

# Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) Public Advisory Group

March 5th, 2020





# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Recap insights from 2/12 meeting
- Group Discussion:  
Refining and expanding our recommendations
- Next Steps

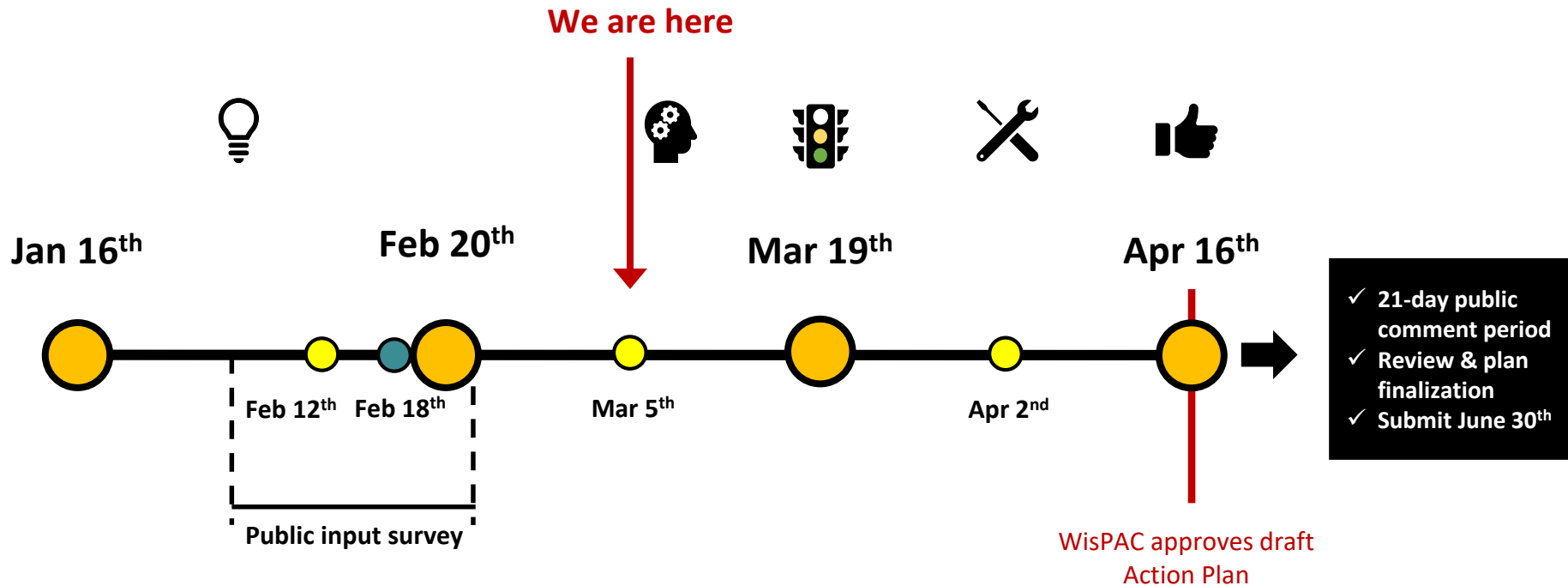


# Welcome

## Citizen/Public Policy Advisory Group

- External co-chairs
  - Lynn Morgan
  - Ned Witte
- State co-chairs
  - Chuck Warzecha, DHS
  - Bart Sponseller, DNR

# Timeline



- WisPAC Meetings
- Advisory Group Meetings
- Public Meeting



## Recap from 2/12 Meeting of the Citizen/Public Policy Advisory Group

- Purpose of 2/12 meeting – initiate process of gathering input from PFAS stakeholders (public, business, environmental groups)
- Set stage for future meetings on 3/5 (prioritization of ideas) and 4/2 (feedback on WisPAC March meeting)
- Place ideas and input into one of four buckets



## Focus Area 1: Preventing Future Discharges and Exposure

- Consider necessity/value of full PFAS ban
- Provide greater flexibility in legal resources to address additional emerging contaminants and additional contaminants (e.g. pharma) as knowledge base grows
- Develop better education on how to prevent future PFAS discharges



## Focus Area 2: Inventorying and Minimizing Current PFAS Exposure

- Research and develop best management practices for all parts of PFAS life-cycle (including treatment, disposal and destruction), including leachate and biosolids
- Provide better/more accessible information to the public on products containing PFAS
- Expand toxicology understanding



## Focus Area 3: Identifying and Addressing Historical/Legacy PFAS Discharges and Exposure

- Prevent uncertainty for brownfields development by clarifying standards, identifying priorities
- Develop BMPs/standards for WWTP sludge disposal and dewatering - \$ responsibility?
- Identify historical/legacy discharge sites
- Address due diligence/Phase I protocols
- Risk management and allocation - VPLE





