

## Nonpoint Source Management Program (Section 319 Program)

The [Nonpoint Source Management Program](#) (NPS) is part of DEP's Office of Water Resources Planning and provides grants to assist watershed associations, county conservation districts, and other non-profit organizations in addressing a host of environmental issues. This grant program manages funds awarded to DEP by EPA through the Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant program. Funds awarded to DEP are used to fund programmatic efforts and as sub-grants to local partners for the implementation of water quality improvement projects specified in EPA-approved [Watershed Implementation Plans](#) (WIPs). The NPS Management Program provides technical support to local groups interested in preparing WIPs, with priority given to groups working actively in watersheds with significant nonpoint source water quality impairments and one or more TMDL's, where watershed assessments and/or restoration plans have been completed. Projects funded include abandoned mine drainage treatment, minimization of agricultural and urban stormwater run-off, and natural channel design/streambank restoration projects.

Between 10/1/15-9/30/17 more than \$5.1 million was funded for projects in watersheds with implementation plans. Most of the funding is split into 3 main categories depending on the source of nonpoint pollution (Table 1). For the same period, these grants have created numerous restoration achievements (Table 2).

**Table 1.** Funding for each of the three main categories of nonpoint source impacts in the 2016 and 2017 grant year.

| Grant year | Source of Nonpoint Pollution            | Funding     |
|------------|---|-------------|
| 2016       | Abandoned Mine drainage                 | \$546,954   |
|            | Agriculture                             | \$1,768,946 |
|            | Urban Runoff and Streambank Restoration | \$483,025   |
| 2017       | Abandoned Mine drainage                 | \$476,903   |
|            | Agriculture                             | \$1,249,730 |
|            | Urban Runoff and Streambank Restoration | \$617,682   |

**Table 2.** BMP's installed in the 10/1/15-9/30/17 time frame using Section 319 funding.

| Section 319 Projects      | BMP Type                     | Number Installed | Units of Measure |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Abandoned Mine Drainage   | Passive treatment systems    | 8.0              | Units            |
| Agriculture               | Land reclamation             | 15               | Acres            |
|                           | Streambank fencing           | 13,458           | Feet             |
|                           | Various BMP's                | 57               | Units            |
| Urban Runoff (Stormwater) | Stormwater Runoff control    | 12               | Units            |
| Streambank Restoration    | Stream Channel Stabilization | 8885             | Feet             |