



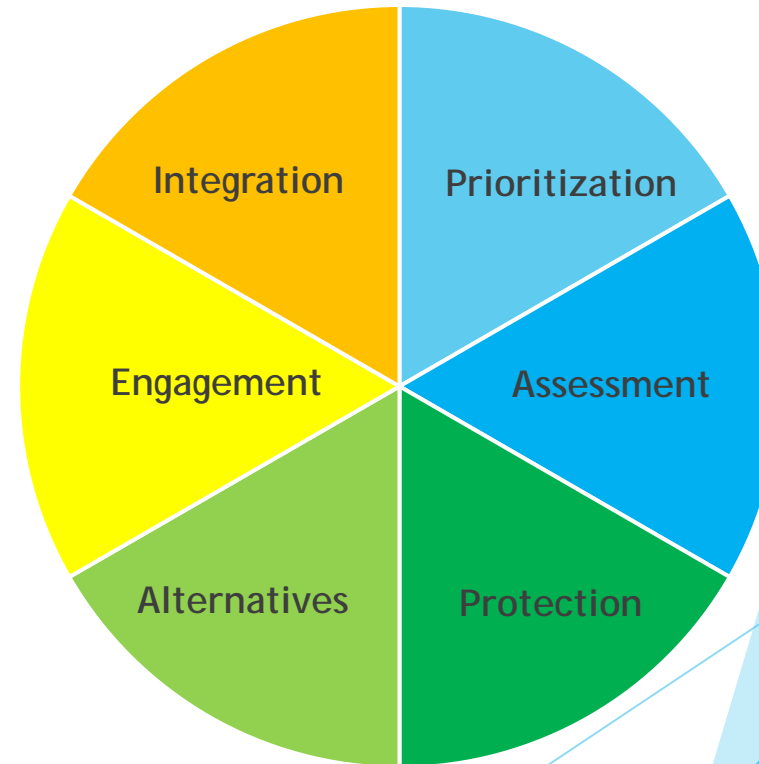
The Re-Vision: Draft Recommendations for the 303(d) Vision Update

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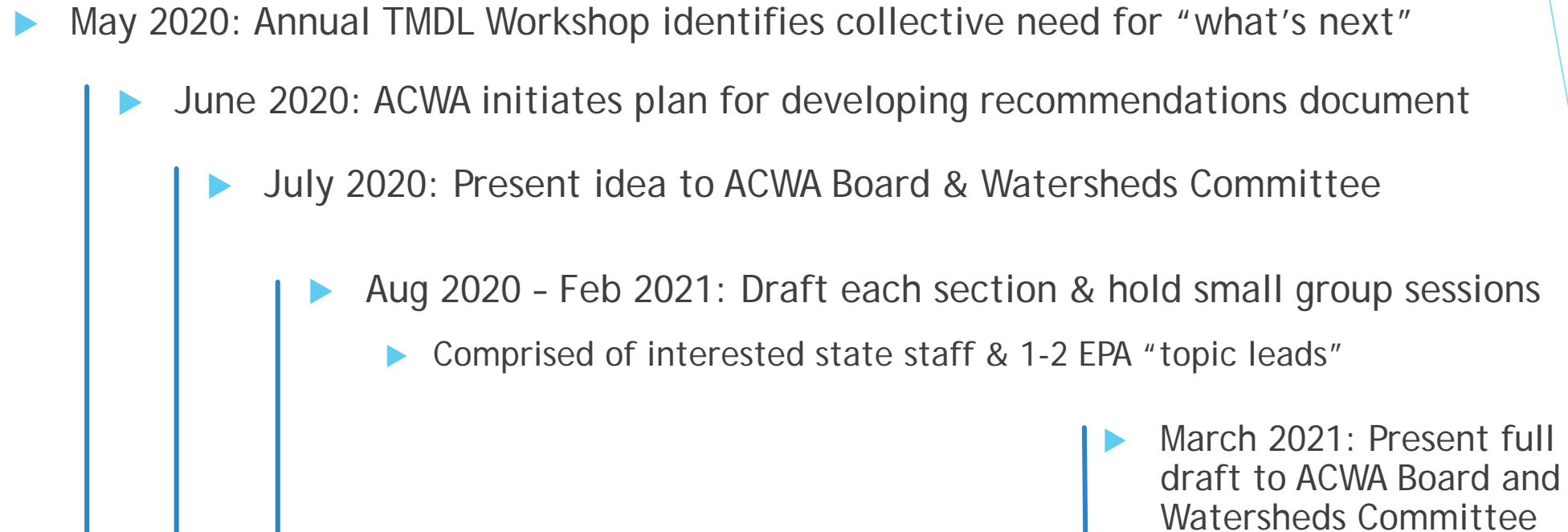
Long-Term Vision for 303(d) Program 2013-2022

