

Nine Key Element Plans & TRM Grants

Importance of nine key element plans in watershed
restoration & protection

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TRM Grant Program Changes

- Took affect January 1, 2011
 - Increased emphasis on the watershed approach
 - Included large-scale (HUC 12 or smaller) projects
 - Increased focus on TMDL implementation
 - Linked large-scale non-TMDL projects to watershed-based plans



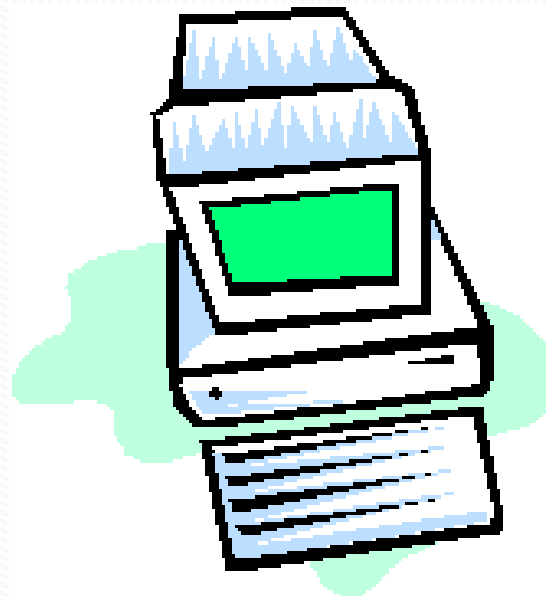
Section 319 Grant Changes

- Changes to federal grant guidelines
 - Published April 2013
- Created “Watershed Project Fund” category for Section 319 grants
 - Also referred to as “319 Project Funds”
 - Focused on **implementation** of watershed-based plans that meet EPA’s “Nine Key Elements”



WDNR 9KE Plan Web Site

- <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/nonpoint/9keyelementplans.html>
 - Map
 - Plans
 - Guidance
 - Tools



9KE Plans & TRM Grants

- NPS implementation should continue to target money and staff to implement practices using a watershed approach...Not too big, not too small...
- Effective planning still necessary at any scale



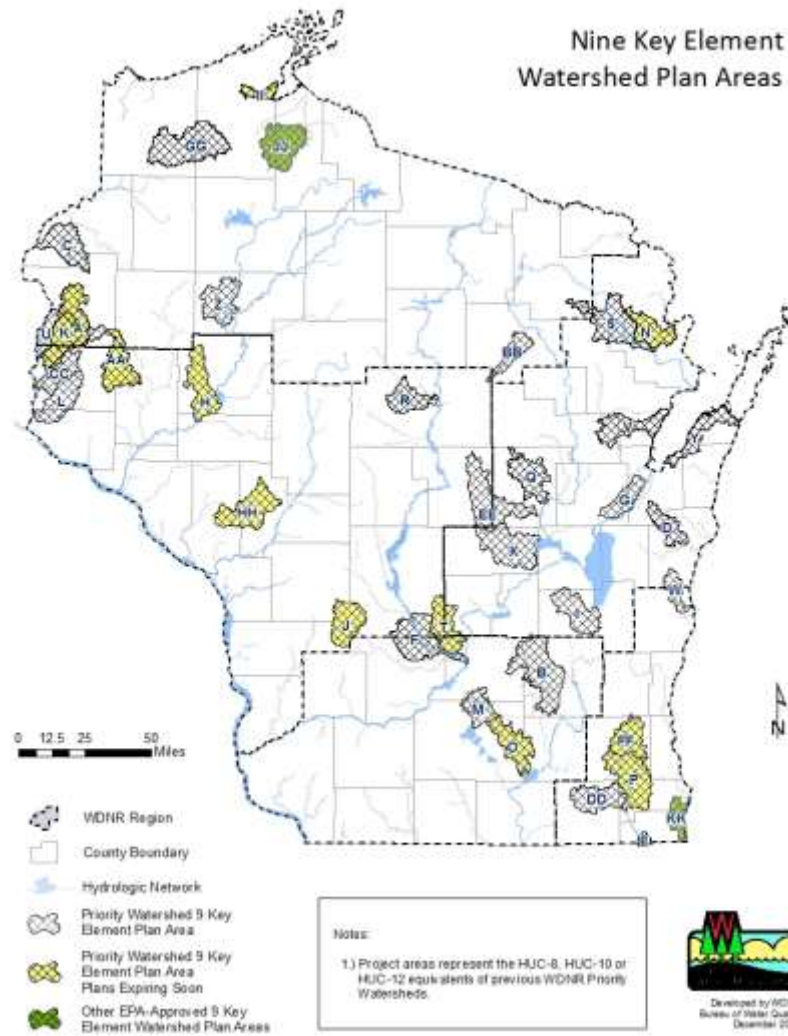
319 Project Funds & TRM Grants

- CY 2015 grant awards included \$1M of 319 Project Funds
- 319 Project Fund estimate for CY 2016 TRM Grants
 - Proposed: \$800,000 - \$1,000,00
- Recent use focused on funding cropping practices & local assistance (staff) in Large-Scale TRM projects

9KE Plan Bonus Points

- **10 bonus points** awarded to TRM projects implementing a 9KE plan – eligible for 319 Project Funds
 - Part of “Water Quality Need” Question
 - Must meet **all** of the following:
 - Addresses a NPS-impaired water or NPS-threatened unimpaired/high quality water
 - Controls same NPS pollutants that are causing the impacts
 - Upstream & in same 12-digit HUC as NPS-impacted water
 - Implements goals & recommendations of EPA-approved 9KE plan

Nine Key Element Watershed Plan Areas



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