


What Makes a Good Project, a *Good Project*?

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Example Statements:
"This project will be the 5th project implemented in this sub-watershed and the 15th of this WIP."

"With the completion of this project, we will achieve 80% of our goal to implement [X quantity] of [BMP]."

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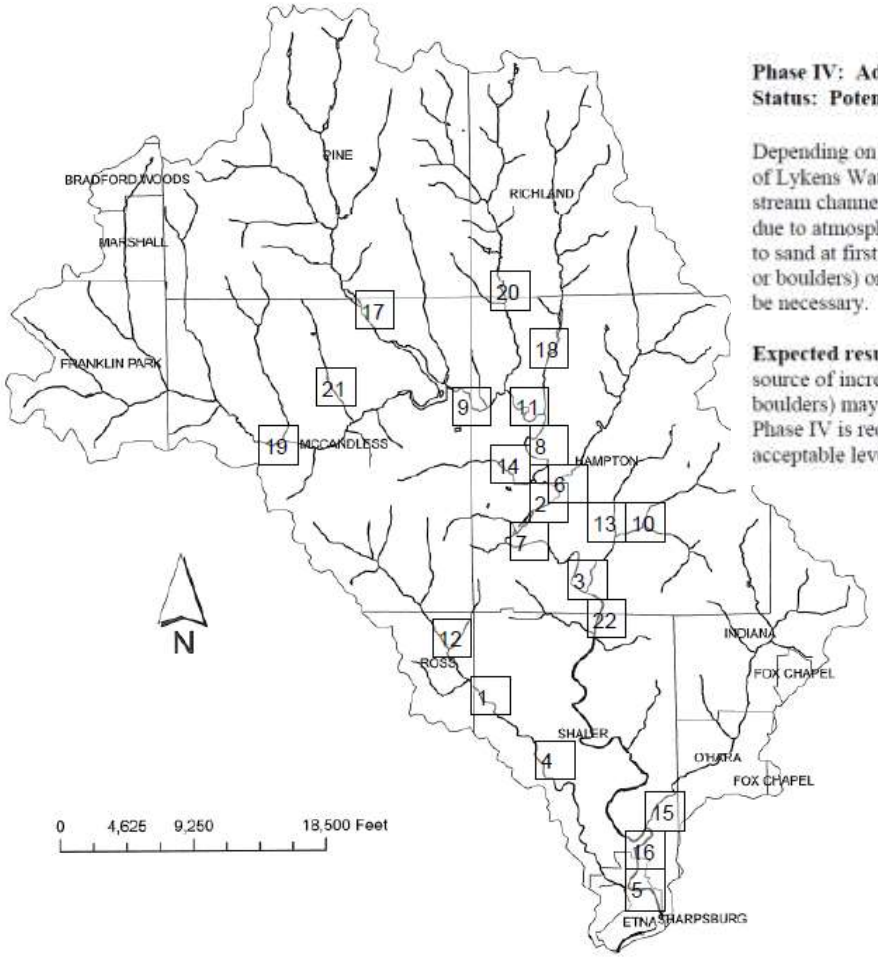

Map 4-2: Potential Pine Creek Stream Restoration Projects

Phase IV: Addition of limestone to Bear Creek and Unnamed Tributary.
Status: Potential Future Project if found to be necessary

Depending on the results of investigations as to the source(s) of acidity in Bear Creek upstream of Lykens Water Level Tunnel and the Unnamed Tributary, the addition of limestone to the stream channel(s) may prove useful at these sites as a way to treat the diffuse source of acidity due to atmospheric deposition. The size of the limestone placed in the channel may be similar to sand at first but may transition to larger sizes that last much longer in the stream (ie. Cobble or boulders) once the initial desired effect is achieved. Periodic replenishing of limestone may be necessary.

Expected results: If atmospheric deposition or small acidic discharges are found to be the source of increased acidity/ depressed pH, the addition of the limestone (sand, cobble, or boulders) may increase the buffering capacity of the affected areas. It is anticipated that if Phase IV is required and then completed, pH levels in these affected areas would rise to acceptable levels.

No two WIPs look exactly the same, but most will have some specific projects detailed in the document. Some may be in map form, others in list or table form. A ***Good Project*** will state which project is being implemented.

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Management Plan

Concept

1. Project should work to accomplish ***a "goal" of the Management Plan.***
2. Project should work to accomplish a quantitative **"objective" of the Management Plan**
   - See Appendix A of the Management Plan
   - See Appendix A and B of the 2015 NPS Annual Report.

