

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Nonpoint Source Grant Program

*An overview of funding opportunities
for locally-led watershed projects*

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Presentation Overview

- Grant Program Overview
- Application Advice
- Why These Grants Matter



Section 319 Grants

- Purpose: Planning or implementation projects that reduce documented nonpoint source pollution
- Eligible Entities: Nonprofit organizations, universities, and local, state and federal governmental agencies
- Amount available: Approx. \$2,800,000



319 – Types of Projects

- Develop watershed management plans
- Implement watershed management plans
- Monitor water quality
- Conduct education/outreach
- Research nonpoint source pollution
- Develop/demonstrate new technology



Section 205(J) Grants

- Purpose – Planning to assess point and nonpoint source pollution and identify solutions
- Eligible Entities: Governments, regional planning commissions and other public organizations
- Amount Available: Variable



205(J) – Types of Projects

- Gather and map information on nonpoint and point source water pollution
- Develop recommendations for increasing public involvement in watershed planning and implementation activities
- Develop and implement watershed management plans



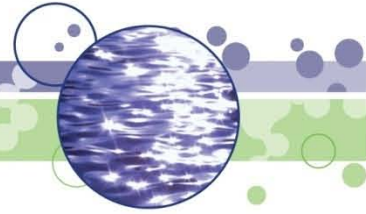
IDEM Funding Priorities

- Planning and/or implementation in watersheds with one or more impaired waterbodies that have an approved Total Maximum Daily Load report
- Planning and/or implementation in watersheds that include waterbodies on the 303(d) List
- Implementation of watershed management plans that meet IDEM's Checklist
- Projects with statewide applicability for water quality improvements or capacity building



Important Facts

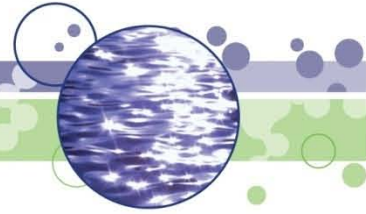
- Projects are 2 to 4 years in length
- No maximum award amount
- 40% non-federal match required
- Must have strong partnerships
- Accountability to U.S. EPA and IDEM



Grants Cannot Fund

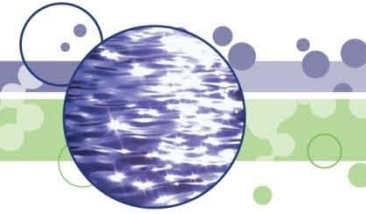
- Work required by a permit or enforcement action
- Drainage or flood control
- Food/entertainment
- Permit fees
- Sales tax
- Activities not outlined in the State NPS Plan





Grant Funding Schedule

- 7/1/10 Solicit for proposals
- 9/1/10 Proposals due
- 1/30/11 IDEM completes review
- 4/15/11 U.S. EPA awards funds
- 11/1/11 IDEM finalizes contracts
- 1/1/12 Grantees begin work



Application Advice

- Before You Apply:
 - Work with IDEM staff
 - Assess your watershed
 - Find partners
 - Get commitments
 - Be realistic
 - Learn from others





Application Advice

- When You Apply:
 - Start early
 - Read, read, read!
 - Ask questions
 - Review your work
 - Tell your story
 - Be flexible and patient





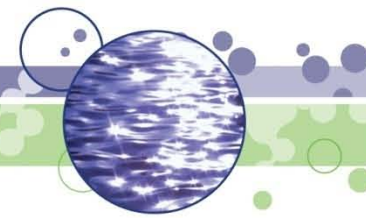
Why These Grants Matter

- Since 1990 -
 - Over \$45,000,000 granted
 - 420+ individual projects funded
- Since 2000 -
 - Sediment reduction: 164,197 tons/year
 - Phosphorus reduction: 312,551 pounds/year
 - Nitrogen reduction: 516,761 pounds/year