- ▶ Collaborative Process starting in 2011
- ▶ Created 6 Goals
- ▶ Replaced “Pace” as the operational framework
- ▶ Increase flexibilities and improve implementation across CWA programs
- ▶ Achieved many of the original Goals, including adoption of priorities from all 50 states
- ▶ Needs to be updated to reflect future challenges

2013 Vision Goals



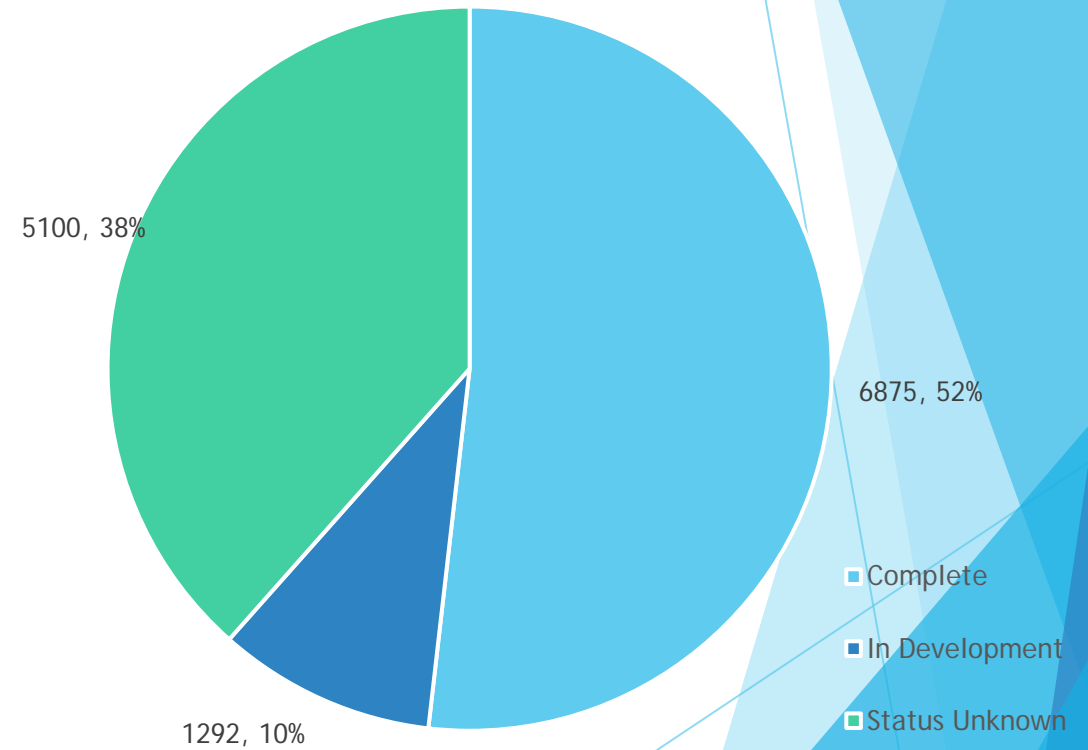
Timeline of Events for ACWA Document

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- ▶ May 2020: Annual TMDL Workshop identifies collective need for “what’s next”
 - ▶ June 2020: ACWA initiates plan for developing recommendations document
 - ▶ July 2020: Present idea to ACWA Board & Watersheds Committee
 - ▶ Aug 2020 - Feb 2021: Draft each section & hold small group sessions
 - ▶ Comprised of interested state staff & 1-2 EPA “topic leads”
 - ▶ March 2021: Present full draft to ACWA Board and Watersheds Committee

What is the ACWA document?

