

### Timing and milestones for York River PWSR Study

Dec 2014. Bill passage by Congress authorizing the York River Wild & Scenic Study
Mar-Dec 2015. Outreach and engagement with partners and communities to solicit candidates for the York River Study Committee and inform public of study status; Study Committee formation
Oct 2015-Jan 2020. York River Study Committee meetings convened monthly
Dec 2015. Initial funds awarded through a 5-year Cooperative Agreement to conduct the study
Feb 2016. Study coordinator hired
April-June 2016. Developed and populated new website; organized subcommittees; developed initial outreach materials and convened initial public forums about the study
Mid-2016 to mid-2018. Intensive study, information gathering, and documentation; commissioned and managed three new studies of river resources (fish study, historic resources study, and build-out study/ordinance review); over 60 public meetings convened, 12 workshops held, dozens of presentations and attendance at public events; sustained communications with active website, media releases, flyers, and email updates
Oct-Nov 2017. Study Committee's unanimous decision to recommend pursuing designation for York River and major tributaries; identified specific river segments and classification
Oct 2017-July 2018. Developed the <i>York River Watershed Stewardship Plan</i> ; Study Committee approval of plan
July-Aug 2018. Town-held public hearings on warrant articles for November ballot
Nov-Dec 2018. Community votes to approve Stewardship Plan and pursue designation
Feb 2019. York River designation bill introduced in House (116 <sup>th</sup> Congressional session)
2019-2020. Continued outreach by York River Study Committee and engagement of communities, local groups, state agencies, and legislators
Jan 2020. NPS releases its <i>York River Wild and Scenic River Study Report</i> for public review and comment
Dec 2020. York River designation bill introduced in Senate (116 <sup>th</sup> session)
Mar 2021. York River designation bills <u>reintroduced</u> in House and Senate (117 <sup>th</sup> session); Subcommittee hearings held in June 2021 (Senate) and November 2021 (House)
July 2021. Department of Interior transmits NPS York River WSR Study Report to Congress