

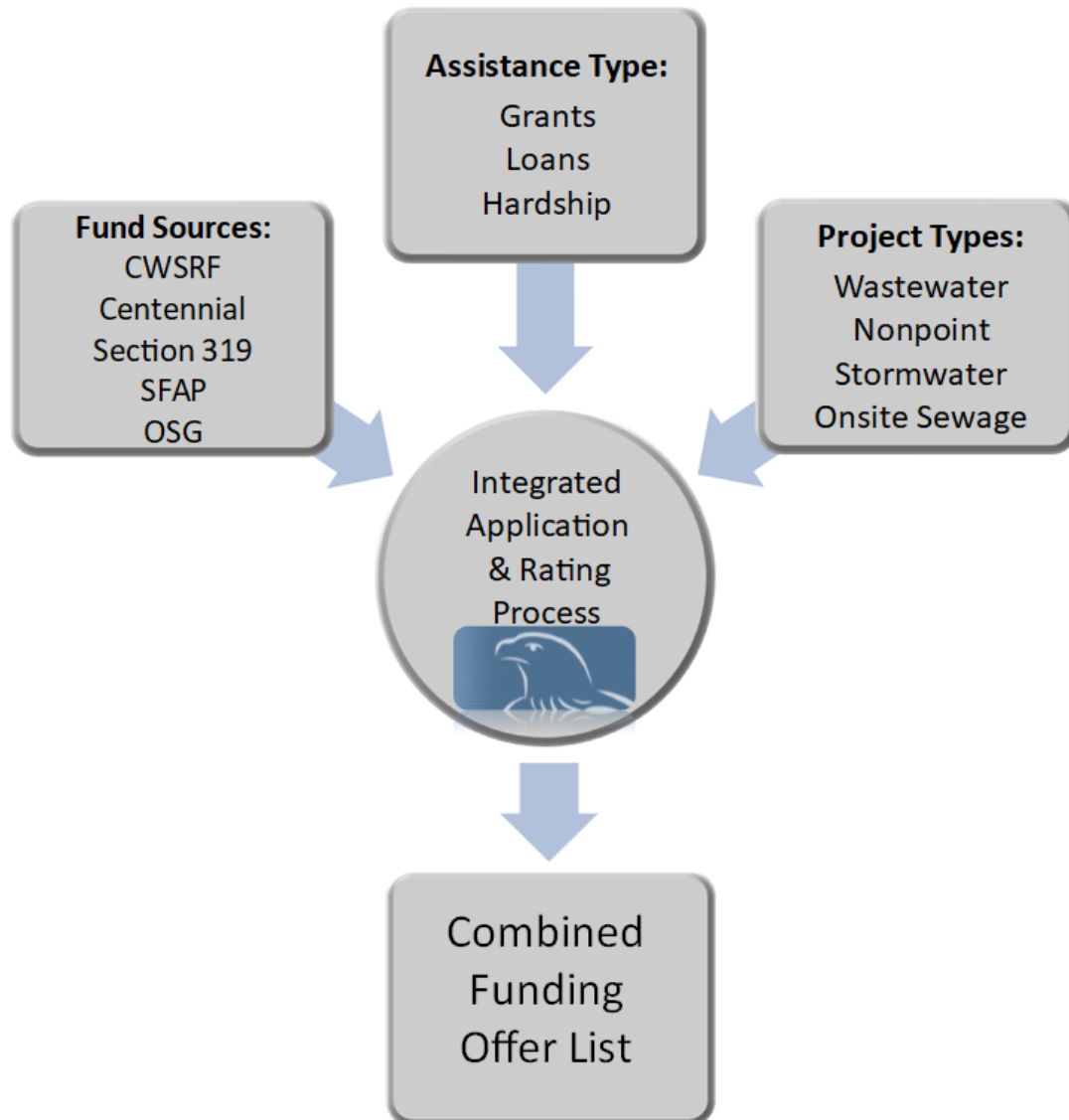


Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24)