Application

- Applicable Grant Application sections:
  - Executive Summary
  - Work Plan
- State which Goal and Objective are being considered
- Include quantities

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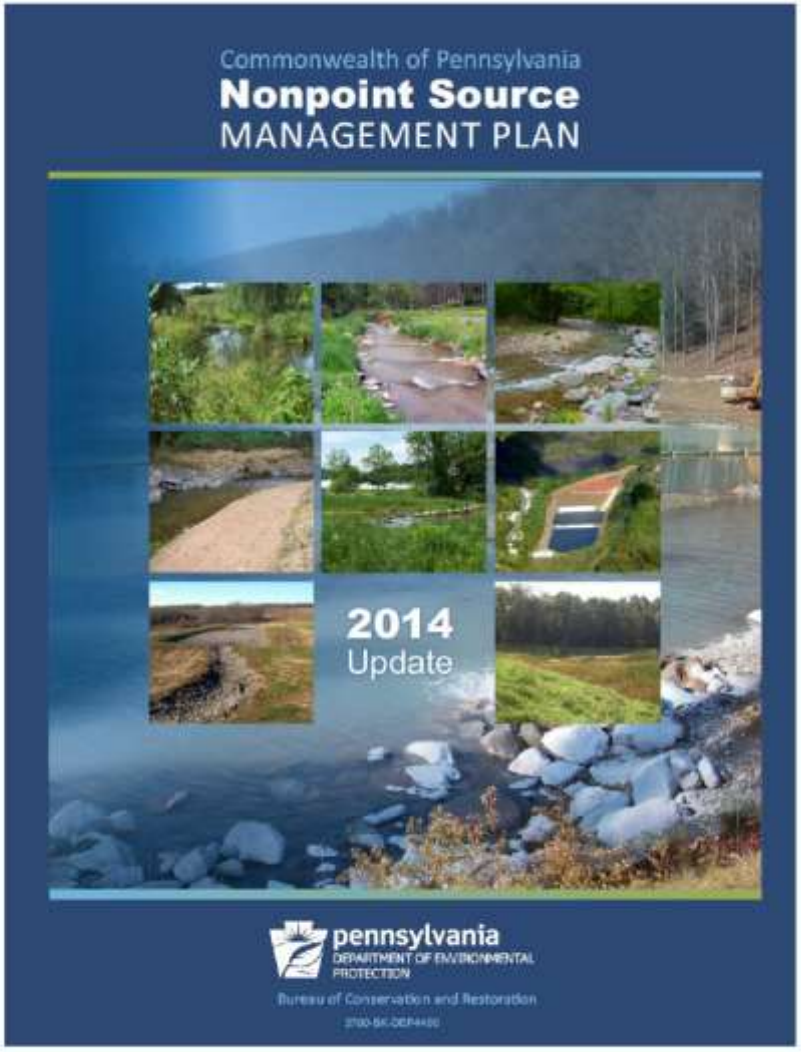
Management Plan



Appendix A-Tracking Table

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	1.3 Provide funding and other assistance for the installation of four new AMD treatment systems annually for the next 5 years.					
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	1.5 Plug 40 oil and gas wells each year for the next five years.					
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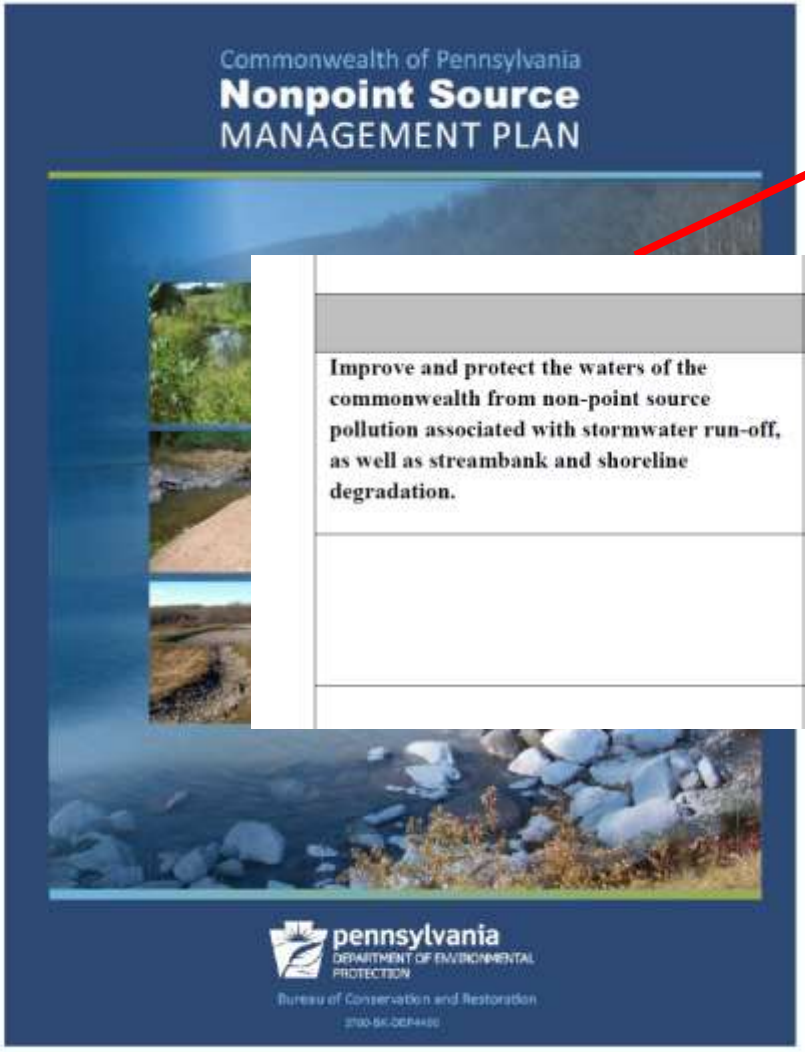

