



State Coordination with the Public is Key to a Successful Designated Use Revision



The state identifies the past and current use of the waterbody, the problem limiting attainment of the use, and the actions that would result in attaining the use.

The state determines the highest attainable use (HAU) and documents findings in a use attainability analysis (UAA).
The state proposes the HAU as the new designated use.
The state holds public hearings and requests public input.

The state adopts the revised use after considering public input.

The state submits the revised use and supporting documentation to EPA for review.
The revised use is CWA-effective upon EPA approval.

The state holds a public hearing to review WQS, including designated uses, at least once every three years.

DESIGNATED USE REVISION PROCESS



ENGAGE THE PUBLIC AT EACH STEP

Collaborate with stakeholders on the use revision process, such as through a workgroup or survey.

Be transparent.
Request public comment.
Clearly explain the problem, the proposed HAU, and how the public can engage.

Consider all public comments and communicate how public input was used to revise the designated use.

Provide the response to comments to the public.

Keep the public informed and invite feedback on water quality progress.
Make monitoring results publicly available.

