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2007 Mid-Atlantic States Annual Nonpoint Source Program Highlights

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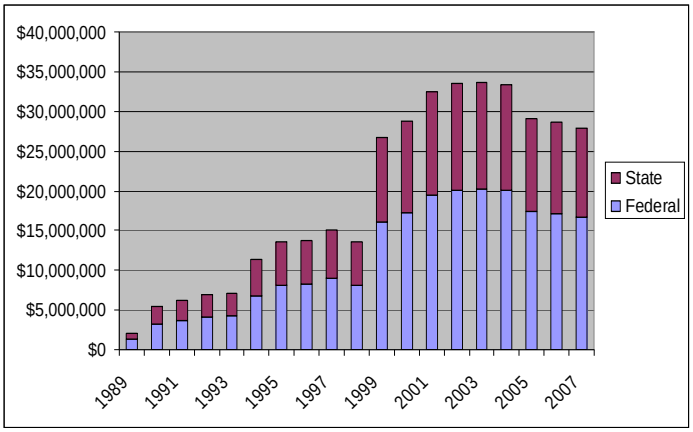
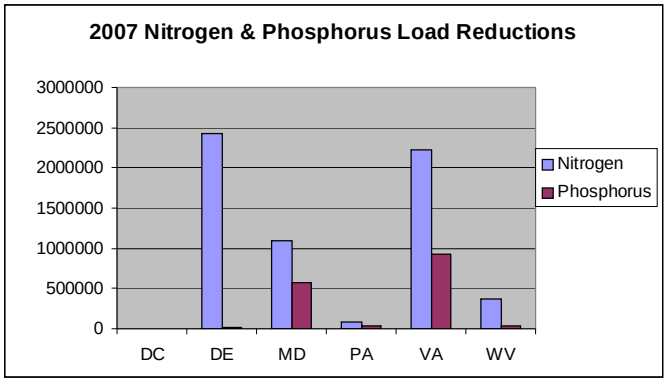
INTRODUCTION

In 1987, Congress established the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Management Program under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This program provides states with technical assistance and grant funding, through the EPA, to implement NPS pollution controls to achieve goals that protect, improve and restore water quality as described in the State's NPS pollution management program plans. Annual Nonpoint Source (NPS) Reports are submitted from the states in response to Section 319(h)(8) and (11) of the Clear Water Act (33 USC 1329).



The chart above shows the combined federal and state funding amounts for the national NPS program efforts since 1989. The total amount of federal funds that have been allocated to NPS program efforts since that time has been 1.6 billion dollars; 221 million for NPS program efforts within Region 3. While this annual report only highlights the successes and pending efforts of the 2007 regional NPS program efforts, it is important to acknowledge that these projects were made possible only as a result of the continued funding efforts over the past 18 years; ensuring the promise of continued funding towards our NPS efforts is crucial to building our programs to meet the continued challenges of addressing NPS issues in the future.

The national program tracks nitrogen and phosphorous load reductions as indicators of program success. The states in Region 3 have contributed to 31% of the national goal for nitrogen reduction and 19% of the national goal for phosphorus reduction. Individual states' reductions for other pollutants are reported in the state sections of this report. The chart below shows the nutrient load reductions from BMP's that were installed during fiscal year 2007. The units are in pounds.



The following is a summary of the regional annual reports and describe the environmental outcomes of each State's NPS program in 2007.

DELAWARE

Delaware's Nonpoint Source Program is managed by Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Soil & Water Conservation. 2007 efforts included:

Water Quality Improvement Projects:

- Agricultural BMP Projects
- Stream Restoration Projects
- Wetland Restoration Projects

Routine & Ongoing Projects:

- Nutrient Relocation Program
- CREP
- Kent & Sussex Conservation Districts Planners

Agriculture BMP Projects

- State Revolving Fund Loan Program provided $86,267 in Poultry BMP and $26,255 in Dairy BMP installation.
- EPA approved a Poultry Windbreak BMP for poultry producers. This can take up to 200-300 lbs of nitrogen per acre per year from ground water.