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	3.4 Implement 40 new, state-funded stream restoration and/or stormwater management projects annually for the next five years.		
	3.5 Address 500 new Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume (DGLV) Road sites each		

Integrated List

Concept

1. Reference the integrated list
   - Can be found as a document (Google “PA DEP 2014 Integrated List”
   - Can be found as a map (eMapPA)

Application

- Applicable Grant Application sections:
  - Executive Summary
  - Work Plan
- State on which list the receiving waters are found
- State which designated uses are impaired
- State the listed sources of impairment.

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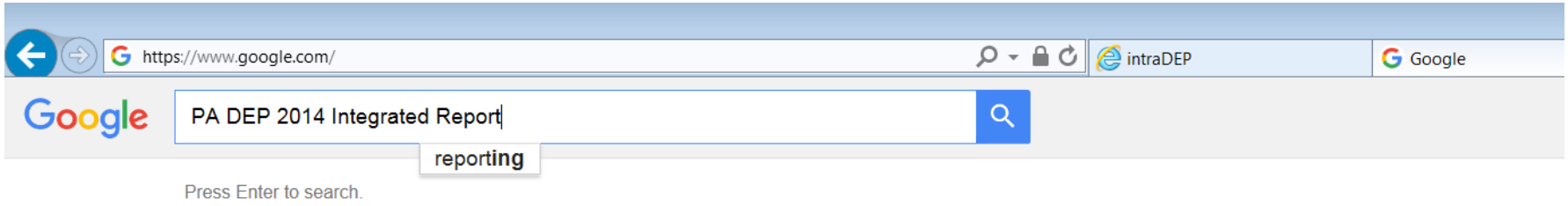

