

# Texas Nonpoint Source Program



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The goal of the grant program is to

- Restore impaired waterbodies
- Protect waterbodies

**Voluntary  
Program**



**Achieve your  
water quality  
goals**

**Stakeholder  
Driven**

- State
- County
- City
- River
- Public

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## Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

- Silviculture
- Agriculture

## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- Urban- work that is not required under MS4 management plans
- Other- e.g., septic systems, riparian restoration



# Watershed Protection Plans

- A voluntary, comprehensive planning document that is developed with stakeholder input
- Provides management measures to reduce pollutant loading
- Meets the Nine Elements listed in EPA's *Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans*



10 accepted  
23 developing

## Project Type

Implementation of the Nonpoint Source Management Program

- Projects in areas without watershed protection plans
- Data collection

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for MS4

Restoration

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- Monitoring
- Modeling
- Stakeholder coordination
- Writing of the plan



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Protection

## Implementation of Watershed Protection Plans

- Best Management Practices
- Education and Outreach



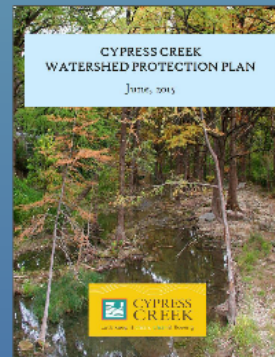
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# Funding for Projects

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TCEQ awards approximately \$2.5 million  
Clean Water Act Section 319(h) funds annually

Projects funds are 60% Federal/40% Match

Project Cost Range approximately  
\$50,000-\$700,000 (federal)



## Matching Funds for Projects

Sources can include:

- Cash
- Salaries
- In-kind
- Volunteer hours
- Lab analysis
- CRP Monitoring

Questions about match?



We can help!

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## Building Partnerships

- State agencies
- Counties
- Cities
- River Authorities
- Public Universities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Councils of Governments



## 319(h) Application Process and Grant Cycle

- Competitive application process opens online in early summer.
- Announcement posted to the Nonpoint Source listserv. (Don't forget to sign up!)
- Approximately 12 months from proposal to project kick off



# Examples of Watershed Protection Plans



*Upper San Antonio River*



*Plum Creek*

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# Other Implementation Projects



*Tule Creek*



*Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park,  
Clear Creek*

[www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)

Don't forget to  
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# Education and Outreach

Stakeholder involvement through

- Trainings and workshops
- Publications
- Public Service Announcements
- Events



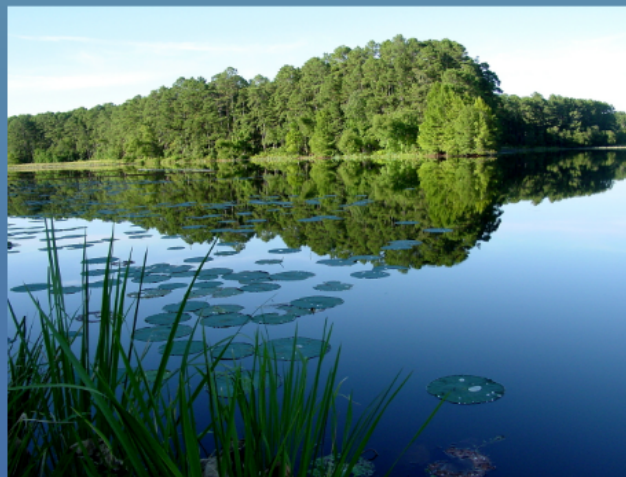
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## How does the Nonpoint Source Program benefit you?

- Mobilization of stakeholders to implement local priorities
- Expands funding opportunities for approved plans
- Water quality improvement/restoration
- Water quality protection





**More information about the  
Texas Nonpoint Source Program**

**[www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source)**

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**Don't forget to sign up for the TCEQ Nonpoint Source listserv  
to receive information about upcoming grant opportunities!**