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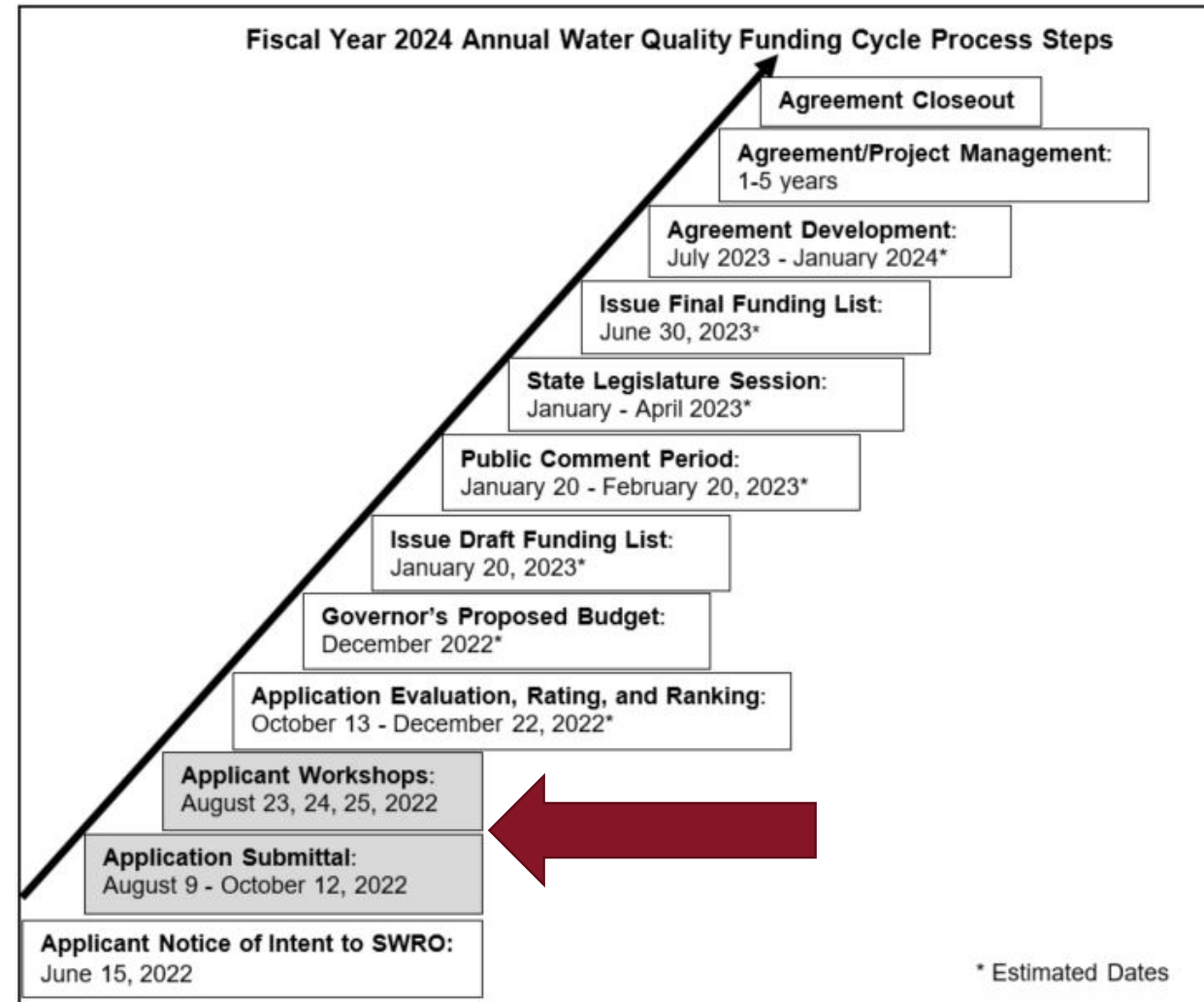
Water Quality Combined Funding Program



- Multiple water quality project types
- Multiple funding sources
- One application and offer list
 - Same scoring criteria
 - Specific tips and guidance for each project type

Important Dates

- October 12, 2022: EAGL applications due before 5:00pm
- January 20, 2023: Draft offer list published
 - February 20, 2022: Funding program public comment period closes
- July 1, 2023: Funding “turns green”
 - Begin negotiation and agreement development.
- April 30, 2024: All projects have started work



Funding Guidelines

- 300+ page document!
- Start with the “How to Use This Document” on page 1
- Focus on the info that pertains to your project type.
- Chapter 4 will help you prepare your application.



State Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Guidelines Water Quality Combined Funding Program

Centennial Clean Water Program

Clean Water Act Section 319 Program

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Stormwater Financial Assistance Program

**Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal
Grants Program**


Water Quality Program

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Olympia, Washington

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<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2210016.html>

Applicant Resources



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Nonpoint source project resources

Facility project resources

General resources for water quality grants & loans

We offer helpful resources if you are seeking support for — or information about — water quality projects funded by us.

