

PDE Alliance

Alliance for Comprehensive
Ecosystem Solutions

Alliance Purpose

To Maximize Environmental and Economic Benefits

Consensus-based process for the identification and evaluation of
HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

For Restoration, Enhancement, and Protection

Based on research, sound science, and objective criteria

Facilitating Implementation

- Identify Opportunities
- Media Attention
- Spread Awareness
- Pursue Funding Mechanisms

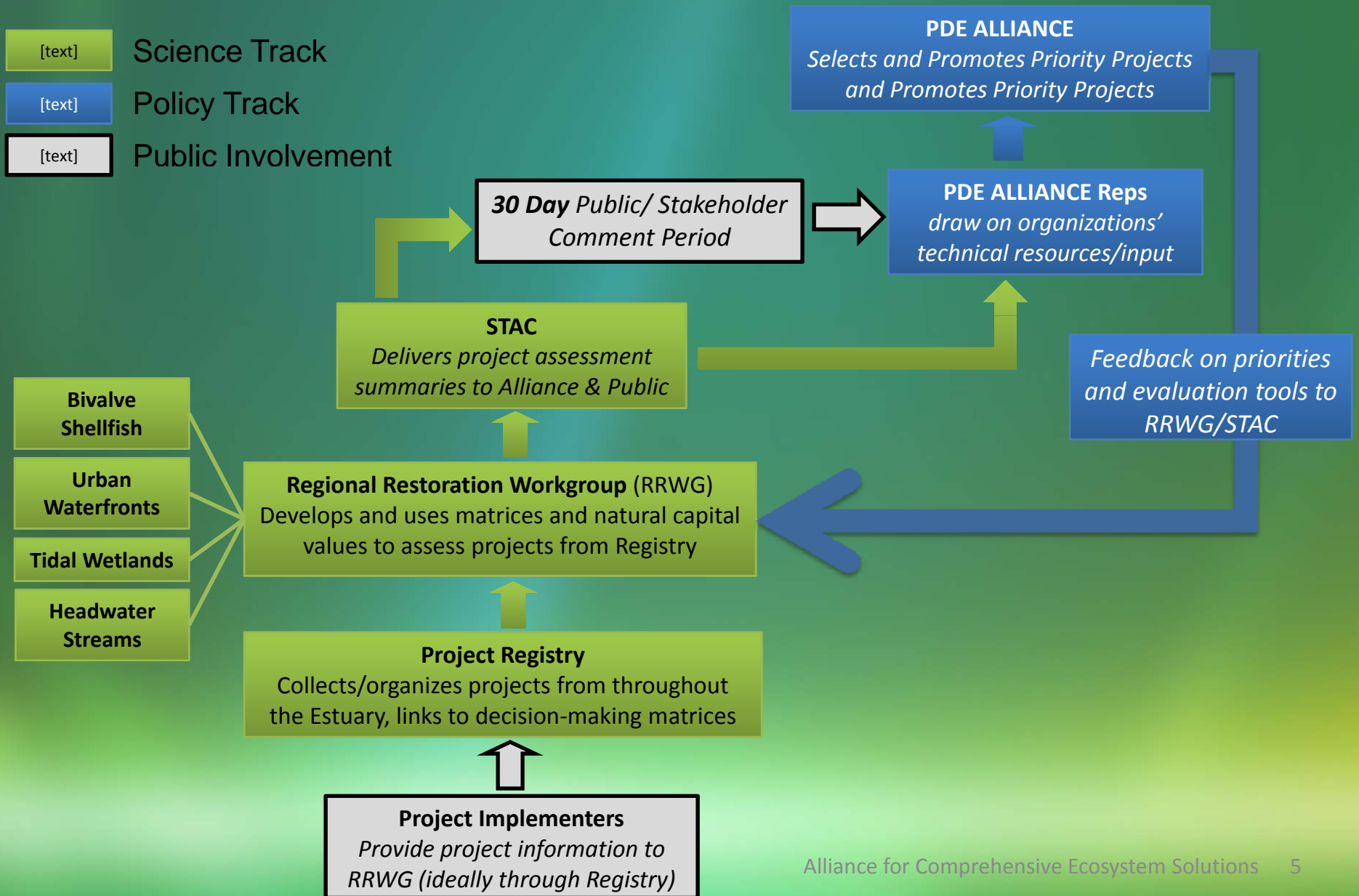


Who is the Alliance?

