



Why is DRBC developing a Water Resources Resilience Plan?

- **14 m+ people** rely on our shared waters
- **13,539 sq. mi.** watershed
- **4 states**
- **330 river miles**
- **130 miles** tidally influenced

Finding: Climate change is impacting the Basin's water cycle



The Water Resources Resilience Plan (WRRRP) will inform DRBC actions and activities to **prepare and adapt the Basin's shared water resources to withstand the known and potential impacts of climate change and other hazards.**

What are potential action areas for the Water Resources Resilience Plan?

- Flow and drought management
- Flooding
- Water quality
- Water use and efficiency
- Water equity

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- **P1: A Framework for DRBC's WRRP**

- Set the stage for work to be done in Phases 2 and 3.

We are here!

- **P2: Advancing Resilience of the Delaware River Basin's Water Resources to Climate Change**

- Scenario planning, vulnerability assessment, gap analysis
- Prioritize potential actions and activities

- **P3: Broadening and Revising DRBC's WRRP**

- Expand framework to non-climate related hazards
- Respond to scientific advances, regional events, and/or changes in the wider context

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PHASE 1 OUTREACH GOAL

Ensure that **the scope of the WRRP considers the breadth of public and partner concerns** about climate change and water resources.

How can I share my input during Phase 1?

1. Fill out our **Virtual Comment Card**

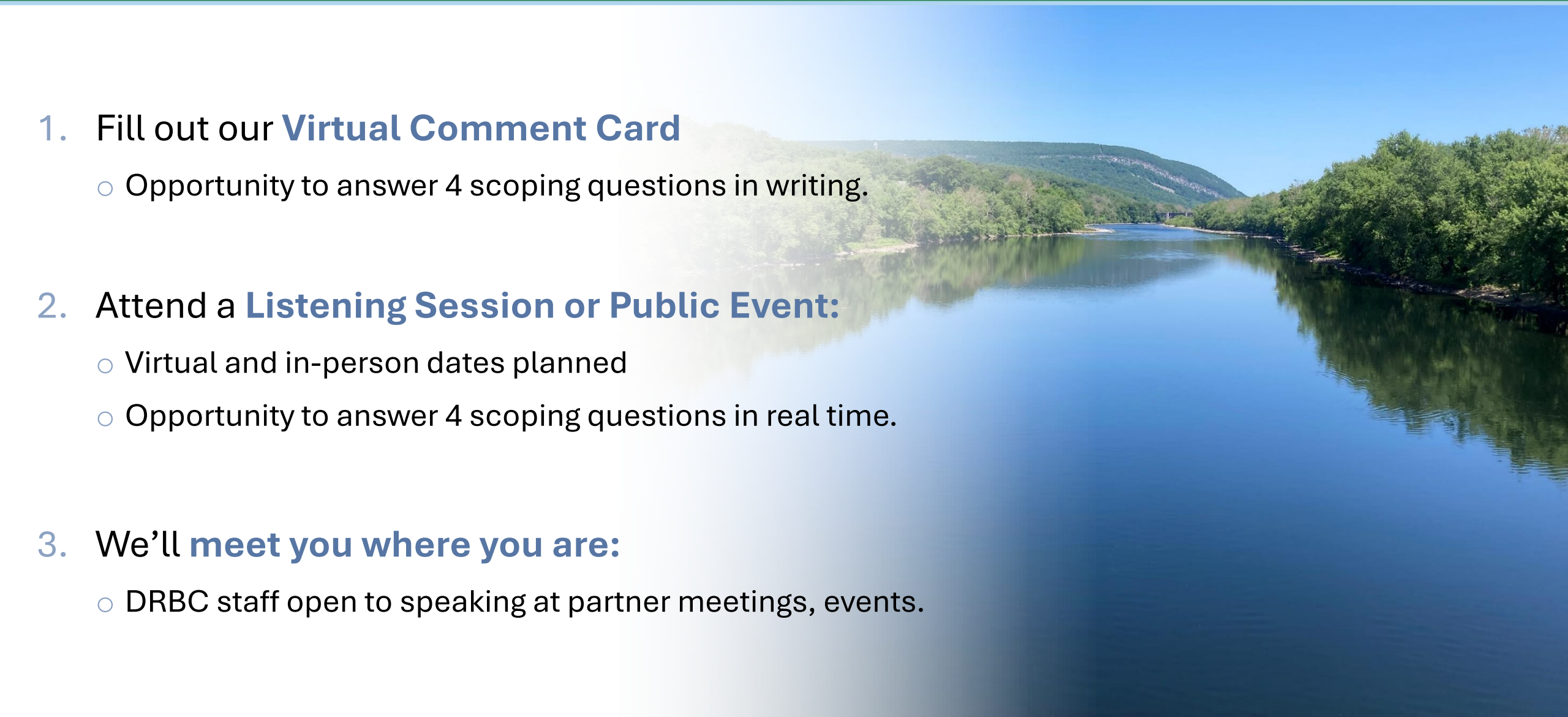
- Opportunity to answer 4 scoping questions in writing.