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- EQIP provided over $4,000,000 in cost share funds to implement water quality practices such as fencing, irrigation systems & heavy use area protection systems.

Stream Restoration Projects

Fairway Falls

- $45,000 in funds are secured through 319 Grant

Perkins Run

- 1,500 feet of channel was naturalized and stabilized. The photo below shows part of this restoration project.
- Objectives met include: re-establishment of biodiversity and reduction of surface water pollutants entering stream.

Wetland Restoration Projects

8 projects completed in 2007

Solberg Wetland/Stream Creation and Restoration Project

- 1,700 feet of stream restoration, creating 2 acres of floodplain wetlands. 30 volunteers helped plant natives.
- Landowner purchased additional lands along tax ditch to complete project

Wetland Restoration Construction Techniques Course

An interactive 3-hour training seminar presented by Tom Barthelmeh, Al Rizzo, & Virgil Holmes took place numerous times in 2007. It focused on all aspects of wetland restoration and creation utilizing BMP's. The image below shows workshop participants constructing a sandbox model of a wetland/stream complex within an agriculture parcel.

Polytech Wetland Creation / Demo Project

- 0.35 acre wetland complex at Polytech High School.
- Students will plant native vegetation & utilize the site as an outdoor classroom.

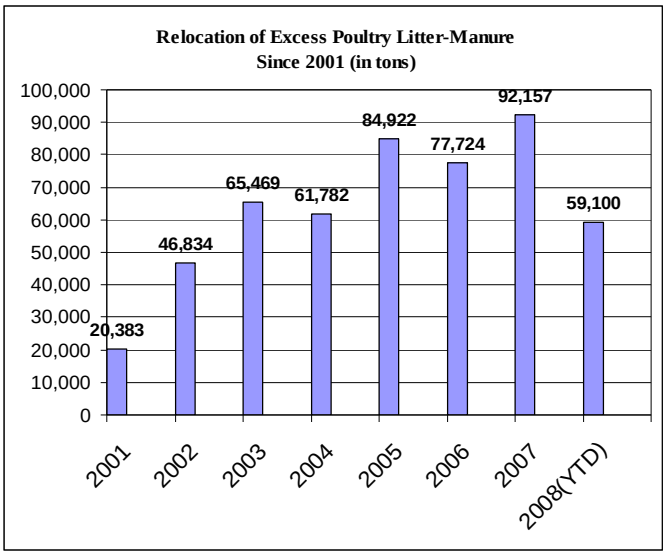
Watershed Plans & Project Implementation

Targeted Watershed: Broadkill and St. Jones River Watershed

- Duffield and Associates awarded the bid in May of 2007 to write the watershed plans. Center for Watershed Protection was asked to participate as co-consultant.
- Tasks to be completed include: Budgeting, Strategy Development, 319 Grant Opportunities, Pollution Control Opportunities Evaluation, Watershed Characterization/ Baseline Assessment & Implementation Strategies
- *Education & Outreach* – Stormdrain Marking in the city of Lewes and the town of Milton involving 60 volunteers.
- *Rain Barrel Project* – Available to residents of Broadkill River Watershed for $35 each through a cost-share program funded from the EPA Nonpoint Source Program

Nutrient Management Relocation Program

In 2007, 92,157 tons of excess poultry litter were relocated (see chart below). Since the Program's inception, over 500,000 tons of poultry litter have been relocated. 50% of excess litter goes towards alternative use projects such as the Perdue AgriRecycle fertilizer plant in Blades, DE.



Nutrient Management Coordinator

The Nutrient Management Coordinator is responsible for program implementation and coordinating the Nutrient Management Reimbursement Program. In 2007, 184 farms, 1 school & 3 golf courses were reimbursed at a capped rate for a plan developed by a private consultant.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Added Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain) practice.
- Added Shallow Wildlife Pond practice.

