

The Clean Water Act §319 requires States to form a [Nonpoint Source \(NPS\) Program](#) and authorizes Congress to provide funds to the State's through its US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regions. The major NSP goal is to protect and restore waters that are threatened or impaired by nonpoint pollution. In West Virginia the §319 Program is implemented by WVDEP's [Watershed Improvement Branch](#) (WIB), Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program.

General conditions

The maximum reimbursement is **60%** of the total cost. There must be at least a **40% match** for each grant. Administrative costs, overhead and indirect costs cannot exceed 15% of the grant award. There is a 20% limit on State grant monies for non-implementation such as administration, planning and monitoring. Implementation, education, training, and technical assistance, including the salaries of the people involved in these activities are not included in the above limits. Example of match determination:

Project funds requested [\$125,000]

1. A federal 60% contribution is $[\$125,000 \div 0.6] = \$208,333$
2. A 40% match is $[\$208,333 \times 0.4] = \$83,333$

Grants

[Nonpoint Program grants](#) are used to fund NSP [staff](#), operating costs, outreach and education activities, and they provide funds to several partner agencies that implement nonpoint pollution projects. [Additional grant opportunities](#) (AGOs) are offered to watershed associations, agencies and academic organizations and others, usually in early spring. They are smaller grants that provide an opportunity for project funds in non-TMDL watersheds. A [LOI](#) is encouraged to be considered for our AGOs. [Watershed Project grants](#) fund projects based on watershed based plans (WBP) in high priority watersheds.

Targeted stream must be on 303(d) list and have or be a part of a [TMDL](#). First, a [watershed-based plan](#) (WBPs) must be developed and approved by WVDEP and [EPA](#). Then, all project proposals submitted must conform to the WBP and achieve its target pollutant [load](#) reductions. Note: The exception is a [watershed protection plan](#) (WPP).

Timelines

AGO grants are offered at various times and have their own time line. Proposals for watershed project grant funds are accepted anytime but final proposals are due to by **May 1st**. The NPS Program reviews proposals periodically and will work with our partners to develop a final proposal before submitting the state's entire §319 grant to EPA Region III by **September 1st**. It can take up to six months or more for the state's grants to be reviewed, revised if necessary, and approved by EPA.

Reporting

All grantees must submit two [semi-annual](#) reports for if their watershed and/or AGO projects are active. The first semi-annual report covers October 1 through March 31 and is due **May 1st**. The second semi-annual report covers April 1 through September 30 and is due **November 1st**. The [annual report](#) is submitted to [EPA](#) by mid-February each year. Additional information for this report by partners and other grantees is encouraged and should be submitted to the Program Coordinator no later than mid. January. The annual report and [GRTS](#) are EPA's tools for reporting state's progress to Congress.

For more information email the NPS Coordinator, call: (304) 414-3868, write to the address,below or visit the NPS Program on the web at: <https://go.wv.gov/nonpoint>.



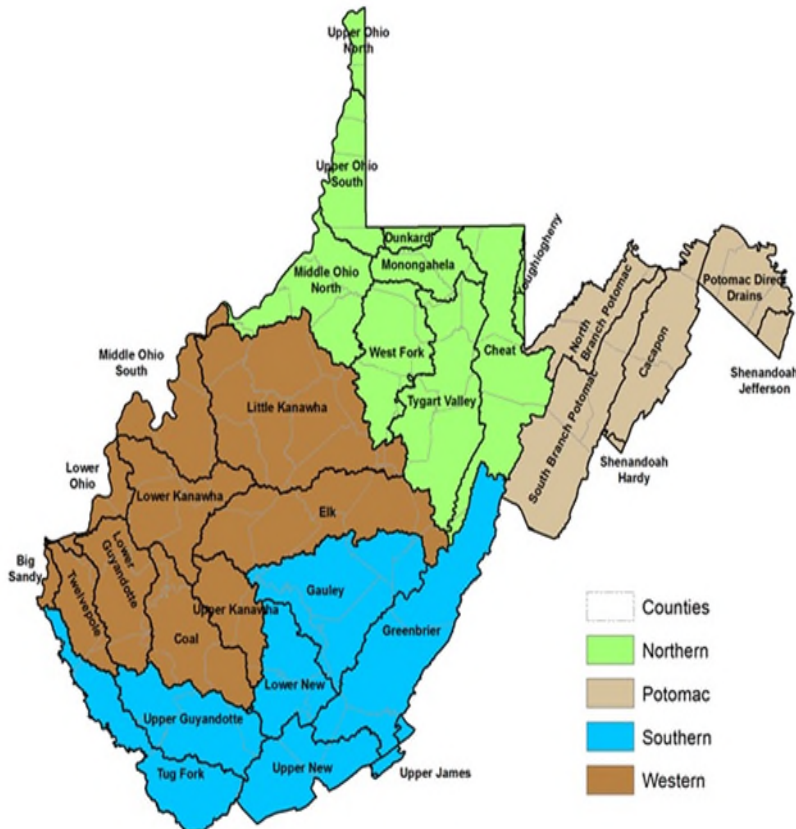
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Basin Coordinators

WVDEP-WIB's [Basin Coordinators](#) help local watershed restoration and protection efforts become reality. These experts are responsible for organizing local efforts to implement water quality improvement projects. Basin Coordinators have roles in:

1. Fostering and supporting volunteer watershed associations and other organizations.
2. Educating citizens on nonpoint pollution issues.
3. Identifying local stakeholders and partners.
4. Assisting with the development of [WBPs](#).
5. Facilitating project teams to implement water quality improvement [projects](#).



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