I. INTRODUCTION

Initially, Act 167 Watershed Stormwater Management Plans were developed for the Brodhead Creek (1991) and the McMichaels Creek Watersheds (1988) separately. Since both plans are similar, new stormwater related issues are similar, and since the McMichaels Creek is a tributary to the Brodhead Creek, the plans were combined and updated in 2003. This Plan Renewal (2022) is for the combined Brodhead/McMichaels Creek Watershed.

Section 5(a) of Act 167 requires that each watershed plan be reviewed and any necessary revisions be made at least every 5 years after its initial adoption. An update may occur before the 5-year period has elapsed, should a county determine the need.

Plan updates are important to maintain effective management of stormwater. Other reasons for updating a plan could include changes in zoning, new flooding problems, and new obstructions in a stream or tributary impacting flooding. Implementation issues at the local level and the desire by the county and municipalities to evaluate new watershed issues and management techniques such as groundwater recharge and water quality could also warrant a plan update. A plan's standards may have to be reevaluated to manage the runoff from the additional impervious surfaces.