The following resources apply to all Water Quality grant and/or loan funded projects. Some additional resources, depending on your project type and funding type, are also available at these two links:

- [Nonpoint Project Resources \(Centennial/Section 319/CWSRF\)](#)
- [Facility Project Resources \(CWSRF/Centennial/Stormwater Financial Assistance grant\)](#)

Training opportunities and materials

Funding recipient training and materials

Funding applicant training

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Payments-contracts-grants/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-grants-and-loans/General-resources>

Training opportunities and materials

Funding recipient training and materials

Water Quality Grant and Loan Administration Recipient Training 2022

We held our Annual Recipient Training for recipients of funding from the WQ Combined Funding Program, with active agreements from State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 as well as those who applied for SFY 2023 funding. Due to COVID-19, the annual recipient training was held entirely online.

Webinar sessions were offered from June 27 – 30, 2022.

Recipient training presentations

- [Nonpoint sessions 1 and 2](#)
- [Wastewater session 1 \(Agreement Development & Management\)](#)
- [Wastewater session 2 \(Payment Request and Progress Report\)](#)
- [Wastewater session 3 \(Project Design and Engineering\)](#)
- [Stormwater session 1](#)
- [Stormwater session 2](#)
- [Cultural Resources session](#)
- [Environmental Review for Loans session](#)

Other materials

- [Contact list for Water Quality grants and loans](#)
- [EAGL WO grants and loans File Management Plan](#)
- [Guidance for uploading documents in EAGL](#)
- [Progress Report and Payment Requests \(PRPR\) forms guidance](#)
- [Resource list](#)
- [Managing Recipient Roles in EAGL](#)

Funding Source Estimates for SFY24

Abbreviation	Fund Source Name	Fund Type		SFY24 Estimate
CWSRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Loans (Standard and Forgivable)	Federal & State	<u>\$250M Total</u> \$221.9M Standard \$23.1M Forgivable
SFAP	Stormwater Financial Assistance Program	Grant	State	\$35M
Centennial	Clean Water Centennial Program	Grant	State	\$20M
Section 319	Clean Water Act Section 319	Grant	Federal	\$1.7M
OSG	Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Grants	Grant	Federal	\$11.4M

Eligible Applicants

Cities

Towns

Counties

Sewer
Districts

Tribes

Irrigation
Districts

See Funding Guidelines Section 1.1

Ineligible Projects

- Non-clean water projects (e.g., roads, bridges, drinking water systems)
- Exclusively industrial projects, except:
 - Publicly-owned industrial wastewater treatment facility reducing the burden on a municipal wastewater treatment facility (CWSRF-only)
 - Publicly-owned industrial stormwater facility (SFAP-only)
- Water quantity
- Project solely for flood control
- Operation, maintenance, and repair costs
 - Some exceptions will be discussed later
- Previously funded objectives

Project Types

- Wastewater facilities.
- Stormwater facilities.
- Stormwater activities.
- Onsite sewage systems.
- Nonpoint source activities.



WASTEWATER



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Eligible Projects



Wastewater Treatment



Wastewater Conveyance



Infiltration and Inflow (I/I)



Reclaimed Water



Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO)



Large On-site Sewage Systems (LOSS)