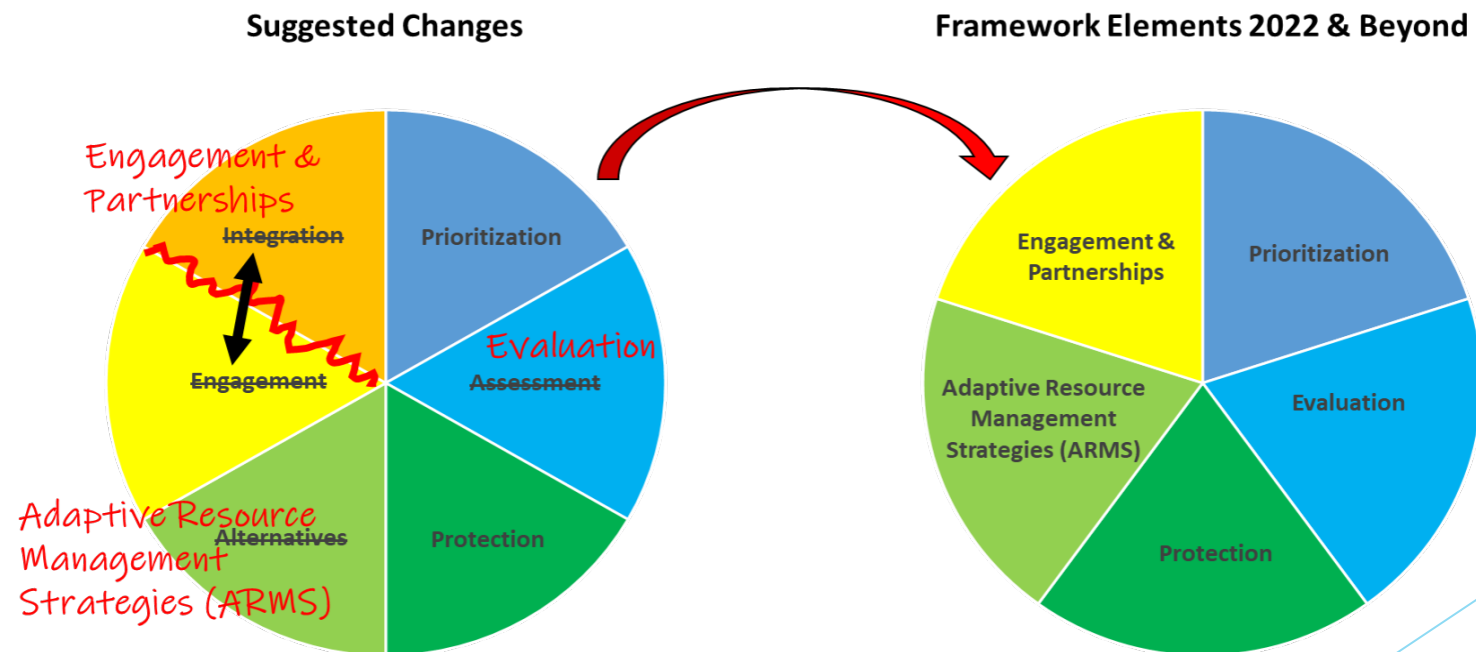
- ▶ Snapshot of select accomplishments and status of implementation efforts
- ▶ Primer for staff to reference program history, terms, products, resources available
- ▶ Draft recommendations and positions for discussion with EPA
 - ▶ From structure of the framework and nomenclature to collaboration opportunities and project needs.

