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### **Massachusetts Watershed Based Plans**

#### **Massachusetts s.319 Program Challenges**

- Nearly half of MA regulated as MS4
- 319 funds cannot be applied to regulated stormwater
- Problems require complex, multi-year projects
- An integrated approach to polluted runoff is needed



### **Massachusetts Watershed Based Plans**

### WBPs not just for 319s!

- MS4 SWMPs
- TMDL program vision / alternative TMDLs
- Lake /watershed groups
- Municipal planning efforts
- Education/outreach
- Partner programs and agencies





## **Project Vision**







# Thousands of watersheds - carefully tailored to the correct scale for planning



**Rivers** 



Lakes/Ponds



Coastal Watersheds



MS4s





Simplify and support statewide WBP development with web-based **resources**, tools, and guidance.

#### **9 Required Elements of a WBP**

- A. ID causes /sources of pollution requiring control.
- B. Determine pollutant load reductions needed.
- C. Develop measures to achieve water quality goals.
- D. Determine technical/financial assistance needed.
- E. Information/education component.
- F. Develop implementation schedule.
- G: Develop interim milestones to track implementation.
- H: Develop criteria to measure progress towards goals.
- I: Monitoring component.



### Water Quality Modeling





Hydrologic Response Unit (HRU) Characterization

- Impervious Cover (MassGIS)
- Land Use (MassGIS)
- Soil Hydrologic Group (USDA)

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