

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

MISSION:

The North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program's mission is to implement a voluntary, incentive based program that protects and restores the chemical, physical and biological integrity of waters where the beneficial uses are threatened or impaired due to nonpoint sources of pollution.



**Contributing sources of NPS pollution are denoted by the blue arrows in diagram above.*

WHAT IS NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION?

Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution are contaminants (e.g., sediment, nutrients, E. coli bacteria, pesticides) delivered to surface waters by runoff or leached into groundwater.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The national NPS program is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency which oversees the appropriation of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act funding to the state NPS program. These funds are used to address environmental concerns related to nonpoint source pollution at the local level.

Section 319 funds can be used to support watershed-based or statewide projects of the following types:

- **Assessment:** Assess sources, causes and impacts of NPS pollution through water quality sample collection.
- **Watershed:** Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce or prevent NPS pollution such as buffer strips, exclusion fencing, and cover crops.
- **Information/Education:** Increase public and stakeholder awareness of NPS issues and solutions.
- **Support:** Provide technical (engineering/planning) and financial assistance to address NPS pollution issues.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Applications to receive funding for local projects are submitted to NDDEQ and reviewed by the NPS Task Force. Section 319 funds support 60% of costs, with a 40% non-federal match requirement.

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| • Soil Conservation Districts | • Non-Governmental Organizations |
| • Local Water Boards | • Universities, etc. |
| • City Councils | |
| • Agricultural Groups | Non-federal entities such as: |
| • State Agencies | • Tribal NPS programs |
| • Park Boards | |



To learn more, visit:

https://www.deq.nd.gov/WQ/3_Watershed_Mgmt/1_NPS_Mgmt/NPS.aspx