Feb 2021 Status of Priority Plans



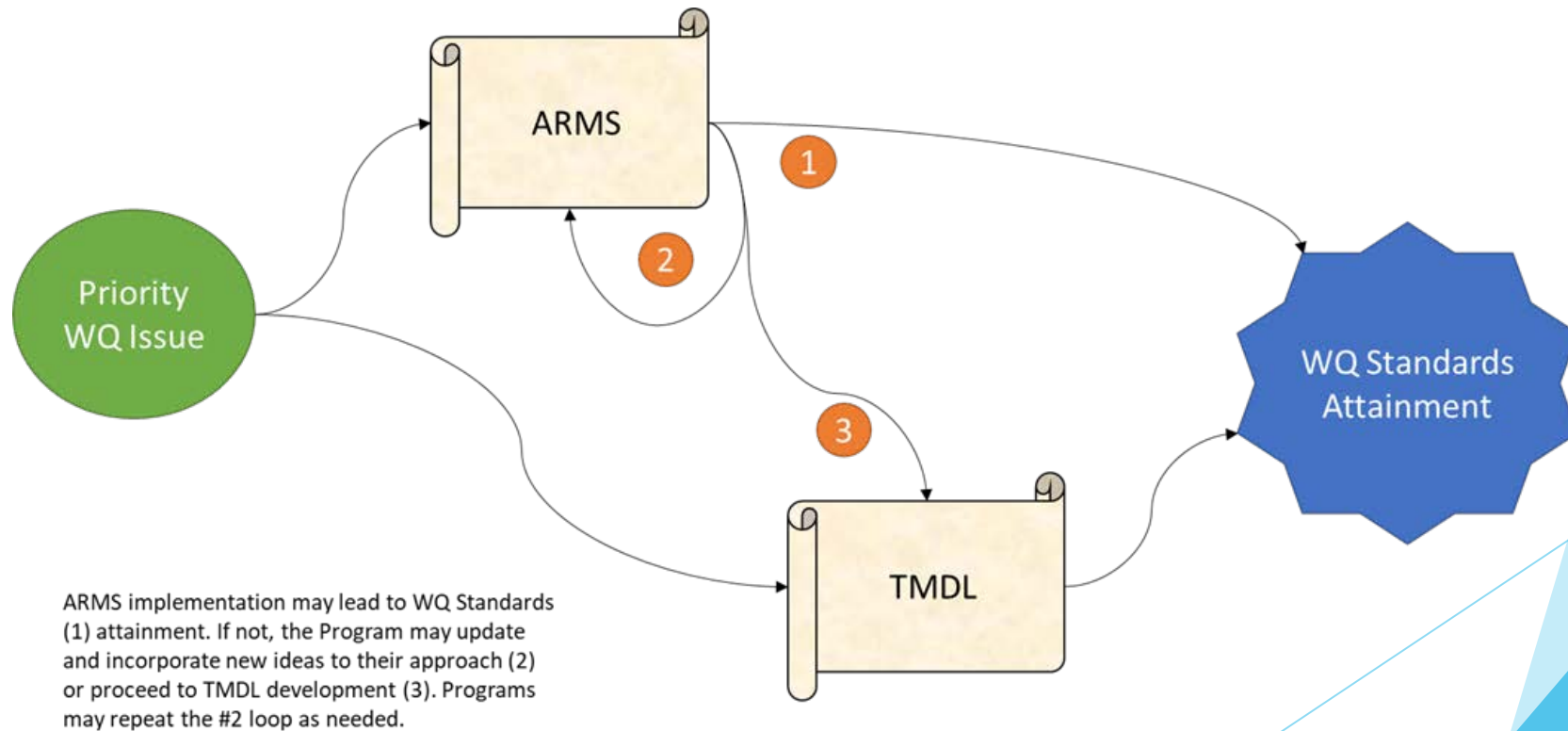
Highlights of Recommendations

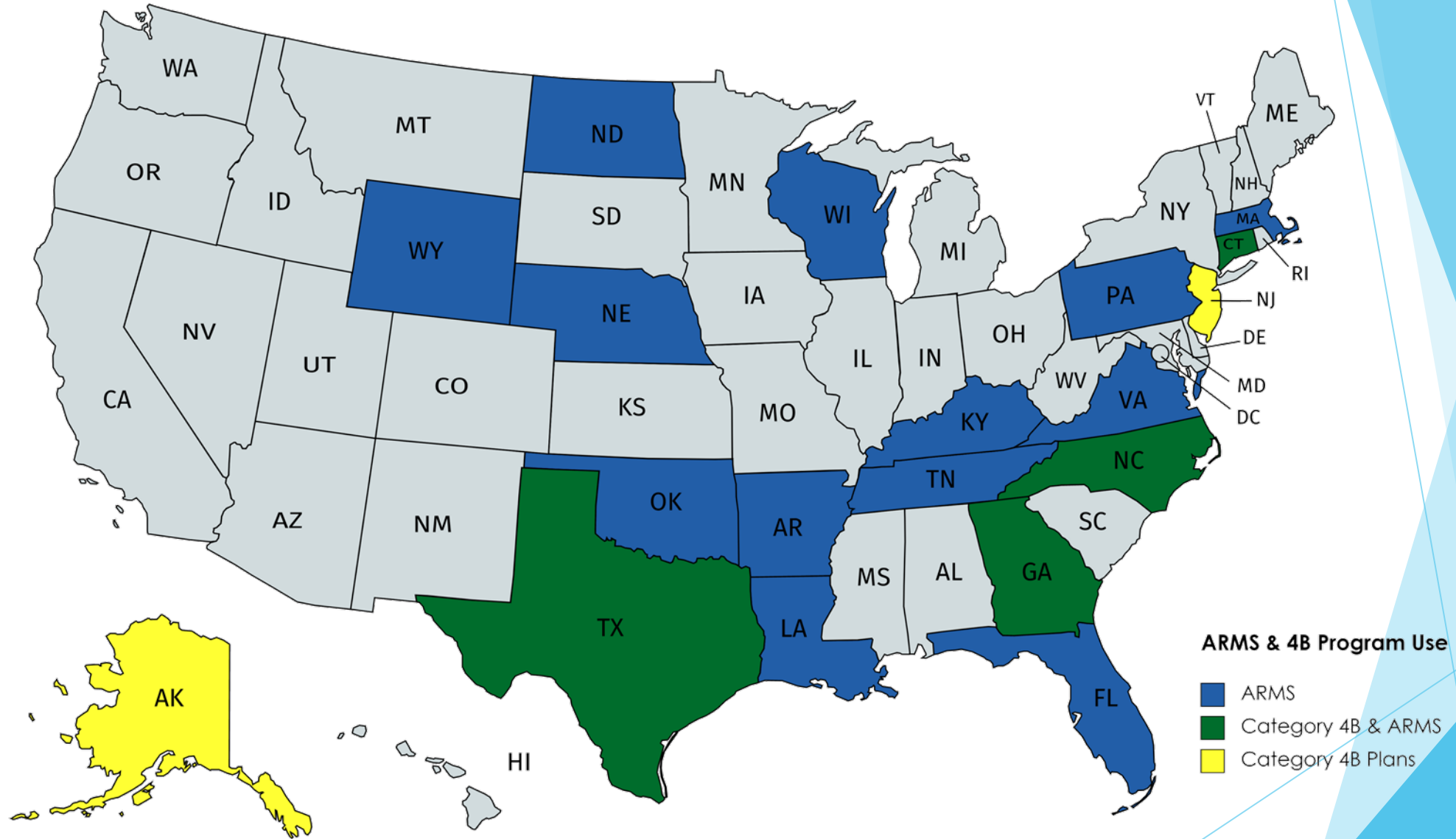
- ▶ Renew the Vision!
- ▶ Nomenclature considerations
 - ▶ Ex: Moving from *Goals* to *Elements*, *States* to *Programs*
- ▶ Remove deadlines except for Prioritization
- ▶ Declare an end date for planning purposes (2022-2032)