## Focus Area 4: Educating and Communicating PFAS Risks (1/2)

- Increase community engagement
  - Meet affected population on their terms
  - Include marginalized and diverse groups/environmental justice
  - Utilize existing networks
- Provide easy and functional information for users
- Improve risk communication to prevent exposure (prompt advisories, signage, working with local media)



## Focus Area 4: Educating and Communicating PFAS Risks (2/2)

- Insure that risk exposure information (e.g. AFFF) is clearly understood
- Engage full supply chain for better understanding
- Make sure communication and understanding evolves



# Other Input

- Petition federal government to designate PFAS as CERCLA “hazardous substance”
- Identify a sustainable funding source for implementation of action items (do not rely on WI Environmental Management Account)
- Provide funding assistance to local governments to address local PFAS issues
- Develop well-established laboratory and sampling methodologies



## Refining and Expanding Our Recommendations

- ❓ Do the ideas listed reflect the feedback you provided?
- ❓ What changes would clarify the recommended actions?
- ❓ What other recommendations would you suggest including?



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Joint meeting of Citizen/Public and Local Government advisory committees

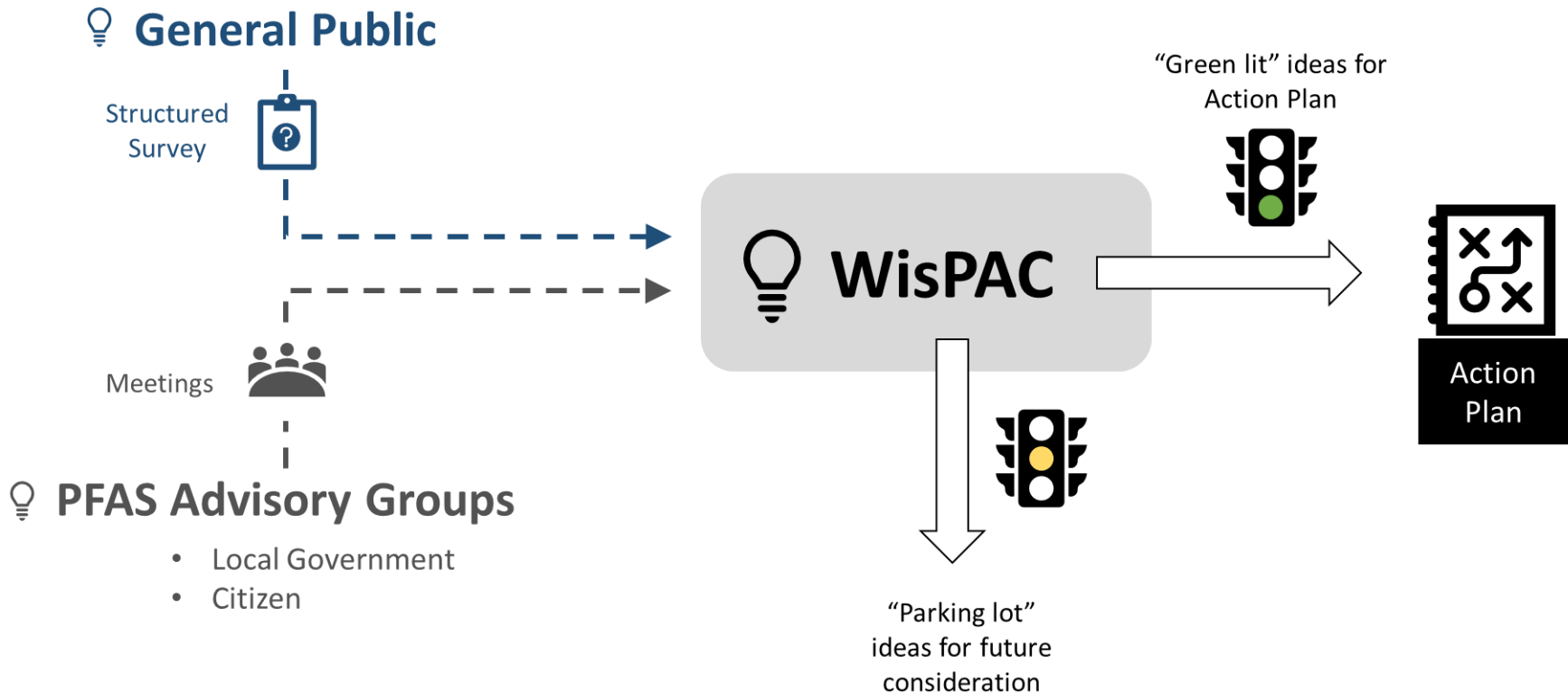
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**

**GEF II in Madison**

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How will WisPAC use advisory group recommendations?

- Test WisPAC's own ideas to make sure that nothing is missed
- Capture additional proposals from different perspectives for inclusion in Action Plan or later consideration



# WisPAC

- Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> in Fitchburg
- Time and agenda will be posted to the WisPAC web page in the coming weeks.



Thank you!