

Colorado Nonpoint Source Program

Our program works with partners to address nonpoint source pollution - before it impacts water quality and after impacts have occurred. As part of our annual funding cycle, we want to hear your nonpoint source project ideas.

We need you!
Help us address nonpoint source pollution and protect water quality.



Be part of the solution - just like

70+

watershed groups across Colorado

What is nonpoint source pollution?

Nonpoint source pollution (NPS) comes from land runoff, precipitation, atmospheric deposition, drainage, seepage or hydrologic changes. It is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands and eventually groundwater.



Program Highlights

Nonpoint source pollution is the biggest water quality problem

Most common NPS pollutants in Colorado rivers and lakes

Metals

Selenium

E. coli

Nitrogen & Phosphorus

Partnering with local groups for

28

years to address NPS pollutants

The Last 6 Years

14 Watershed plans

19 Legacy mining projects

8 Selenium projects

14 Projects addressing other NPS impacts

Project Types

Watershed plans and on-the-ground implementation of best management practices

Annual Funding Cycle

MONTH 1

Concept Paper & Feedback

In August, you have the option of submitting an outline of your project idea and we'll provide feedback.

MONTHS 3-6

Application Process

Beginning in October, you'll prepare an application to submit in January. We'll evaluate and rank the applications.

MONTH 8

Funding Decision

We'll recommend projects for funding to the Water Quality Control Commission in March for approval or disapproval.

MONTHS 9-20

Finalizing Project Plan

If your project is approved for funding, you'll draft a project implementation plan (PIP). We'll help you with the PIP and submit it to EPA for approval.

MONTHS 21-24

Contracting

Once the PIP is approved, we'll work with you to develop a statement of work and other materials needed to contract with us.

MONTH 24

Begin Your Project!

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