- ▶ Remodeling the 6 Goals into 5 Elements



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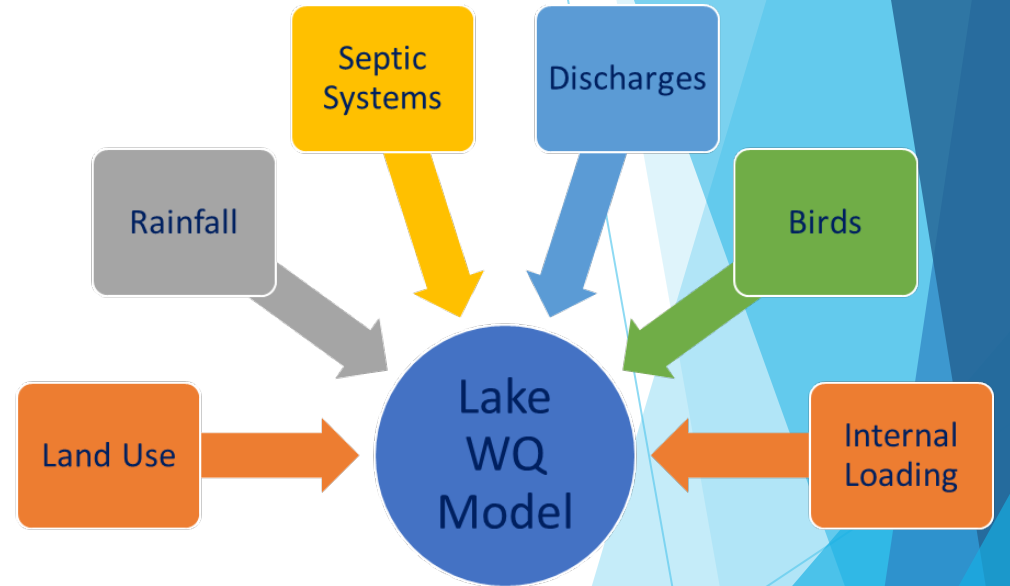
- ▶ Flexibility remains key
 - ▶ Example: State focused priorities
 - ▶ Example: Ability to use TMDL tools for Protection
 - ▶ Example: Adaptive Resource Management Strategies (ARMS) figure below





