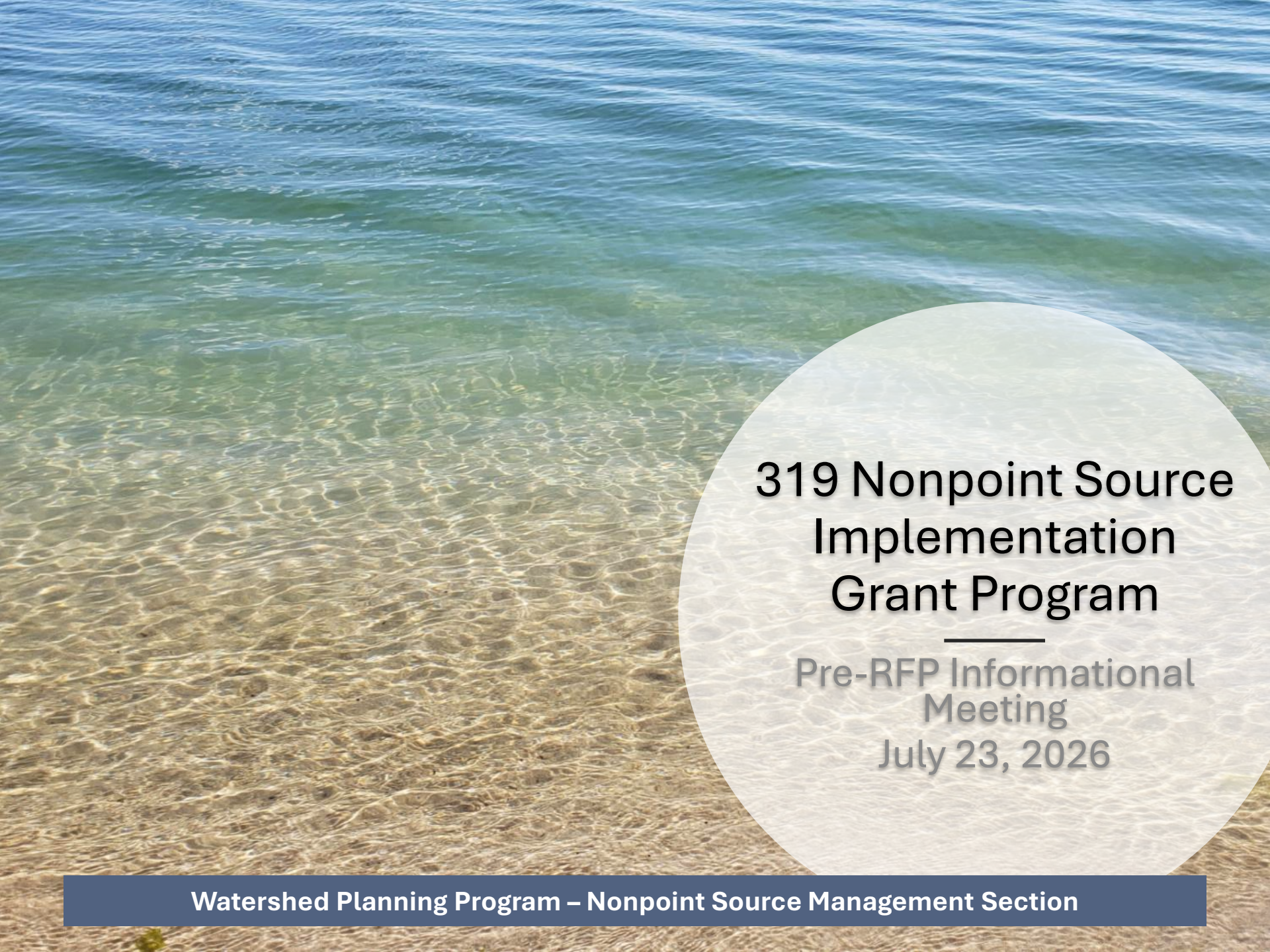


319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Program

Pre-RFP Informational Meeting
July 23, 2026

Watershed Planning Program – Nonpoint Source Management Section

Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution is unregulated overland runoff

- NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.
- Unlike “point source” pollution from regulated industrial discharges and sewage treatment plants, NPS pollution comes from many diffuse sources.

