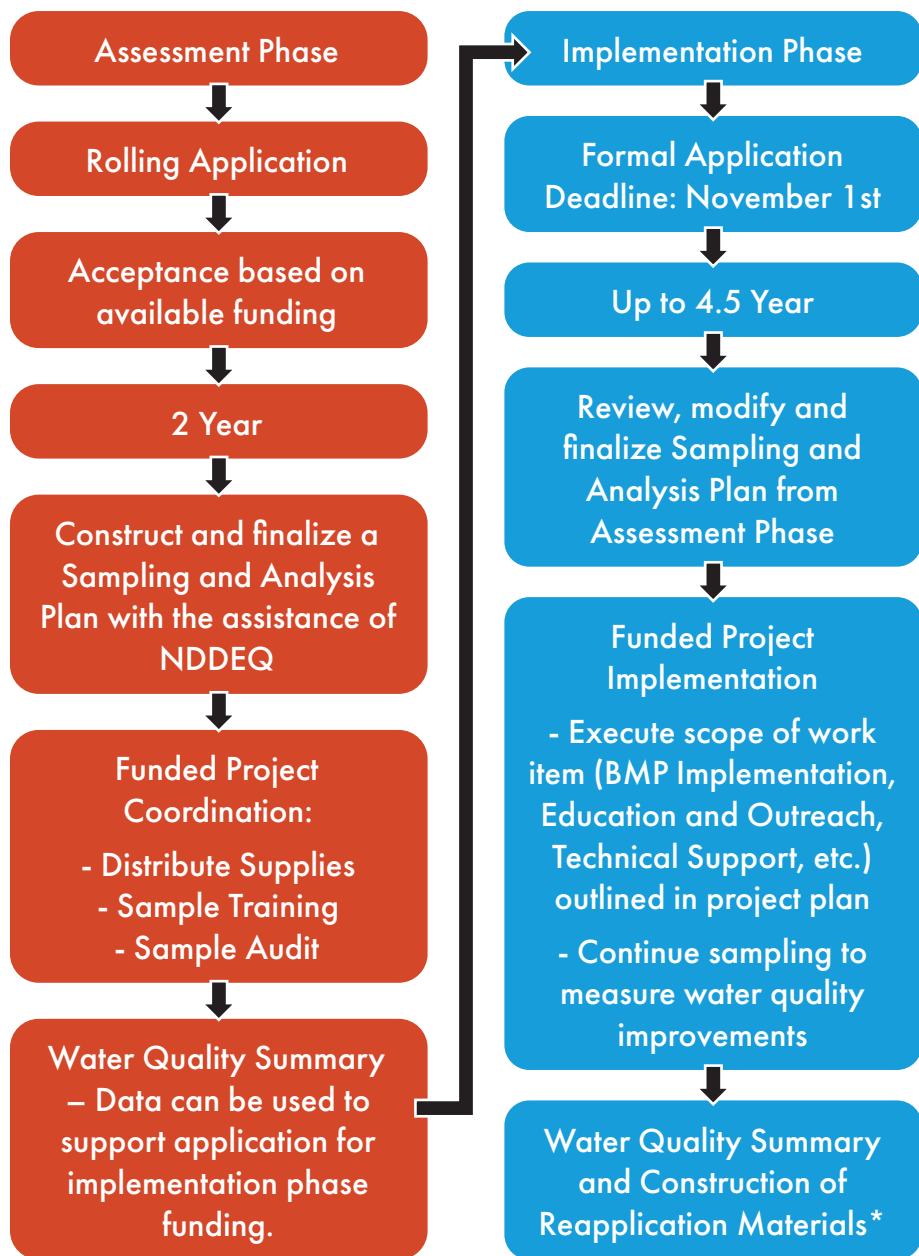


WATERSHED PROJECTS



*Optional



319 WATERSHED PROJECT BENEFITS

- A better understanding of producer and landowner needs in the watershed.
- Partnerships are expanded and/or strengthened. These may provide more opportunities for financial and technical assistance through other federal or state programs (e.g., greater coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Environmental Quality Incentives Program or access to engineering support through the NPS BMP Team).
- Section 319 funding is allocated specifically for the watershed project to cost share BMP implementation as well as support project management and staff.
- Section 319 funding is administered locally, which greatly streamlines the BMP planning and cost-share process. Funds are awarded through a subaward to the project sponsor and are available for use at any time during the project period (up to 5 years).
- Project staff are employed by the sponsors to provide one-on-one technical assistance to producers and landowners for BMP implementation, coordinate educational events, manage project funding, track progress and submit required reports.