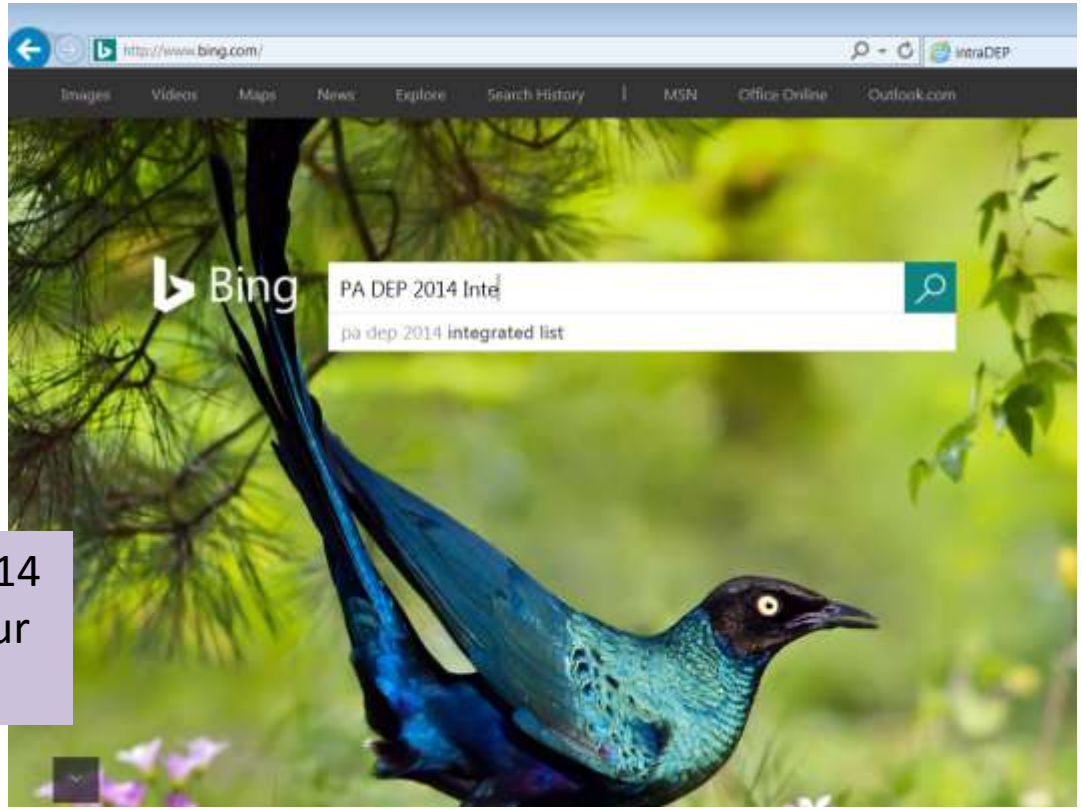

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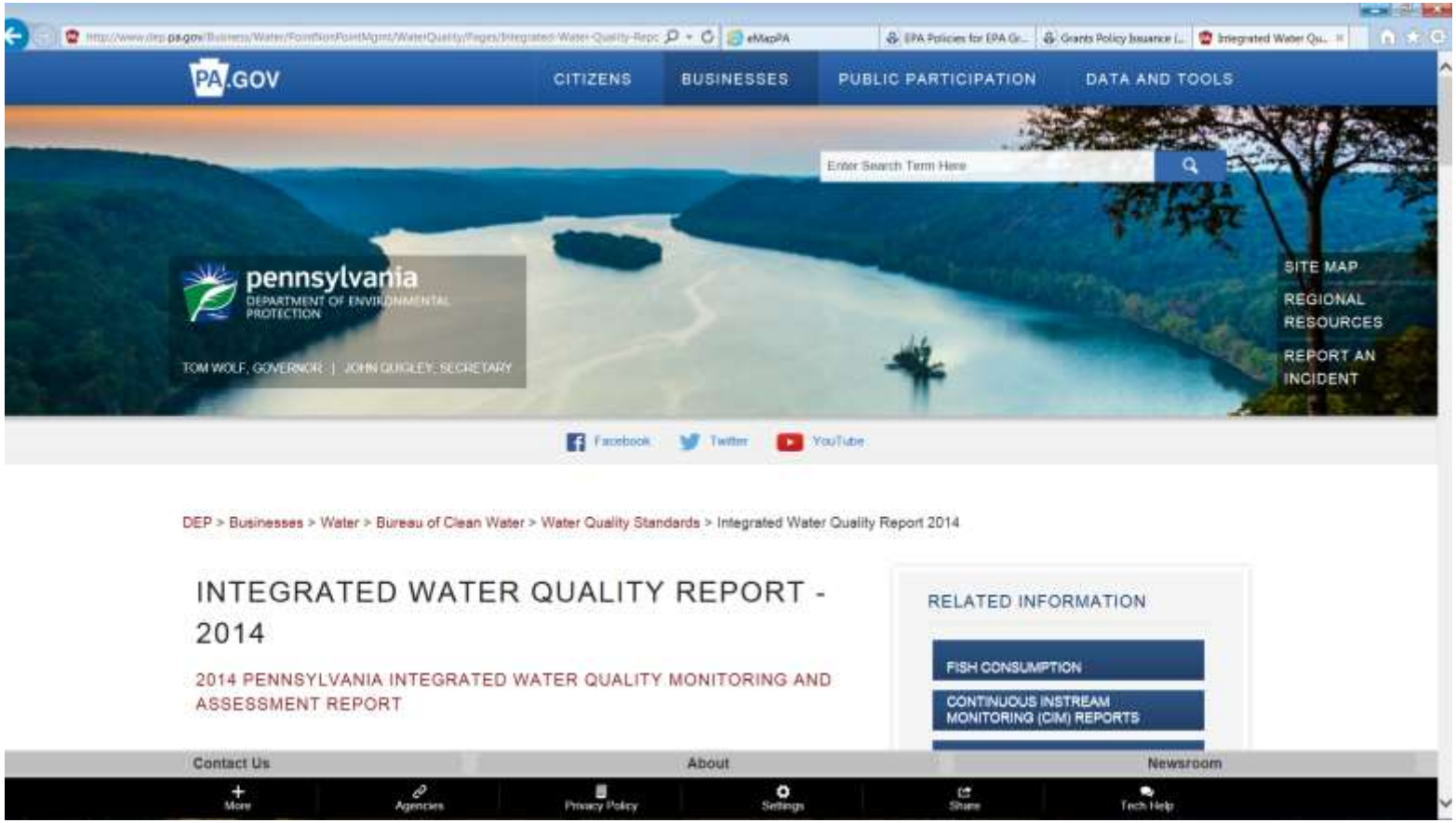

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Lakes (PDF)	
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Lakes (PDF)	
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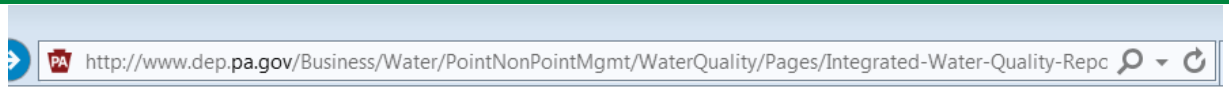

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Insider's tip: when searching the IL, CTRL + F is your friend. (aka: using "find" is a great way to save time).