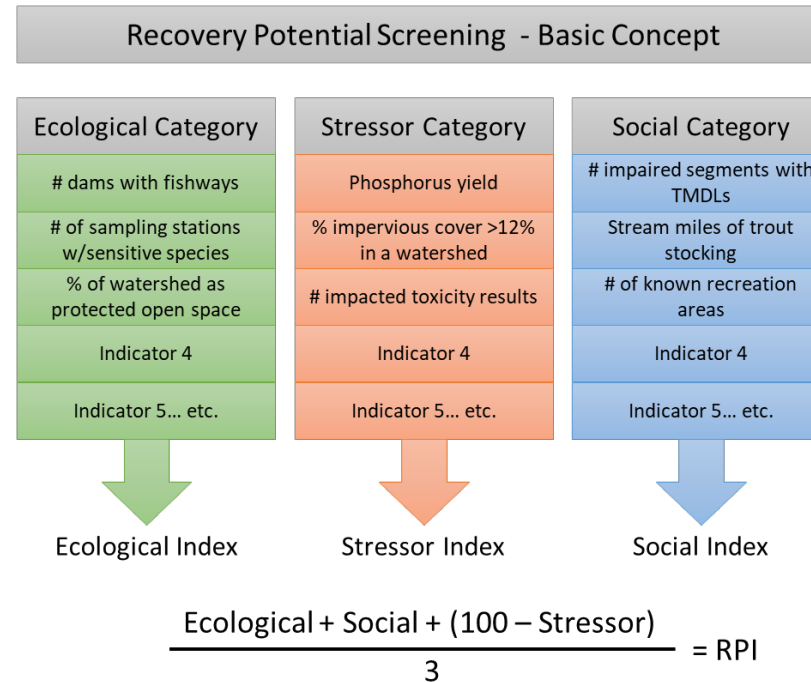
Highlights of Recommendations

- ▶ “Assessment Goal” to “Evaluation Element”
- ▶ Expand focus beyond traditional monitoring
- ▶ Greater emphasis on tools and modeling
- ▶ Focus on processing varied types of information to support:
 - ▶ Listing
 - ▶ Plan Development
 - ▶ Effectiveness Evaluation



Highlights of Recommendations

- ▶ Expand Modeling & Tools (model maintenance, development, staff training)
- ▶ Developing/supporting active workgroups (modeling workgroup, engagement workgroup)
- ▶ Consider inclusion of Climate Change & Environmental Justice in next framework



Highlights of Recommendations

- ▶ Improve Measures construct to accurately reflect Program priorities
 - ▶ Agree on measures before Programs set priorities
- ▶ Programs / EPA need to QA/QC issues in ATTAINS
 - ▶ Must correct issues before interfacing information with the public
 - ▶ Continue collaboration with ATTAINS & Scenario Builder Tool

