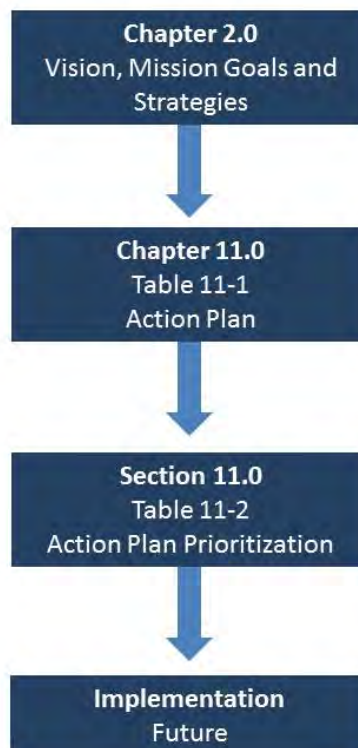


CHAPTER 11.0 ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan chapter of the CMP is designed to present a collection of actions and activities that were raised by the Steering Committee and the public during the CMP development process as actions or activities that are critical to implementing the vision of the NHB. Through a variety of interactions and public events the key actions and activities were discussed, collected, reviewed and documented.

This chapter outlines the actions that the Nanticoke Heritage Byway (NHB) Steering Committee will work towards in support of the Goals, Strategies, and Corridor Vision provided within this Corridor Management Plan (CMP). The Action Plan serves as the checklist and timeline on how to implement the CMP. The NHB Action Plan should be revised and updated on a regular basis (annually is recommended) to reflect the changing conditions and accomplishments along the corridor.

This section is structured to provide the NHB with a comprehensive Action Plan that utilizes the Goals and Strategies previously identified and outlines specific actions, or Action Items, that should be implemented. The comprehensive Action Plan (Table 11-1) has been reviewed by stakeholders, the Steering Committee and the public and an Action Plan priority list (Section 11.1 and Table 11-2) has been developed. The priority list should function as a checklist for implementation of the CMP. It is not designed to be followed in priority/chronological order, but provided as a recommendation as a result of input from the aforementioned groups. In addition, it is important that a comprehensive list of action items be included (Action Plan) to ensure that the CMP mentions and addresses a variety of possible projects to be consistent with many grant program requirements.



The Action Plan is divided into fourteen (14) main categories (labeled alphabetically and noted below), which include more specific subcategories or actions along with the corresponding Goals, Responsible Parties, Time Frame, Possible Funding Sources, and whether or not the Action Item is part of the Priority List. It is important to note that the sub-Action Items are not all-encompassing and are offered only as suggestions and initial implementation actions.

The estimated time frames are defined as: (S) short-term as 0-2 years; (L) long-term as 2-10 years; or (O) on-going. The fourteen (14) main categories of the Action Plan include the following:

- A Transportation Planning/Safety**
- B Land Use/Zoning**
- C Utilities**
- D Landscaping & Beautification**
- E Public Access**
- F Trail Development**
- G Tourism/Recreation Facilities**
- H Historic/Cultural Preservation**
- I Interpretation/Research & Education**
- J Promotions/Marketing**
- K Economic Development/Funding**
- L Administration/Organization**
- M Coordination**
- N Wayfinding & Signage**

The NHB Action Plan is displayed at the end of this Chapter as Table 11-1.

11.1 Action Plan Prioritization

The section presents the action items that are being proposed as priority activities and strategies that the NHB can implement in the short-term, the long-term and as on-going activities. These priority action plan items are a result of the larger comprehensive Action Plan list provided earlier in this section. The Action Plan list was presented to the public (during Public Workshops), the Steering Committee, additional stakeholders and reviewed and assessed by the consultant Project Team and the resulting Action Plan Priority List was developed. It is not intended to be followed or implemented in chronological or priority order; rather, the list should be viewed and utilized as a checklist for implementation activities to produce effective and focused activities that will achieve the Corridor Vision for the NHB.

Table 11-2: Action Plan Prioritization List

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11.2 Responsible Parties

The members of the NHB Steering Committee identified a variety of groups that should assist with the implementation of the NHB Action Plan. Table 11-3 outlines some of the possible parties that should be responsible for implementing and updating the Action Plan. The Responsible Parties are categorized in to five (5) main categories. Within each main category there are listed several entities, agencies and other possible responsible parties that could aid in the implementation and updating of the NHB Action Plan. It is critical that the NHB Steering Committee coordinate with and engage these listed entities in an effort to proceed with implementation of the Action Plan. Other parties/entities may be engaged or utilized and should be added to this list when an update or revision is conducted.