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2014 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report - Streams, Category 5 Waterbodies, Pollutants Requiring a TMDL

Stream Name HUC / Use Assessed (Assessment ID) - Miles	Source	Cause	Date Listed	TMDL Date
Buffalo Run HUC: 05010009				
Aquatic Life (6814) - 1.5 miles	On site Wastewater	Nutrients	2006	2019
Crouse Run HUC: 05010009				
Aquatic Life (10944) - 4.21 miles	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	Nutrients	2002	2015
Crouse Run Unnamed Of (ID:123972143) HUC: 05010009				
Aquatic Life (10946) - 0.89 miles	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	Nutrients	2002	2015

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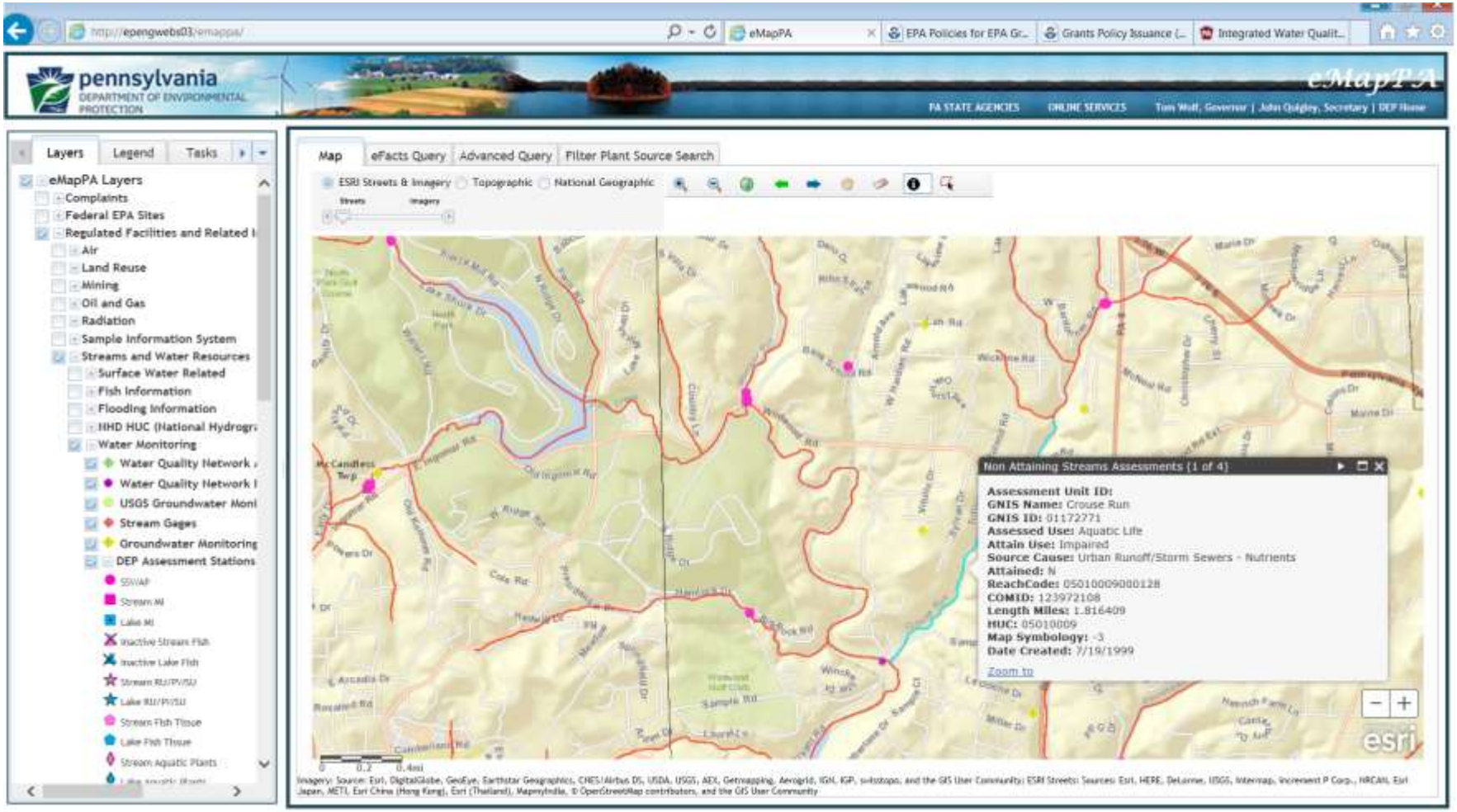

