

## Nonpoint Source Management Program (Section 319 Program)

The [Nonpoint Source Management Program](#) (NPS) is part of DEP's Chesapeake Bay Office, Watershed Support Section, and provides grants to assist watershed associations, county conservation districts, and other non-profit organizations in addressing a host of environmental issues. This grant program manages funds awarded to DEP from EPA through the Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant program. Funds awarded to DEP are used to fund programmatic efforts and as sub-grants to local partners for the implementation of water quality improvement projects specified in EPA-approved [Watershed Implementation Plans](#) (WIPs). The NPS Management Program provides technical support to local groups interested in preparing WIPs, with priority given to groups working actively in watersheds with significant nonpoint source water quality impairments and one or more TMDLs, where watershed assessments and/or restoration plans have been completed. Projects funded include abandoned mine drainage treatment, minimization of agricultural and urban stormwater run-off, and natural channel design/stream restoration projects.

Between October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020, more than \$4.8 million was awarded to projects in watersheds with WIPs and DEP internal projects, such as personnel. Most of the funding is split into four categories or sectors, depending on the type of project or NPS pollution, Table 1. For the same period, these grants have installed numerous Best Management Practices (BMPs), Table 2.

**Table 1.** Funding per NPS type in the 2019 and 2020 grant year

NPS Type	Funding
Abandoned Mine drainage	\$1,227,174
Agriculture	\$586,831
Urban Runoff and Stream Restoration	\$1,271,618
Other (DEP internal projects)	\$1,714,377

**Table 2.** BMPs installed in the 2019 and 2020 grant year

NPS Type	BMP Type	Number Installed
Abandoned Mine drainage	Treatment Systems	1
Abandoned Mine drainage	Conservation District Mining Programs	2
Agriculture	Waste Storage Systems	2
Agriculture	Livestock Exclusion Fencing with Buffers	2
Agriculture	Barnyard BMPs	6
Urban Runoff and Stream Restoration	Stream Restoration Projects	3
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