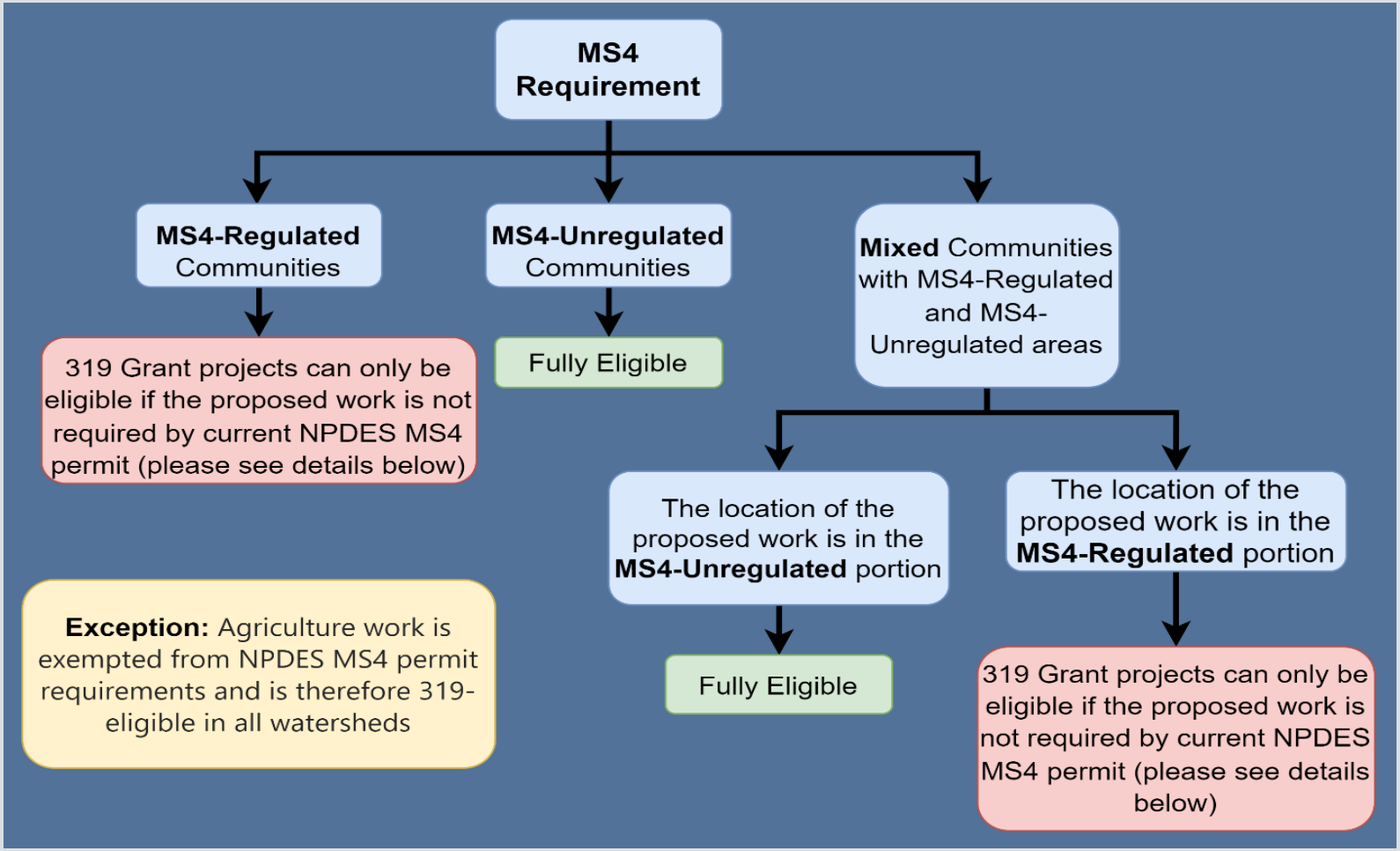
Overview

- Section 319 of the Clean Water Act: address nonpoint source (NPS) water pollution
- Grants for the prevention, control, and abatement of NPS pollution to restore or protect water quality pursuant to the Clean Water Act and the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards

Eligibility

- Any public or private organization.
- This can include State and Federally Recognized Tribes, Regional Planning Agencies, Councils of Governments, Counties, Conservation Districts, Cities and Towns, other substate public planning agencies and interstate agencies.
- Projects can be located in MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) areas if they meet CWA s.319 grant program requirements and will be completed before they are required by the permit.