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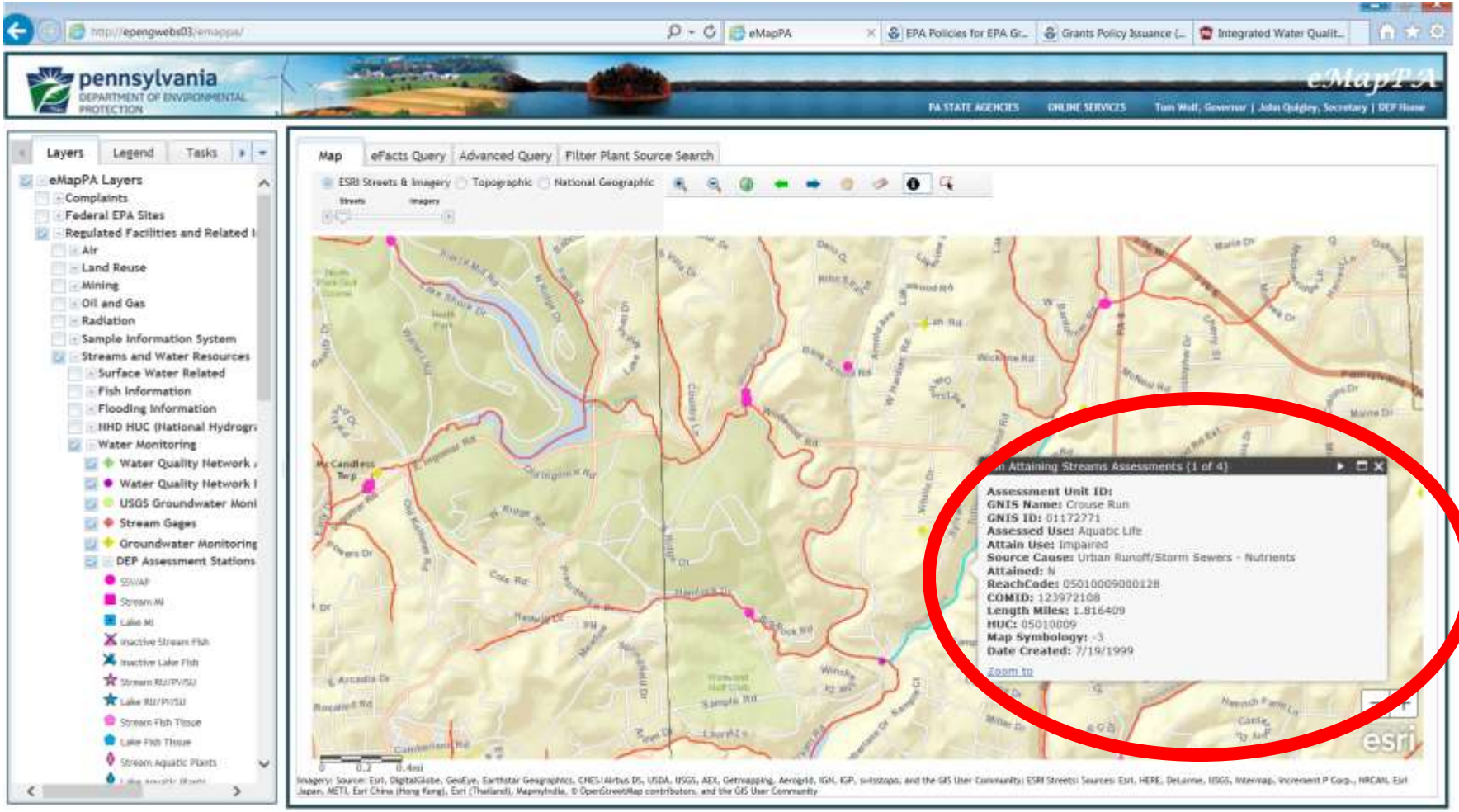