On-site Sewage Systems



Public Outreach and Education

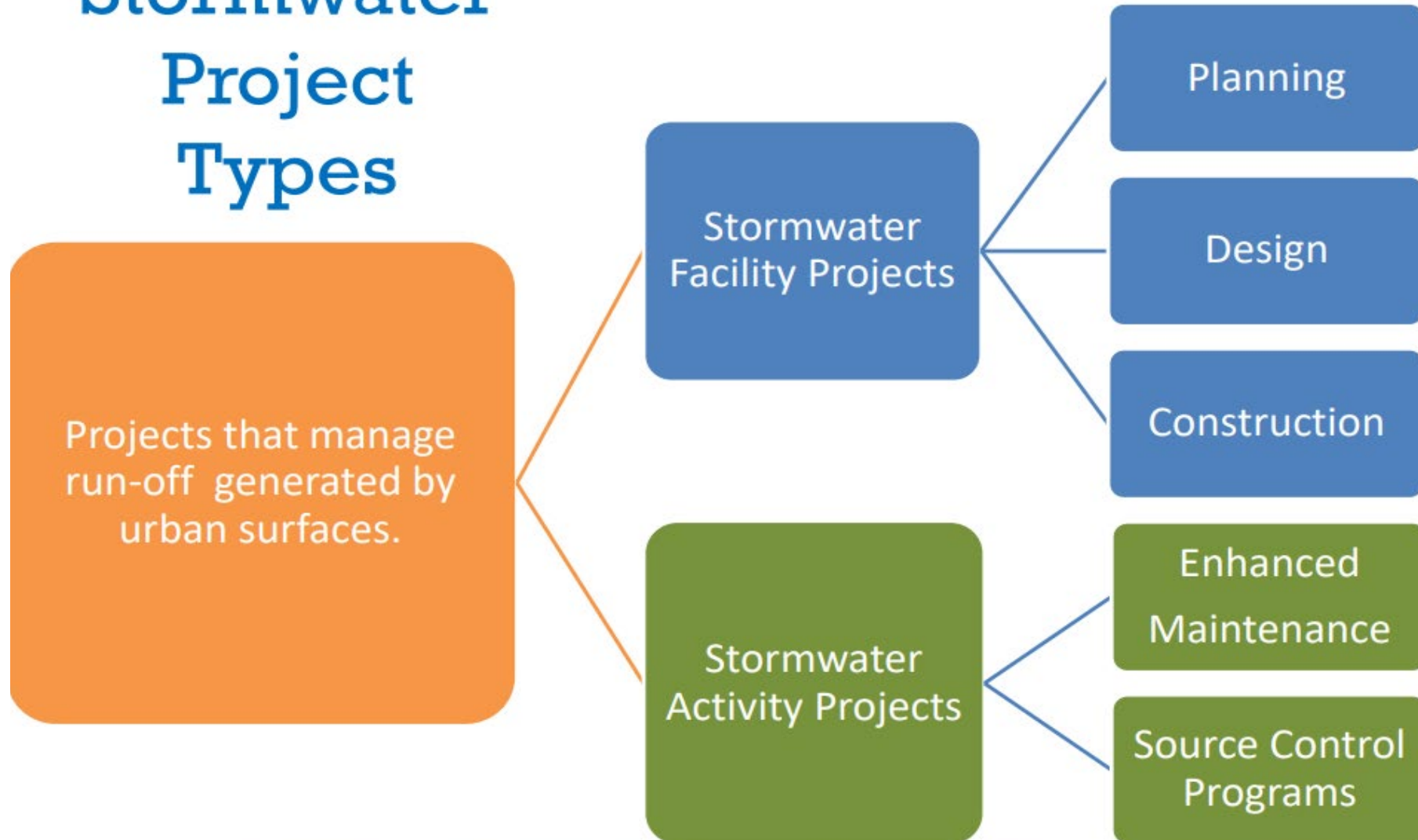
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STORMWATER



