

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU



Nonpoint Source Program

The *New Mexico Nonpoint Source Program* (supported under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act) funds planning and implementation.

Watershed-based plans quantitatively describe the actions needed for a stream to meet its water quality standards. **Implementation** of watershed-based plans is targeted towards water quality improvement.

Watershed-Based Planning projects include:

- Water quality monitoring and modeling to identify pollutant sources and choose effective management measures to address them..
- Stakeholder engagement to collect quality information and build commitment for later implementation.
- Outreach activities to build awareness and increase participation.
- Preparation of environmental and cultural clearances.
- Updates of existing watershed-based plans.

For information on watershed-based planning, visit:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/wbp/>

SOUND PLANNING AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

The *New Mexico Nonpoint Source Program* funds design and construction of implementation projects that reduce pollutants in streams that don't currently meet water quality standards.

Implementation projects can include:

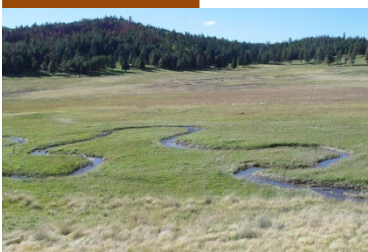
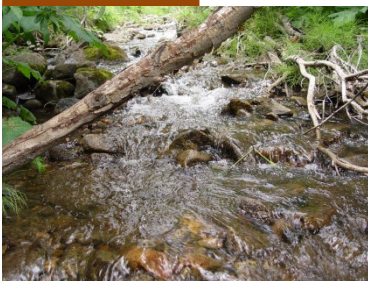
- Conventional implementation activities. For example, a project addressing sediment or turbidity may include rural road drainage improvements, gully treatments, and streambank stabilization.
- **Post-fire watershed restoration.**
- Outreach and education as described in the watershed-based plan.
- Minor updates of the watershed-based plan.
- Environmental and cultural clearances.
- Local coordination of programs with mandates to improve water quality.

For information on current projects (Section 319 and River Stewardship), visit:

www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/nmed_319_and_rsp_project_list

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\$100,000 per year in federal Section 319 funds are available to support watershed-based planning. **Approximately \$500,000 per year** are available to support implementation.



San Antonio Creek
Volunteers treat a gully on the Valles Caldera National Preserve



Lower Rio Grande
Paso del Norte Watershed Council evaluates Selden Drain



Pecos River
Respect the Rio program encourages river-friendly camping

PROJECT PRIORITIES AND SELECTION

Projects are selected in priority watersheds with waters that do not meet State Water Quality Standards. Projects chosen include:

- Focus on **Water Quality Standards attainment**.
- **Sound technical methods and a solid basis in planning**.
- A **strong team** including **local partners**.

The next application period will start in late 2022! To be notified of future funding opportunities, to receive our newsletters, and for other program updates, please [click here to subscribe to our email list](#).

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Bluewater Creek (2009)



Bluewater Creek after restoration

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