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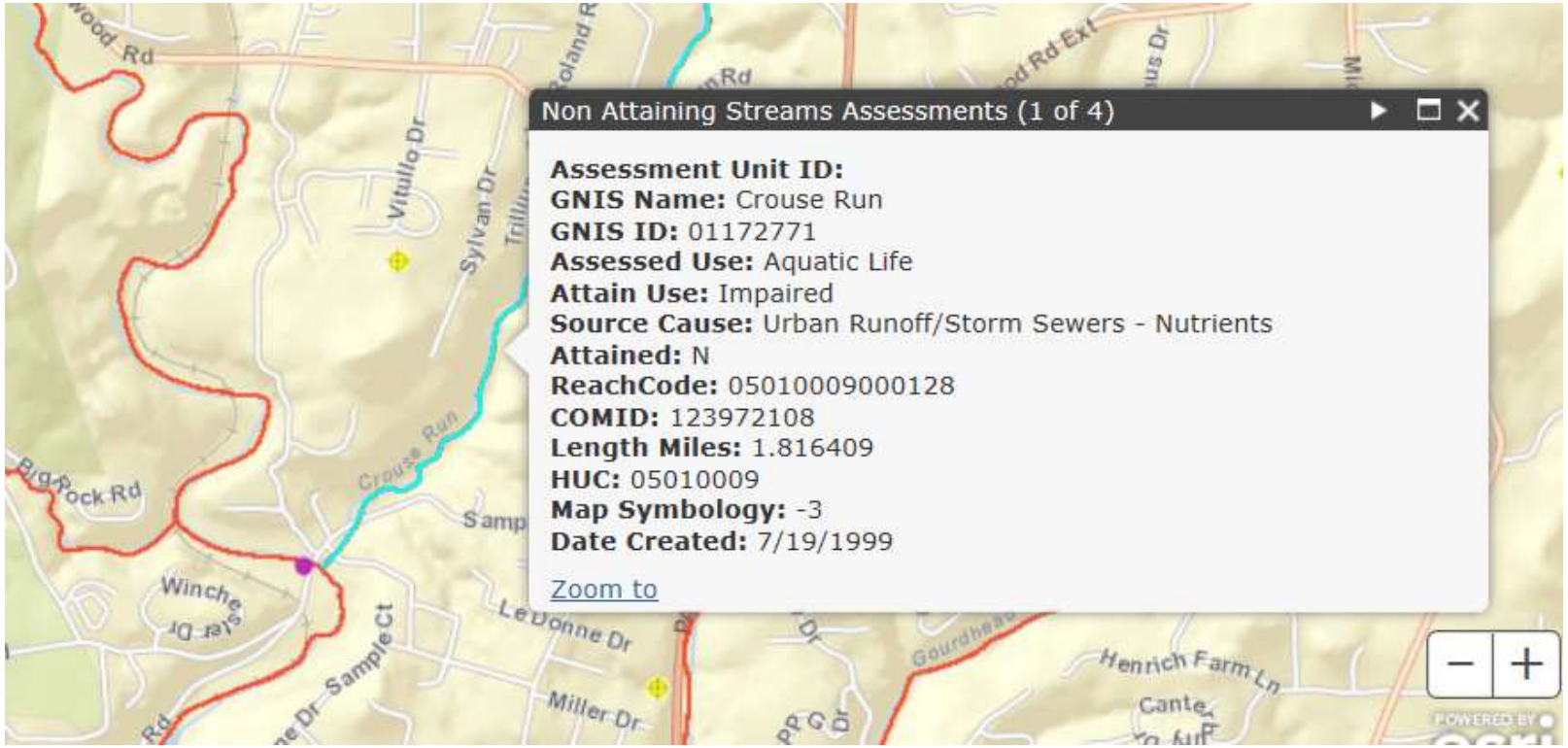

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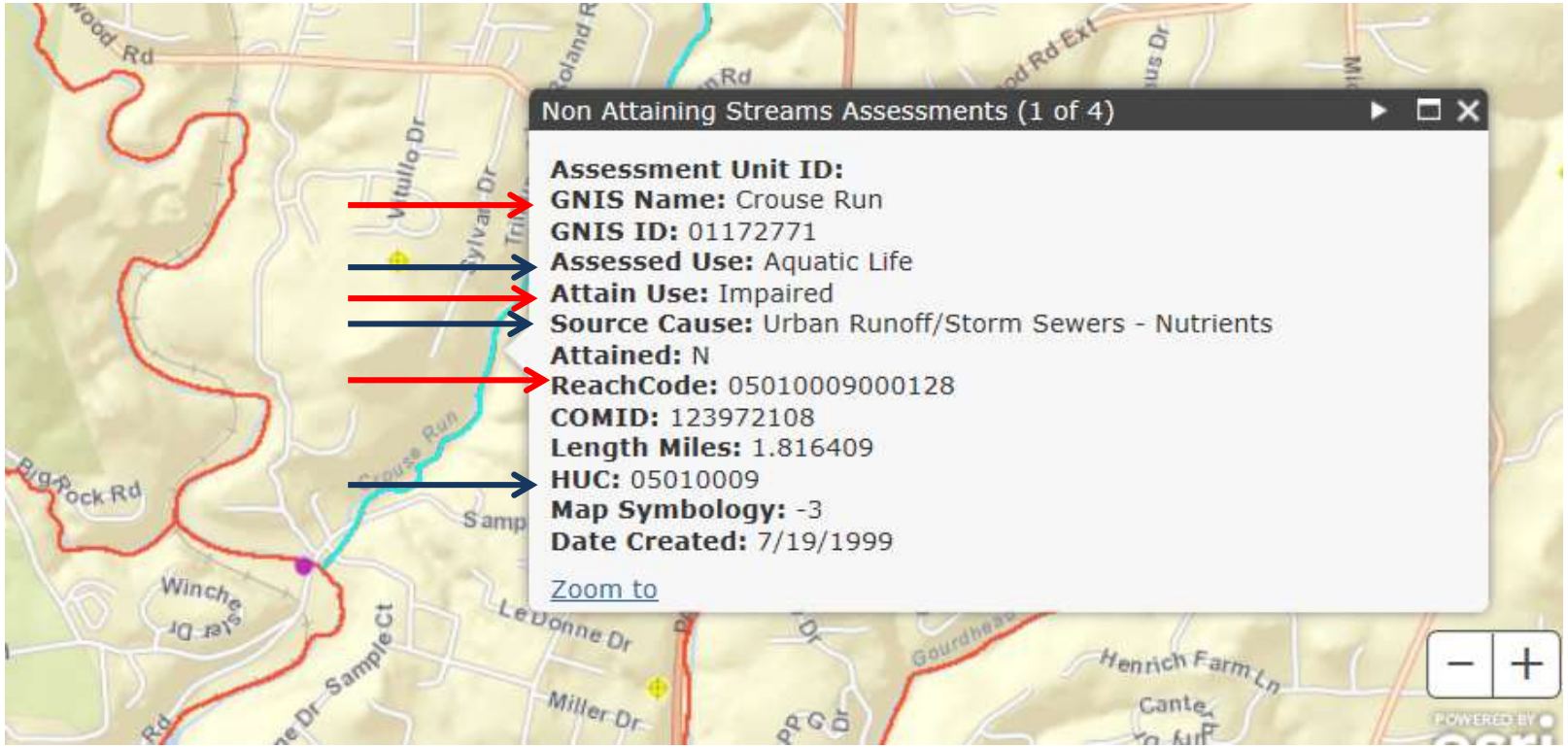