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Stormwater Project Types



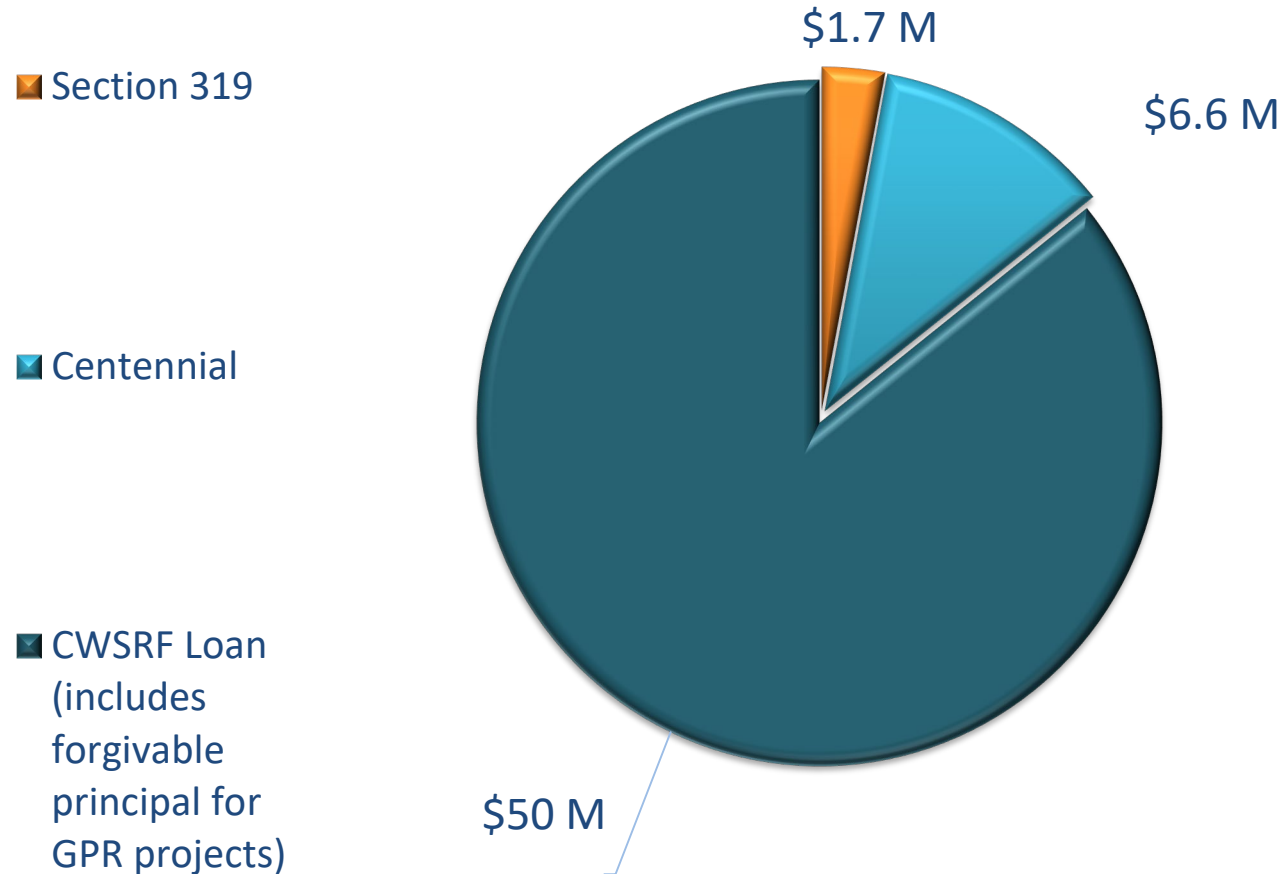
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NONPOINT ACTIVITY

All proposed nonpoint source activity projects must implement an element of a state or local plan directed at addressing water quality issues, such as a watershed management plan, nonpoint source pollution control plan, Salmon Recovery Plan, Orca Recovery Plan, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)/TMDL Alternative/Straight to Implementation (STI) Support Projects, etc.

Projected Funding for Nonpoint in SFY 2024



Agricultural BMPs

Agricultural BMPs must be based on water quality improvements and not on agricultural production needs, for example, where activity from livestock is contributing to fecal coliform or sedimentation problems and/or other degradation to the riparian area, stream, and water quality.

- Conservation-based tillage systems
- Livestock exclusion fencing
- Livestock off-stream watering facilities
- Livestock feeding & waste management BMPs



Groundwater, Aquifer, Wellhead Planning and Implementation

Planning for and implementation of wellhead protection projects, groundwater protection projects, source water (including groundwater and surface water) protection, and critical aquifer recharge area projects are eligible for loan or grant funding.

Applicants undertake these projects to protect the quality of water used as a public drinking water supply. Eligible activities typically include acquisition, OSS programs (surveys, repair/replacement), agricultural BMPs, and/or groundwater monitoring.

Decommissioning of abandoned wells is only eligible for loan funding.

Land Acquisition

The purchase of real property and conservation easements is eligible for WQC financial assistance for the following purposes:

- Wetland habitat preservation and protection.
- Riparian area and watershed preservation and protection.
- Drinking water source protection.

Restoration Planning and Implementation

Planning and implementing riparian and wetland habitat restoration projects are eligible for loans or grants.

Maintenance is eligible for up to 5 years following planting.

Applicants can include installation of livestock exclusion fencing as part of a riparian protection/restoration project.

- Riparian Area, Wetland, and Floodplain Restoration.
- Stream Restoration and Bank Stabilization.
- Lake Restoration.



Other Eligible Nonpoint Activities

- Demonstration Nonpoint BMP Projects (Section 2.5.3)
- Pollution Identification and Correction (Section 2.5.6)
- Public Outreach and Education (Section 2.5.7, Appendix H)
- Technical Assistance and Conservation Plans (Section 2.5.9)
- Water Quality Monitoring (Section 2.5.10)
- Watershed Planning (Section 2.5.11)

See Table 10 for summary of eligible activities.



Questions?

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