- Secretary or Commissioner from **DNREC**, **PADEP** and **NJDEP**
- Regional Administrator from **EPA** Regions II and III
- Commissioner - **Philadelphia Water Department**
- Executive Director - **Delaware River Basin Commission**
- Executive Director & Board Chair - **Partnership for the Delaware Estuary**
- Up to six (6) other **Non-Agency** members from:
 - Environmental NGO
 - Academia
 - Science
 - Industry
 - Development
 - Economic



Organizational Flow Chart



Priority Level Designations



Tier I - Gold level

Highest potential to produce measurably significant environmental benefits.



Tier II - Silver level

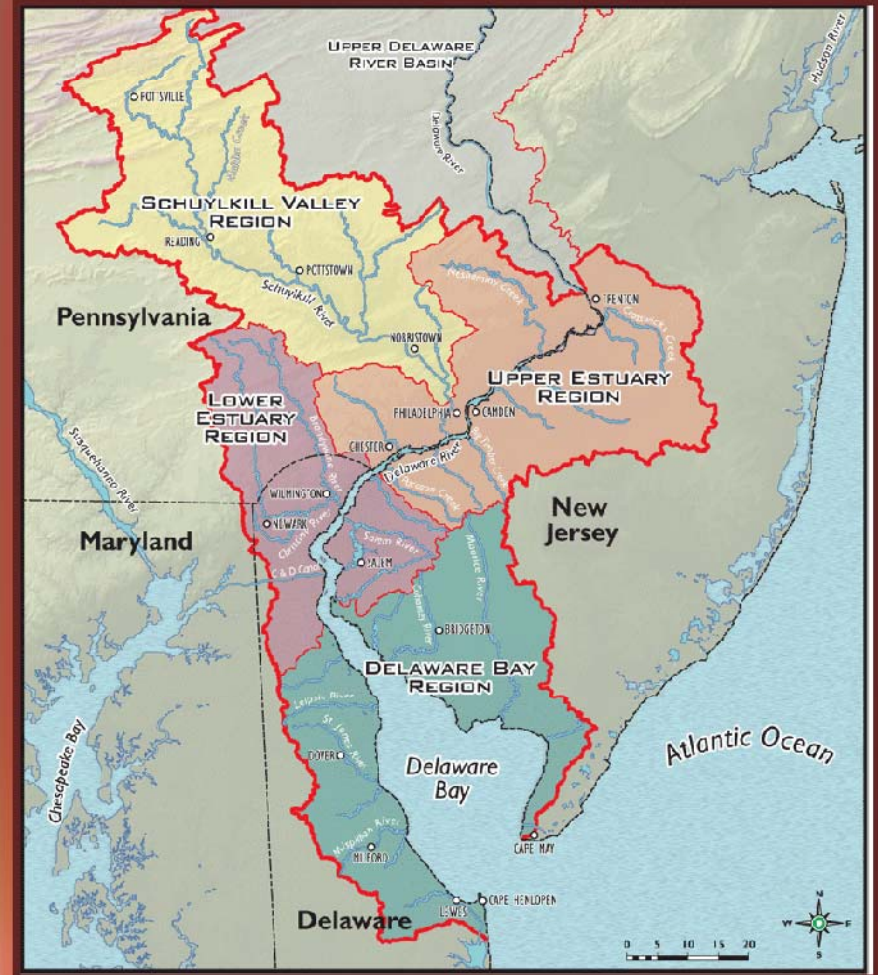
High potential to produce, or contribute to the production of measurable environmental benefits (Likely to be of a smaller scale than Tier I projects and/or take longer to produce environmental benefits.)

Project Pre-Qualifications

At least one project from each State:
Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Must Pertain to:

- **Tidal Wetlands**
- **Urban Waterfronts**
- **Forested Headwaters & Riparian Corridors**
- **Signature Species & Living Resources**



Project Criteria

Ecosystem Criteria

- Ecosystem Services
- Habitat Connectivity
- Accessibility for Ecologically Significant Species

Implementation Criteria

- Capacity of Sponsor/Partnership between public, private and non-profit sectors
- Potential for Self-Maintenance and Certainty for Success
- Project Context within a Broader Estuary-wide and/or Watershed Management Scale and Planning Objectives

Monitoring/Outcome Criteria

- Monitoring and Evaluation with relationship to CCMP Goals and Objectives
- Transferability of Results and/or Contribution to System Understanding



Schedule for Implementation

July 2009	“Final Draft” of Alliance documents to STAC
August 2009	STAC review of “Final Draft” documents
September 2009	Board and EIC review and approval of the Alliance
October 2009	Presentation to Steering Committee for approval/endorsement
January 2009	STAC/RRWG reviews existing project proposals
March 2010	STAC submits assessments/ recommendations for Alliance review
April 2010	Project List compiled; Earth “Week” Project Marketing Kick-off