ATTAINS Client

attains.epa.gov/attains/assessments/CT_DEP01/list

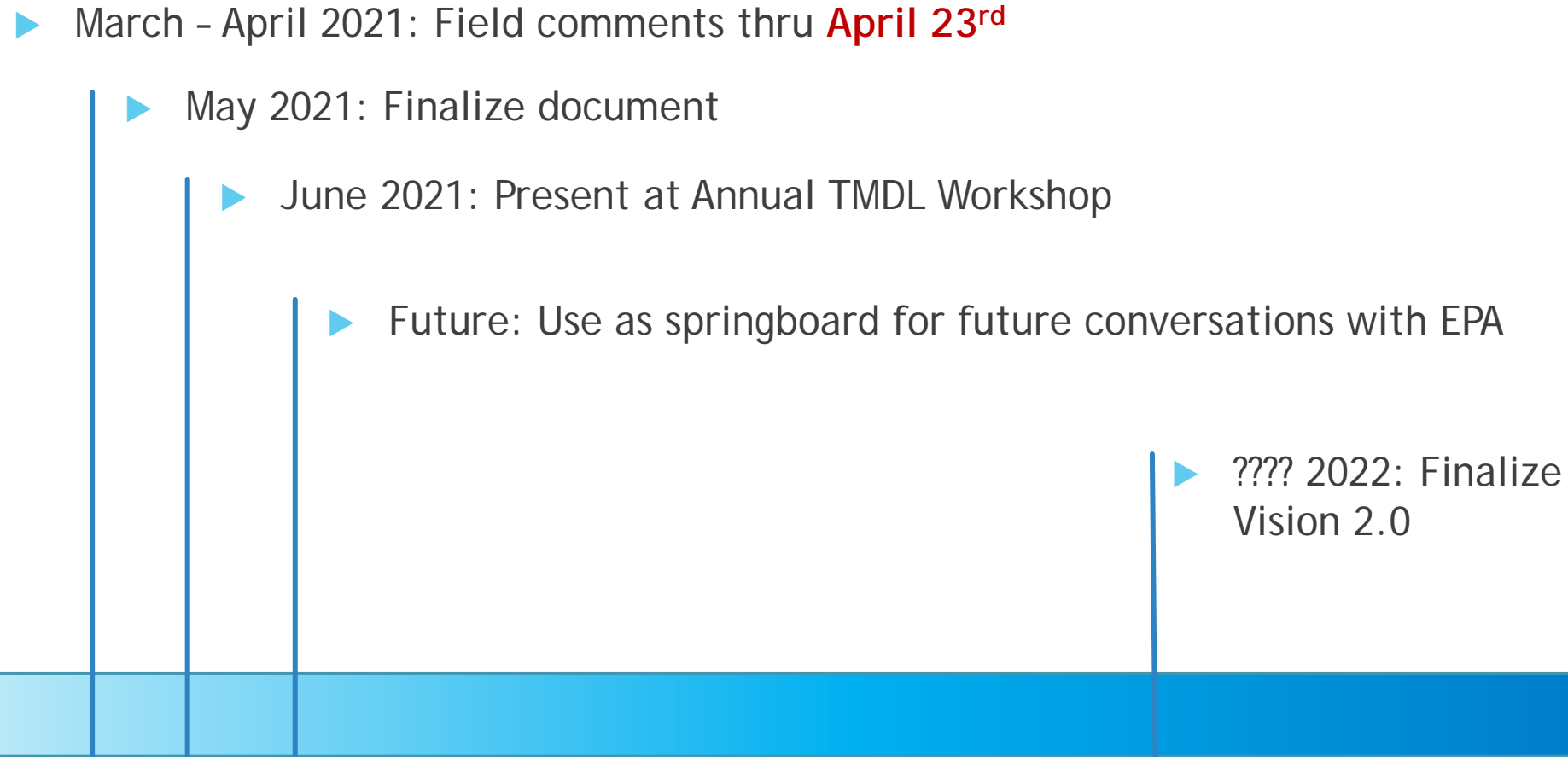
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Home Assessment Units Assessments Actions Reports Priorities Surveys

Assessments 2020 (Organization Public Comment)

Assessment Unit ID	Assessment Unit Name	Water Type	EPA IR Category	Overall Status	Organization IR Category	Multi-IR Category	Cycle Last Assessed	Last Modified	Cycle Last Modified	Validation	Status
CT6806-00_03	Transylvania Brook (Southbury/Woodbury/Roxbury)-03	RIVER	2	Fully Supporting			2016	Mar 13, 2020 5:04:37 PM	2020	OK	No Change
CT4300-00_02	Farmington River (Bloomfield/Farmington)-02	RIVER	4A	Not Supporting		4A	2020	Feb 24, 2021 9:44:53 AM	2020	OK	In Progress
CT-W2_008	LIS WB Shore - Green Farms, Westport	ESTUARY	4A	Not Supporting		4A	2020	Mar 13, 2020 5:21:16 PM	2020	OK	No Change
CT4309-00_01	Cherry Brook (Canton)-01	RIVER	4A	Not Supporting		4A	2020	Feb 25, 2021 8:28:38 AM	2020	OK	In Progress
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CT3602-01_01	Lowden Brook (Voluntown)-01	RIVER	2	Fully Supporting			2016	Mar 13, 2020 4:53:38 PM	2020	OK	No Change

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