2. Attend a **Listening Session or Public Event:**

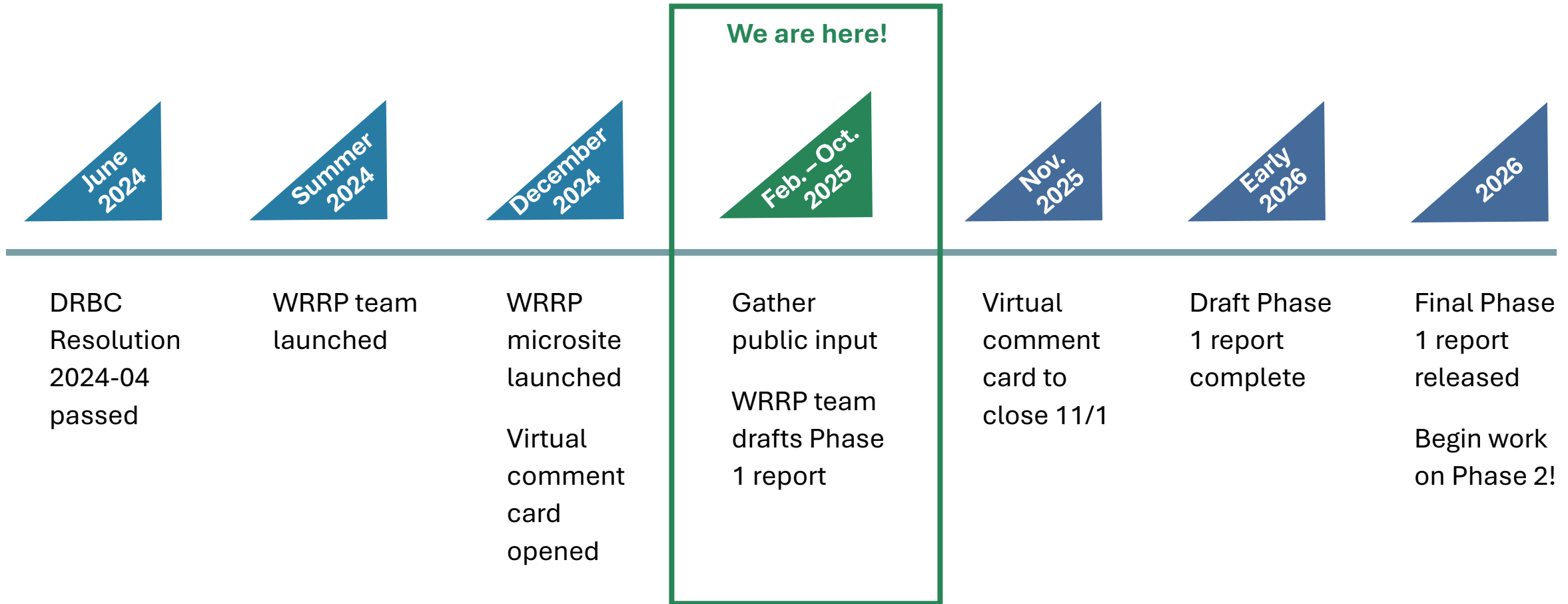
- Virtual and in-person dates planned
- Opportunity to answer 4 scoping questions in real time.

3. We'll **meet you where you are:**

- DRBC staff open to speaking at partner meetings, events.



Where are we now?



Questions?



Share your input!



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Have anything to add after today?