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- Increased allowable acreage per Farm Tract to 10 acres or 10% from current 5 acres/5%.
- Increased allowable acreage per participant to 10,000.
- Total acres for 2007: 238.5
- 2007 funding provided by USDA Farm Service Agency and the State of Delaware

Kent and Sussex Conservation Districts
The Conservation Districts support a number of NPS activities. 2007 efforts included:

- Pre-side dress soil nitrate tests were provided throughout the counties (PSNT) in cooperation with the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension. In 2007,
  - 247 samples were tested covering 10,045 acres in Kent County
  - 116 samples were tested covering 2,411 acres in Sussex County.
- Cover crop sign-up was the largest ever in Sussex Co. 34,000 acres planted in 2007—15.6% increase from 2006.
- Sussex County won the 2007 Partnership Diversity Award through the National Association of Conservation Districts. The District received the award based on its excellence with employee diversity, program diversity and efforts to improve and continue conservation efforts.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
The District of Columbia's Nonpoint Source Program is run by the Watershed Protection Division, under the Natural Resources Administration within the District Department of the Environment (DDOE). Program focuses include non-point source pollutants (nutrients, sediment, toxicants, pathogens, and hydrocarbons), urban storm water runoff, and two high priority watersheds, the Anacostia River and Rock Creek. The program uses a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches and engages in several partnerships with city government offices, federal agencies, and local groups.

Habitat Creation and Restoration

- Conducted 5th and final year of vegetation monitoring at River Fringe wetland project.
- Initiated monitoring, design work, and feasibility scoping for various monitoring and restoration projects.
- Finalized plans and permits for Watts Branch Stream restoration project.
- Received $600,000 NFWF Targeted Watershed Grant to assist with Watts Branch restoration.

Pollution Prevention
Residential Best Management Practices (BMP's)

- Developed RiverSmart Homes, a new program to encourage homeowners to install low-cost BMP's and institute green landscape management practices.
- Made IPM presentations and distributed > 100 IPM garden bags to community gardeners and DC residents.

DC Clean Marina Program

- Won Department of Interior 2006 Environmental Award for Stewardships and Partnerships.
- Finalized and put into use clean marina evaluation tool.
- Hosted boater education workshop for 30 attendees with representatives from 11 marinas and clubs, DC Harbor Patrol, DDOE and National Park Service.

Sediment, Storm Water, Floodplain Management, and Low Impact Development (LID)

- Reviewed 1,658 construction plans for compliance with sediment and storm water pollution control.
- Approved 64 plans for LID projects in DC and facilitated completion of additional projects.
- Strengthened and improved compliance with regulations.
- Began developing Inspection and Maintenance Guidance Manual and began shooting footage for DVD on LID maintenance practices.
- Funded and completed 7 LID retrofits in WPD targeted watersheds. The image below shows members of the Pope Branch Park Restoration Alliance and Anacostia High School students planting a bioretention cell in Pope Branch Park as part of these LID efforts.

Education and Outreach

- Provided Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences to 5,926 DC school children.
- Developed five new schoolyard conservation sites through Greener Schools, Cleaner Water Program.
- Received three-year B-Wet, NOAA grant award with DC Environmental Education Consortium partners and DC Public Schools to provide teacher training and Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences.

MARYLAND
The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program coordinates the state's NPS program. Other state agencies with key program responsibilities include the State Highway Administration and Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, & Planning. The goals of the program are to reduce nonpoint source pollution, restore and protect habitat, and remove waters from the State's list of impaired waters.

In 2007, sixteen projects were funded through the §319(h) program, including a targeted watershed initiative (Corsica

River), habitat and water quality improvements, tracking BMP implementation success, and agricultural programs. From 2007 to 2008, the state reported metal reductions of 40 pounds for aluminum and 51 pounds for iron.

Targeted Watershed Initiative

Corsica River Restoration Project

This collaboration between local, state and federal governments to target and de-list an impaired water body began in 2005. In 2006, the town of Centreville used §319(h) funding to hire a full-time Watershed Manager, who has developed several projects:

- Storm water retrofit plans to treat runoff from ~ 30 acres of urban land.
- Environmental outreach initiatives, including a new logo for the watershed (shown below).
- Successful formation of an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in Centreville.

