



Preliminary Hearing on Statement of Scope – ATCP 50

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PURPOSE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

- Provide a summary of the scope of potential rule changes: to ATCP 50: Soil and Water Resource Management Program
- Seek public comment on the scope of proposed revisions

[View Scope Statement 081-21 at:](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/all/081_21)

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PROVIDING COMMENTS

Oral (today) - use
chat or phone

Written

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGH OCTOBER 7

- At https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/all/081_21
- By e-mail datcplandwater@wisconsin.gov
- By mail at Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Attn. Alex Elias, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53708



OBJECTIVE 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SILURIAN BEDROCK AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE STANDARD

NR
151.075: Adopted by DNR in 2018

Targeted to areas with Silurian bedrock to protect from bacterial contamination of groundwater

OBJECTIVE 2: UPDATE, SIMPLIFY AND CLARIFY EXISTING RULE PROVISIONS

Related to:

implementation of existing agricultural performance standards

soil and water conservation on farms

county soil and water programs

grants to counties and cost-sharing for landowners

standards for soil and water professionals

standards for cost-shared practices

POSSIBLE CHANGES MAY INCLUDE

Update definitions and update language to simplify, fix errors or reflect current practice

Update requirements for implementation of farm conservation practices

Update rates, landowner costs and other requirements related to cost-sharing for landowners

Update or clarify cost-share eligibility from sources under s. 92.14 or any other source

Add new cost-share practices and incentive payments, and update eligible costs

Update grant priorities and application to meet program goals and address statewide natural resource issues

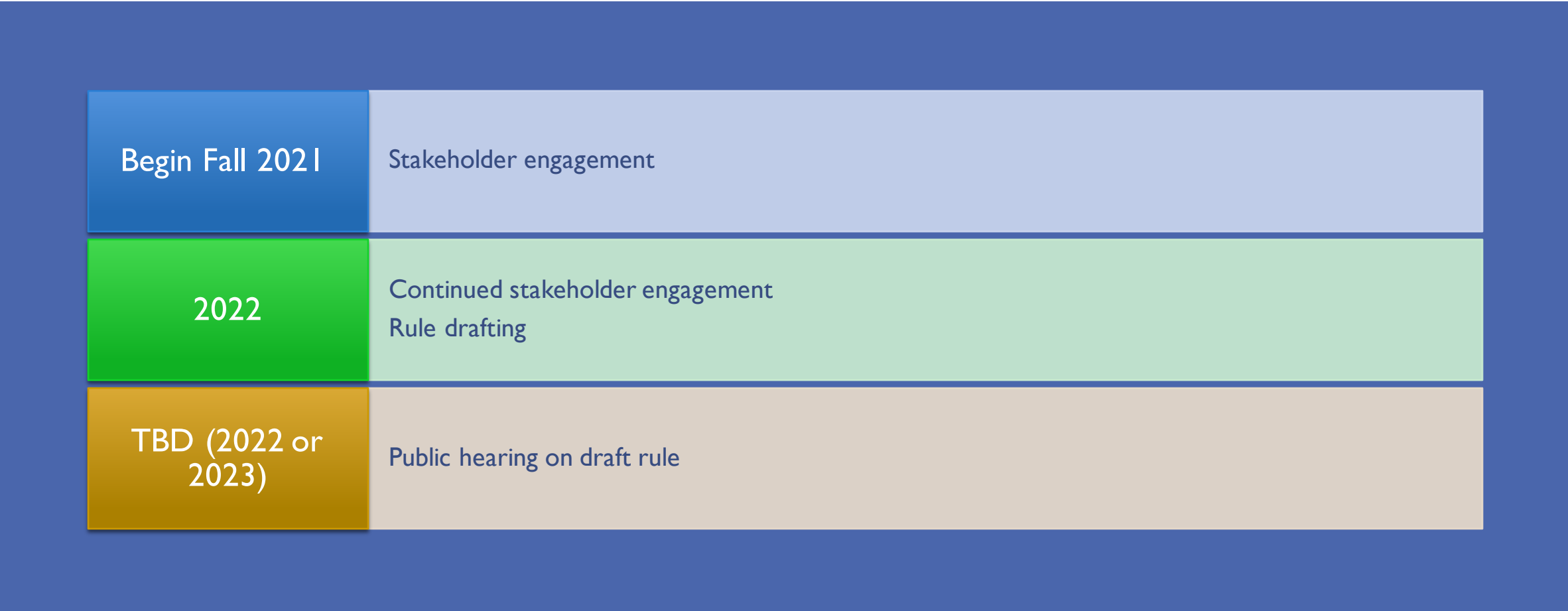
Update or clarify eligibility for and eligible use of grant funds

Update standards for conservation practices for consistency

Clarify and update requirements and eligibility related to engineering certification and nutrient management planners

Establish a process for developing a technical standard





TIMELINE FOR RULE FEEDBACK





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ATCP 50: Soil and Water Resource Management Program Rulemaking 2021

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is working with agriculture industry stakeholders, county staff, state agencies, the legislature, Governor, and the general public to update Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 50: Soil and Water Resource Management Program.

Background

ATCP 50 is the administrative rule that covers soil and water resource management grants to counties, county resource management planning, cost-share requirements for land owners, conservation compliance for farmland preservation tax credits, local ordinances, nutrient management, and other conservation practices.

Beginning in 2021, rulemaking will consider options, including the conservation practices necessary, to implement the Silurian bedrock agricultural performance standards promulgated in 2018 by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Wis. Admin. Code NR 151.075, as authorized under Wis. Stat. s. 281.16(3).

The second objective of the 2021 rulemaking is to assess options to update, simplify, add to, and clarify existing rule provisions related to implementation of existing agricultural performance standards, soil and water

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