MS4 Area Eligibility



303(d): Impaired Waters List

- Biennial submission by states and tribes to EPA for review and approval
- List of waters currently not meeting water quality standards
- Most recent Integrated List of Waters for 2022: https://www.mass.gov/doc/final-massachusetts-integrated-list-of-waters-for-the-clean-water-act-2022-reporting-cycle/download

Integrated List of Waters - Five Categories

- 1 – “Waters Attaining All Designated Uses
- 2 – “Waters Attaining Some Use But Not Assessed For All Uses”
- 3 – “No Uses Have Been Assessed”
- 4A – “Waters where TMDLs have Been Completed”
- 4B – “Impairment Controlled by Alternative Pollution Control Requirements
- 4C – “Waters Where an Impairment is NOT Caused by a Pollutant”
- 5 – “Waters Impaired and Requiring a TMDL”

Eligible Project Types

- Implementation Projects (BMPs) to Restore Impaired Waters
- Implementation Projects to Protect Healthy Waters
- Implementation Projects to Restore Nitrogen-Impacted Coastal Waters

Competitive Proposals

- Advances NPS program goals
- Incorporates watershed-based approach
- Implementation project based on WBP
- Feasibility (permits, timeline, stakeholder support, access, etc.)
- Address a significant amount of the major source(s) of impairment, quantified
- Project is ready to go
- More info on competitiveness inside the RFP

Evaluation Criteria

- Completion of Eligibility Form
- Watershed-Based Plan
- Problem Definition
- Strategy/Approach
- Feasibility
- Permitting
- Pollutant Load Reductions
- Active and Comprehensive Community Engagement
- NPS Priority Project
- Applicant's technical/project management strength
- Quality and Responsiveness

General Application Advice

- ***Assume the reviewer is not familiar with the project***
- Project is focused on remediating NPS pollution
- Pay attention to evaluation criteria
- **Budget** – Salary (list staff and salary range), Subcontracts, Materials and Supplies, Mileage ($0.70 per mile) only – no "Travel"
- **Adequate Designs** – conceptual or better plans
- Estimated **Pollutant Removal** Numbers – in pounds/CFUs/tons – for implementation projects
- **Six Good Faith Efforts** - Grantee must comply with DBE
- **Letters of support** from all contributing financial or in-kind match, and owner or manager of the project site as appropriate

Funding

- Approx. $2.5 million implementation projects
- 15-30 projects anticipated
- 0% non-federal match required this grant cycle
- Approx. 2.5 years duration
- Reimbursement basis
- 10% retainage is withheld

Procurement Schedule

- Request for Proposals issued August 19 (planned)
  - Posted on COMMBUYS, MassDEP website, and email blast
  - Once RFP is issued no project-specific communication allowed.
- Proposals are due October 14, 2026 (planned)
- Applicants notified in Winter 2027
- Contract start date late Winter/Spring 2027

Additional Resources

INSPIRE Tool for NPS Capacity Building (including examples of past projects): https://www.mass.gov/info-details/inspire-tool-for-nonpoint-source-capacity-building

Massachusetts 2022 Integrated List of Waters, Assessment Reports, Draft and Final TMDL analyses: Integrated Lists of Waters & Related Reports | Mass.gov

The Clean Water Toolkit

A manual in electronic format that provides an overview of nonpoint source related issues, fact sheets and detailed information about best management practices to address nonpoint source problems: http://prj.geosyntec.com/npsmanual/default.aspx

Watershed-Based Planning Tool

The WBP will guide a user to select a watershed and complete the nine elements necessary to comprise a watershed-based plan: http://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWBP

- WBP-Tool Provisional Review Checklist and Rating Scoresheet
- Example Completed WBPs

Additional Resources (continued)

MassDEP Grants and Financial Assistance

Grants & Financial Assistance: Watersheds & Water Quality | Mass.gov

Stormwater:

- MA Stormwater Handbook
- Massachusetts Watershed Coalition: BMP Cost Catalog
- *University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center:* http://www.unh.edu/unhsc/
- *Stormwater Policy and General Publications:* https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stormwater
- *Cornell Extreme Precipitation Analysis* - website, providing rainfall analysis calibrated to the present climate: http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/
- EPA's Opti-Tool - Cost Information: https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/opti-tool-epa-region-1s-stormwater-management-optimization-tool

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Raingarden 1 - Leominster

Raingarden 2- Leominster

Biofiltration Basin – Old Reservoir, Lexington

Lake Congamond-Southwick

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Cohasset: Interceptor Tank and Subsurface Infiltration System

Stoughton: Interceptor Tank and Subsurface Infiltration System

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Mystic River Watershed: Small-scale Infiltration BMPs

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Questions

MassDEP Grants Website:

https://www.mass.gov/service-details/available-funding-for-stormwater-projects-in-massachusetts

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