Approximately 19% of the funds awarded in the 2007 Grant Year went to programs in the Corsica River Restoration Project to support:

- Capacity assistance to implement agricultural Best Management Practices.
- Storm water management and retrofits leading to expected load reductions of 33% for nitrogen and 46% for phosphorous.
- Storm water outreach and education.
- Monitoring effectiveness of retrofitting 30 conventional septic systems with nitrogen reducing technology.
- Monitoring to assess early project progress and provide feedback necessary to enhance future restoration projects.

Habitat and water quality improvements

Aaron Run Watershed Project

To design and construct best treatment technologies for AMD at 4 sites in the watershed.

Urban Wetlands Program, Bennet Creek Watershed Pilot

To develop a mechanism for Frederick County Government's Watershed Management Section to assess, monitor, restore, and enhance wetlands in the watershed.

Tracking BMP Implementation

Urban Stormwater Management Practices Database

To support communication between jurisdictions regarding stormwater management data. Also provides necessary information to Chesapeake Bay Program.

Analyzing and Tracking Nonpoint Source Data

To coordinate consolidation of NPS BMP's for inclusion in Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model. Also coordinates information exchange with other agencies concerning BMP's.

Agricultural Programs

Several programs were implemented in 2007 in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), including Nutrient Management/Water Quality Improvement Act (WQIA), Maryland Agricultural Cost Share (MACS), Soil Conservation and Water Quality (SCWQ) Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Manure Transport Program, Agricultural Water Management Program. The table below shows expected outcomes for 2007 projects.

Practice	Planned BMP's	Nitrogen Reduction Approx. (lb/yr)	Phosphorous Reduction Approx. (lb/yr)
Animal Waste Storage Structures	3	1,593	312
Best Management Practices (acres)	70	N/A	N/A
Best Management Practices (number)	170	N/A	N/A
Conservation Tillage (acres)	1,000	4,640	1,130
Cover Crops (acres)	5,050	47,874	657
CREP (acres)	102	1,724	2,550
Nutrient Management Plans (acres)	2,500	7,775	750
Precision Agriculture	400	N/A	N/A
Roof Runoff Control System	1	69	13
Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	130	N/A	N/A
Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (acres)	11,436	10,635	1,601
Waste Management Plans (tons manure)	1,350	N/A	N/A
Wetland (acres)	3	82	6
Total		74,392	7,019

PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Watershed Management administers the State's Nonpoint Source Management Program. Funding for NPS projects comes from local, state, and federal sources, particularly from the DEP's Growing Greener and Chesapeake Bay Programs and Section 319 grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Program goals include:

- Improve and protect water resources. De-list 500 miles of streams and 1,600 lake acres by 2012.
- Develop and implement 34 watershed implementation plans (*18 completed as of 2007)*.
- Improve and develop monitoring efforts.
- Encourage development and use of new technologies, tools, and technology transfer practices.
- Assure BMP implementation

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Water Quality Improvements
During FY 2007, 32 streams were identified as having achieved substantial improvements in water quality. 4 streams have been determined to be fully restored and removed from the State's 303(d) list**,** 6 have been classified as partially restored, and 22 have been classified as improved. Cumulative and 2007 load reductions are shown in the table below. Pennsylvania also reported manganese reductions of 186 lbs.

	Nitrogen (lbs)	Phosphorus (lbs)	Sediment (tons)	Aluminum (tons)	Iron (tons)	Acidity (tons)
FY 2007	2,256	623	1,200	29.2	66.4	707.0
Cumulative ('01 – '07)	693,473	221,054	48,494	286.0	410.0	2,323.0

Nonpoint Source Liaison Workgroups
NPS management efforts are divided into seven workgroups. 2007 achievements include:

Agriculture: Nutrient Trading Program Policy finalized; 9310 CREP contracts for 17,281.9 acres in Ohio River basin and 160,993.9 in Chesapeake Bay

Construction and Urban Runoff: 63 conservation districts administered Dirt and Gravel Roads Pollution Prevention Program; Developed residential development standards handbook

