



Targeted Watersheds

Encouraging Successful Partnerships to Protect and Restore Water Resources



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New Programmatic Emphasis

The fundamental premise of the Targeted Watershed Grants program is that strong partnerships lead to measurable environmental results. Hence, the continuing goal of this program is to build on the successes of strong public/private partnerships who have been working hard to improve the state of their waterways. This program focuses on achieving incremental yet tangible on-the-ground results in a relatively short time period.

Nominees were required to set clearly articulated goals and objectives that include strong monitoring components. Watershed plans and project proposals were judged on criteria such as:

- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Environmental Results
- ◆ Broad Support
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Financial Integrity

Celebrating a New Name

To celebrate the completion of a very successful inaugural year, EPA's Watershed Initiative has a new name. It is now called the *Targeted Watersheds Grants* program. In this second year, approximately \$15 million will

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In addition, this year a programmatic emphasis is being placed on proposals that incorporate market-based incentives, or relate to nutrient loading of the Mississippi River basin which results in hypoxia (dead zone) in the Gulf of Mexico.

The list below includes the watersheds that have proved to best meet the goals and objectives of the Targeted Watershed Grants Program for this year. From the outset, the Targeted Watersheds Program has produced a lot of excitement and renewed enthusiasm for watershed partnerships across the country. While competition was high, the myriad of watershed associations, councils, consortia, *etc.* are to be commended for submitting quality nominations worthy of recognition.

The selected fourteen watersheds cover more than 20,000 square miles of the nation's lakes, rivers, and streams. The watershed organizations will use the funds toward a variety of restoration, protection and trading projects. Money will be used to stabilize stream banks, demonstrate innovative nutrient management schemes, establish pollutant credits, and work with local governments and private citizens to promote sustainable practices and strategies. Grants will range from \$700,00 to \$1,300,000, with an additional 25% leveraged from other sources.



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For more information about EPA's Targeted Watersheds Program, please visit our web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative>



<i>Watershed</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Location</i>
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Nashua River	Nashua River Watershed Association Elizabeth Ainsley Campbell sley.campbell@NashuaRiverWatershed.org	MA, NH (978) 448-0299
Ipswich River	MA Department of Conservation Sara Cohen, sara.cohen@state.ma.us	MA (617) 626-1374
Passaic River	Rutgers University Christopher Obropta obropta@envsci.rutgers.edu	NJ (732) 932-4917
Schuylkill River	The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary Kathy Klein, kklein@delawareestuary.org	PA (302) 655-4990
Cape Fear River	Cape Fear River Assembly Don Freeman, Jr., cfra@faynet.org	NC (910) 223-4601
Kalamzoo River	The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of the Pottawatomi Indians David Sprague, http://www.mbpi.org	MI (616) 681-8830
Upper Sangamon River	Agricultural Watershed Institute Stephen John, epeinc@aol.com	IL (217) 429-3290
Fourche Creek	Audubon Arkansas Rob Fisher, rfisher@audubon.org	AR (501) 244-2229
Upper Mississippi River	Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Dean Lemke, dean.lemke@idals.state.ia.us	IA (515) 281-3963
Bear River	Bear River Commission Jack Barnett, jbarnett@barnettwater.com	UT, WY, ID (801) 292-4662
Lake Tahoe	CA Regional Water Quality Board Dave Roberts, droberts@rb6s.swrcb.ca.gov	CA, NV (530) 542-5469
Dungeness River	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Lyn Muench, 1lmuench@jamestowntribe.org	WA (360) 681-463
Siuslaw River	Pacific Coast Watershed Partnership Brent Davis, 1brent@ecotrust.org	OR (503) 467-076
Kenai River	Kenaitze Indian Tribe Rita Smagge	AK (907) 283-3633