Access the virtual comment card anytime.

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Fill one out today!



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

- **Monday, October 20, 12 PM – 1 PM** - Virtual via Zoom
Co-Host: **Trout Unlimited**
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/WRRP-Oct20>
- **Monday, October 27, 11 AM – 12 PM** – Virtual via Zoom
Co-Host: **Rutgers Climate Change Resource Center**
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/WRRP-Oct27>



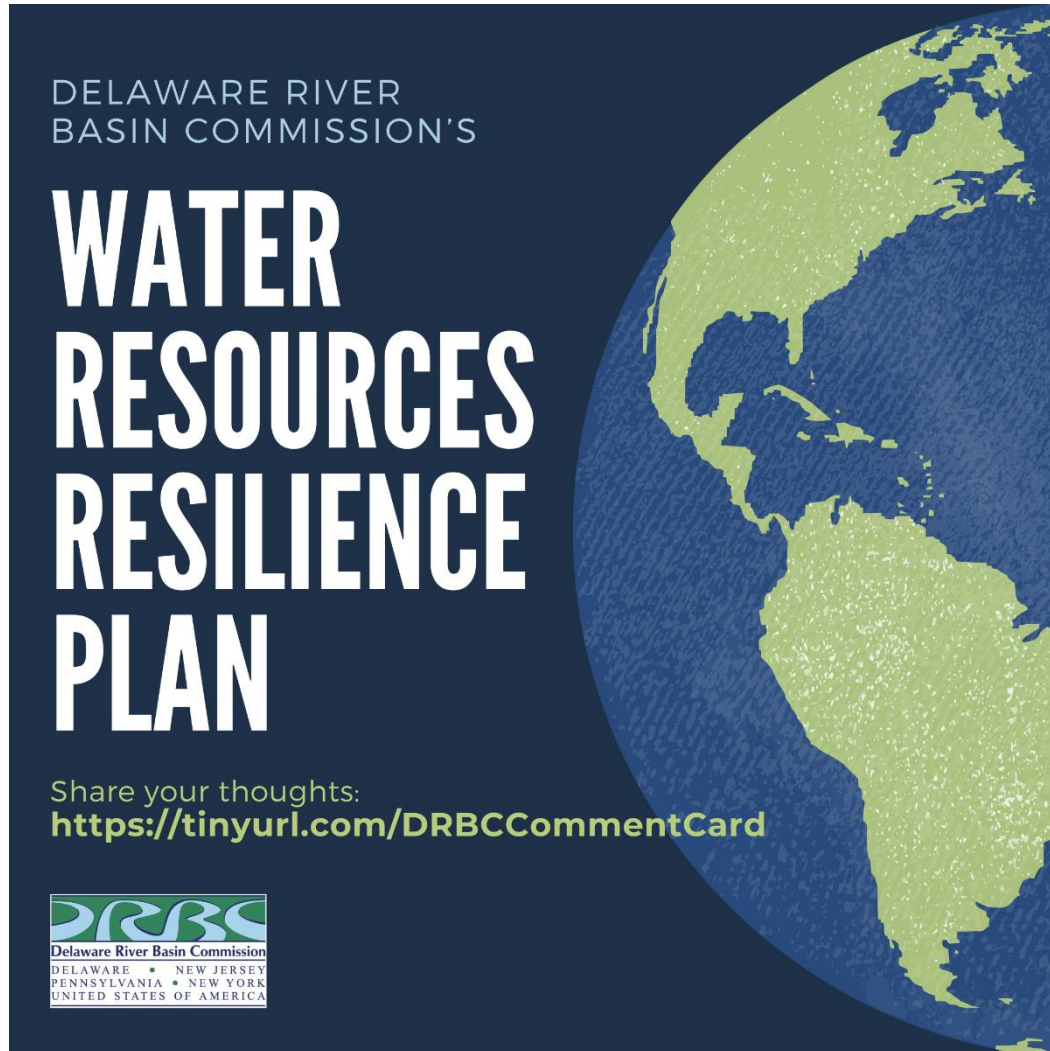
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Share your thoughts:

<https://tinyurl.com/DRBCCommentCard>

Thank you for your input!



Virtual Comment Card

tinyurl.com/DRBCCommentCard

DRBC Microsite:

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