Hydromodification: 17 dams removed/modified; 15,032 ft of stream channel restored; 104 miles of stream opened for passage of fish

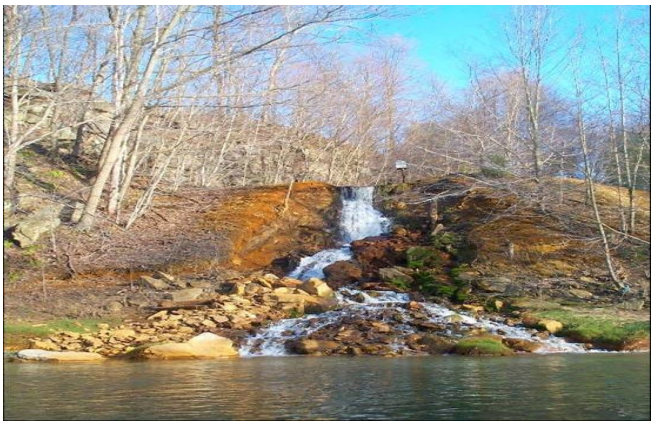
Lakes: 3 lakes reclassified and 23 delisted since 2005

Land Disposal: 121 household waste collections; 854 oil recycling stations registered; 87,760 lbs of pesticides collected

Resource Extraction: 10 Section 319 projects and 4 Growing Greener projects targeting AMD completed; 10 AMD Treatment Systems completed; 1,204 acres abandoned mine lands reclaimed; 2 AMD Education Curricula developed

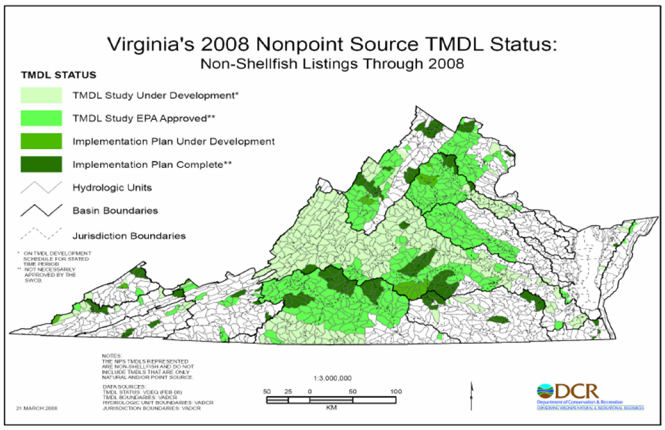
Silviculture: BMP demonstration site being developed in Sproul State Forest.

Restoration and Protection Successes
Watershed Restoration
- 4 streams previously impaired by AMD removed from the State's 303(d) list. 6 others being evaluated for removal.
- Successful treatment processes include: passive systems, aerobic treatment wetlands, plug abandoned oil wells, and anoxic and oxic limestone drains.
- Highlighted improvements include: increases in aquatic life populations, pH neutralization, and significant metal reductions. AMD restoration efforts in Dunkard Creek (pictured in next column) led to 98% iron reductions.



Watershed Protection
The District Mining Offices have documented successful projects that are protecting watersheds that are not impaired, but that could have become seriously degraded. AMD Treatment in the Loyalsock Creek Watershed is an example of such a project. Passive water treatment facilities were constructed at an abandoned deep mining site to remove acidity and metals from the mine discharge. This project achieved 97% reduction in iron, net alkalinity of 114 mg/l, and reductions in manganese and aluminum concentrations.

VIRGINIA
The Virginia Nonpoint Source Management Program is coordinated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). DCR assists in the development of local cooperative NPS pollution programs to implement Virginia's nonpoint source pollution management program plan.



Total Maximum Daily Load Program
- In 2007 Virginia developed 152 TMDLs and 9 Implementation Plans. Since the beginning of the program Virginia has completed 496 TMDLS and has 24 fully completed TMDL Implementation Plans addressing 80 impaired stream segments. Currently Virginia is working on the development of an additional 16 Implementation plans addressing 45 impaired stream segments. The map above shows the location of TMDL efforts in Virginia.