Table 11-3: Responsible Parties

1	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - FEDERAL
	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
	National Association of Conservation Districts (Non-Profit)
	National Watershed Coalition (Non-Profit)
	U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service
	U.S. Department of Interior
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
	National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places
2	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - STATE/REGIONAL
	Delaware Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Forestry (DOF)
	Delaware Department of Agriculture - Division of Land Use Planning & Preservation
	Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) - Division of Water - Division of Fish & Wildlife - Division of Parks and Recreation - Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve (DNERR)

	Delaware Department of State (DOS) - Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs - Delaware Heritage Commission
	Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)
	Delaware Economic Development Office of Tourism – Delaware Tourism Office
	Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination
	Delaware Transit Corporation – DART First State
	Delaware Department of Education
3	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - COUNTY
	Sussex County
	The Convention & Visitors Bureau for Sussex County, Delaware
	Sussex County Council
4	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - CITY & TOWN
	Town of Bethel
	City of Seaford
	Town of Laurel
	Concord (Unincorporated Sussex County)
	Town of Blades
5	OTHER ORGANIZATIONS & ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
	Archeological Conservancy
	Bike Delaware
	Builders/Realtors Associations
	Business Owners
	Center for Historic Architecture and Design, University of Delaware
	Chambers of Commerce
	Colleges, Universities, Extension Services
	Community Associations
	Conservation/Science Organizations
	Delaware Farm Bureau
	Delaware Historical Society
	Economic Development Councils
	Education Centers/Museums/ Historical Sites
	For-Profit Organizations
	Garden Clubs
	Historic Preservation Program, Delaware State University
	Land Development Companies
	Local Historical Societies
	Nature Conservancy
	Neighborhood Associations
	Non-for-Profit Organizations
	Private Schools
	Property Owners
	Services Providers
	State and Local Land Trusts
	Tribal Organizations and Entities

	Trust for Public Land
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11.3 Potential Funding Sources

Funding is a critical component for the implementation of the Action Plan. This section outlines some potential funding sources, however; it is important that the NHB Steering Committee consistently review and research potential funding sources that may not be contained in this list.

The Potential Funding Sources are divided into seven (7) categories. These seven (7) categories contain sub-categories that identify possible grant funding, programs, or partnerships that could help with the expenses associated with implementation of the Action Plan. Table 11-4 lists some of the possible funding sources.

Table 11-4: Potential Funding Sources

A	COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION
	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants
	Capital Grants, Delaware Community Foundation
	Community Challenge Grant Planning Program, HUD
	Delaware Community Development Corporation
	Delaware Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, HUD
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Regional Planning Grant Program, HUD
	Rural Development, Business and Cooperative Programs, USDA
B	CULTURAL & HISTORIC
	Arts Stabilization Grant Program, Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA)
	Congressional Appropriations, U.S. Congress
	Delaware Preservation Fund Grants, Preservation Delaware
	Historic Preservation Grants, DOS
	Private Foundation Grants
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Rehabilitation Tax Credit for Improvements to Historic Properties, DOS
	Transportation Enhancement Projects, DelDOT
C	EDUCATION & PROMOTION
	Arts in Education Program, Delaware Institute for the Arts in Education
	Environmental Education Grants, EPA
	Informal Science Foundation Planning Grants, National Science Foundation
	Private Foundation Grants
	Program Grants, Delaware Community Foundation
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Regional Marketing Grants, Visit Delaware
	Tree Management Grants, Delaware Forest Service
D	LANDSCAPING & BEAUTIFICATION
	Delaware Nature Society
	Private Sector Donations
	Invasive Plant Management, DEP

	Litter Removal Program, DEP
	National Urban and Community Forestry Matching Grant Program, FDA
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Transportation Enhancement Projects, DelDOT
	Tree Management Grants, Delaware Forest Service
	Tree Planting Grants, Delaware Forest Service
E	ROADWAY, PEDESTRIAN, & BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS
	Congressional Appropriations, U.S. Congress
	Delaware Department of Transportation, DelDOT
	Delaware Greenways and Trails Program
	Main Street Program, Delaware Economic Development Office
	National Urban and Community Forestry Matching Grant Program, FDA
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Recreational Trails Program, DEP
	Regional Planning Grant Program, HUD
	Transportation Enhancement Projects, DelDOT
F	PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
	Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund, Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation
	Delaware State Parks Trust Fund, Delaware Community Foundation
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Urban and Community Forestry Grants
	Urban Parks and Recreational Recovery Program, National Park Service
	Waterways Assistance Program
G	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION
	Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District
	Public/Private Partnerships
	Section 319 Non-point Source Management Implementation Grants, DEP
	State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Wastewater Treatment, DEP
	Transportation Enhancement Projects, DelDOT

Table 11-1: Action Plan List

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