

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 10/1/17-9/30/19 more than \$4.7 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 2018 and 2019 grant year.

Grant year	Source of Nonpoint Pollution	Funding
2018	Abandoned Mine drainage	\$1,388,269
	Agriculture	\$315,271
	Urban Runoff and Streambank Restoration	\$613,920
2019	Abandoned Mine drainage	\$1,075,147
	Agriculture	\$854,766
	Urban Runoff and Streambank Restoration	\$428,360

Table 2. BMP's installed in the 10/1/17-9/30/19 time frame using Section 319 funding.

Section 319 Projects	BMP Type	Number Installed	Units of Measure
Abandoned Mine Drainage	Passive treatment systems	4.0	Units
	Riparian Forest Buffer	7.1	Acres
Agriculture	Streambank fencing	9,020	Feet
	Various BMP's	53	Units
Urban Runoff (Stormwater)	Stormwater Runoff control	12	Units
Streambank Restoration	Stream Channel Stabilization	7,965	Feet