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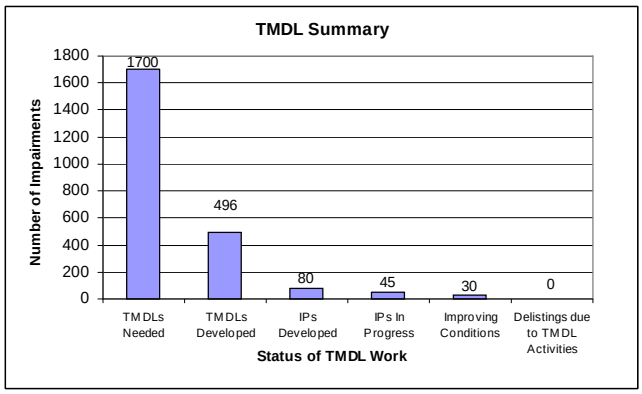
- During FY 2007, there were 12 active §319(h) funded implementation projects. These projects implemented 383 agricultural and residential Best Management Practices (BMP's) resulting in reductions of:
  - 1.79E+16 CFU of fecal coliform bacteria
  - 10,074 pounds of nitrogen
  - 2,302 pounds of phosphorus
  - 1,042 tons of sediment
- In July 2006, 17 additional TMDL implementation projects were started, utilizing State funding. From July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007 these projects implemented 23 agricultural BMP's resulting in reductions of:
  - 210,091 pounds/year nitrogen
  - 42,113 pounds/year phosphorus
  - 38,620 tons/year sediment

The table below shows the 2007 status of the TMDL program.



Total Maximum Daily Load Program Case Studies

Catoctin Creek TMDL Implementation Project 2004-2007

This project consists of four separate watershed areas located in the Potomac River Basin in Loudoun County, VA. As of December 31, 2007 the project has produced:

- 18,248 feet of stream exclusion fencing
- 17.7 acres of buffer
- Exclusion of approximately 451 animals from streams
- Repair or replacement of 13 malfunctioning septic systems or straight pipe and pumpout of 6 septic systems

The Catoctin Creek mainstem (shown below) may be a candidate for de-listing from the Impaired Waters List. For the last 33 sample dates, the mainstem has a 6% violation rate for the 235 CFU/100 ml bacteria standard.

North River TMDL Implementation Project 2001-2007

From April 1 - December 31, 2007, 137 agricultural BMPs were installed and 26 septic system repairs/replacements were completed as part of this project in 4 watersheds in Rockingham County, VA. During the life of the project approximately 13.4 miles of exclusion fencing have been installed, excluding thousands animals from streams. Over 80% (10 miles) of the fencing was installed voluntarily without the use of cost share funds.

One of the creeks, Lower Dry River, is a candidate for delisting from the Impaired Waters List for bacteria due to implementation work funded by section 319. Lower Dry River has violated the 235 CFU/100 ml bacteria standard once out of the last 17 sample dates (between 10/10/2006 and 2/19/2008) which is a 5.9% violation rate. The photograph above shows a voluntary fencing project on Muddy Creek.

Cooperative Nonpoint Source & Watershed Programs

Virginia Network for Education of Municipal Officials Program (NEMO)

- DCR undertook development of NEMO in 2007 to strengthen soil & water districts and local government's ability to influence local land use decisions
- Provides technical assistance to localities in the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay
- Matthews County was selected as the pilot site for the Virginia/Chesapeake NEMO Program

Land Conservation & Preservation Efforts

- Goal in Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up Plan (CBVWCP) is to permanently preserve 400,000 acres of land statewide by 2010
- In FY2007, 93,526 acres were protected statewide, due largely to donations made by landowners seeking to take advantage of tax incentives

Agricultural BMP Cost-Share Program

From July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007, 6,357 BMP's were installed resulting in 372 miles of stream buffered and the reduction of 386,439 tons of sediment, 2.1 million pounds of nitrogen, and 429,735 pounds of phosphorus.