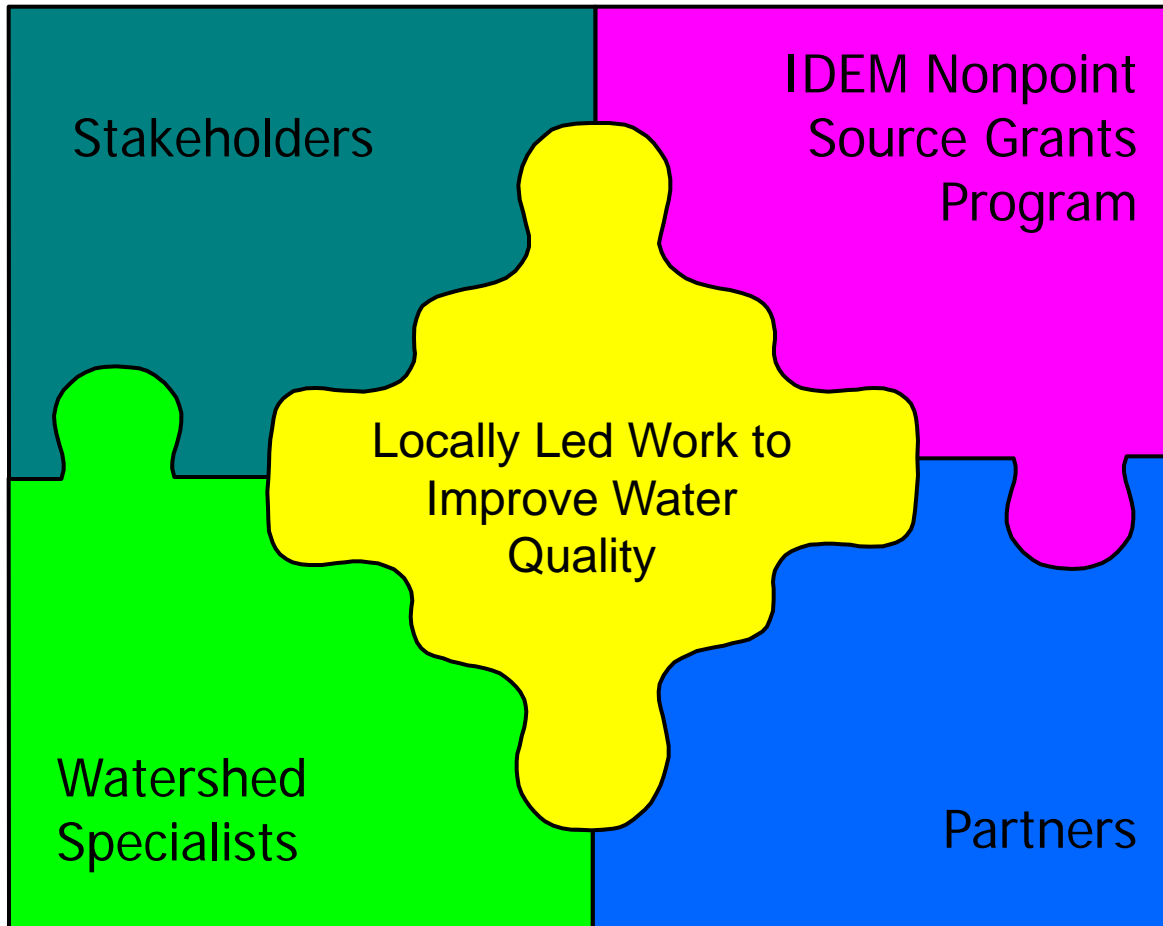


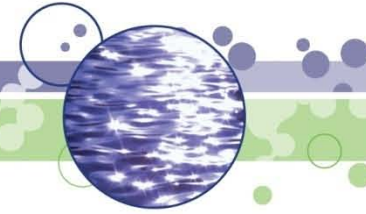
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- Measurable Water Quality Improvements:
 - Pigeon Creek (Vanderburgh County)
 - Chlordane levels reduced
 - Big Walnut Creek (Putnam County)
 - Bacteria levels reduced
 - Clifty Creek (Bartholomew County)
 - Bacteria levels reduced



Putting It All Together





Questions

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