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WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia's Non-point Source Program supports the efforts of 4 WV state agencies: Department of Environmental Protection, Conservation Agency, Division of Health and Human Resources and the Division of Forestry. In 2007 to 2008, the program reported metal reductions of 6,570 pounds of aluminum, 12,500 pounds of iron, and 210 pounds of manganese.

Program Focuses and Major Goals in 2007:

- Provide technical assistance for BMP's
- Support citizen based watershed organizations
- Support enforcement of NPS water quality laws
- Complete FY 04 Incremental Projects: Cheat AMD III, Valley Point #12, Lamberts Run AMD, Muzzleloader Club AMD
- Start FY 05 Incremental Projects
- Complete the Little Sandy Stream Bank and Pecks Run Septic Needs Assessments Program Approaches
- Solving problems through educating and assisting local stakeholders in correcting non-point source problems.

Project Highlights

Morris Creek – Upper Kanawha River TMDL

The FY 2005 Stream Bank Stabilization Phase I was completed with load reductions estimated at 213 tons/yr for sediment. Road sites MC1 and MC2 (old mining roads) were a primary focus of this project. 1500 feet of dirt road was graded, graveled and reconnected to the drainage ditches.

Ohley Stream Bank Restoration– Upper Kanawha TMDL

This project involved 3,000 linear feet of stream restoration. Volunteers from Cabin Creek Watershed Assoc, WV DEP, State Senator Foster and the prison work release program planted 1,600 live tree stakes and 600 saplings in December 2007 to further stabilize the project site.

Oldaker Project – Lamberts Run – West Fork River

Completed in 2007, this project consists of a flushing bed (shown in photograph below), two wetlands, and an open limestone channel. Estimated load reductions are 16.62 t/y for Iron and 1.06 t/y for Aluminum.

Upper Buckhannon – Buckhannon River TMDL

Several agricultural practice improvement were installed, including 3 waste storage facilities (1,628 ton capacity), 7 alternative watering systems, 3,470 feet of fence preventing livestock entry to waterways. Load reductions are estimated at 267.1 tons/yr for Nitrogen, 342.3 tons/yr for Phosphorous, 1,792.2 tons/yr for sediment.

In addition, $23,642 was spent on the Shahan's Bottom project in FY 07 to repair 4,000 feet of road, repair gulley erosion caused by ATV's, install drainage ditches, and construct a pipe fence to deny ATV access. Sediment reduction is estimated at 1,090 tons/yr.

Activity Highlights

WVDEP Division of Water and Waste Management

- Two rain barrel workshops were held in Charleston, WV attracting 113 participants. 105 rain barrels were distributed to WV residents.

West Virginia Save Our Streams Program

- 48 Monitoring workshops were held with 777 people attending, 4 wetland workshops with 62 people attending and 30 presentations given reaching 3,138 people.
- Stream workshops exceeded 2006 numbers by > 40%.
- Key partnerships providing volunteer stream monitoring education & outreach include: Cacapon Institute, Morris Creek Watershed Association, Trout Unlimited, and Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association.

DEP Office of Oil & Gas

- WV's S319 grant funds one position and has provided training and technical advice for gas companies in WV.
- 14 BMP workshops attracting 577 participants & 136 contractors took place in FY07

West Virginia Conservation Agency

- Agriculture Activities: 10 Farmers were assisted with soil sampling totaling 712 acres. An estimated 24,400 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer was not applied as a result.
- Education and Outreach Activities : No-till Seeding Field Day, 16 educational programs at schools reaching 1085 students, presented watershed program to Girl Scouts Day Camps as part of a Patch Project reaching 50 campers.
- Provided assistance to Watershed Associations

The table below summarizes the successes of these activities.

NPS Education and Outreach

	Educational Workshops		Public Outreach	
Type	Workshops	People	Events	People
Forestry	67	1,241		
WV Save Our Streams	59	845	33	3,372
Wetlands	5	71		
WV Conserv. Agency	3	194	24	3,079
Oil & Gas	14	577		
Rain Barrels	2	113		
Totals	**150**	**3,041**	**57**	**6,508**

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