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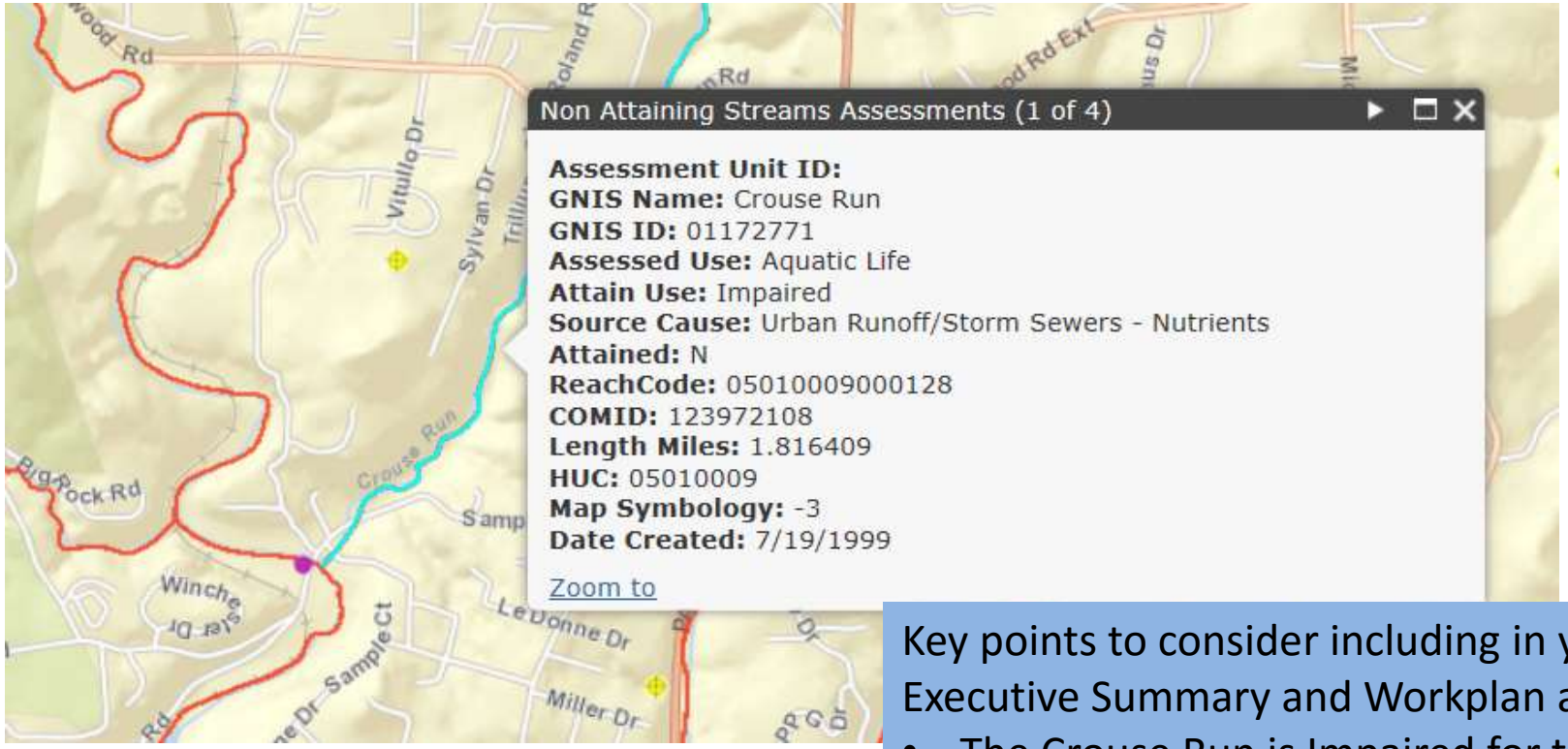

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Key points to consider including in your Executive Summary and Workplan are:

- The Crouse Run is Impaired for the Aquatic Life use,
- by nutrients as a result of Urban Runoff/Storm sewers,
- and is found on Lists 4a & 5 of the IL.

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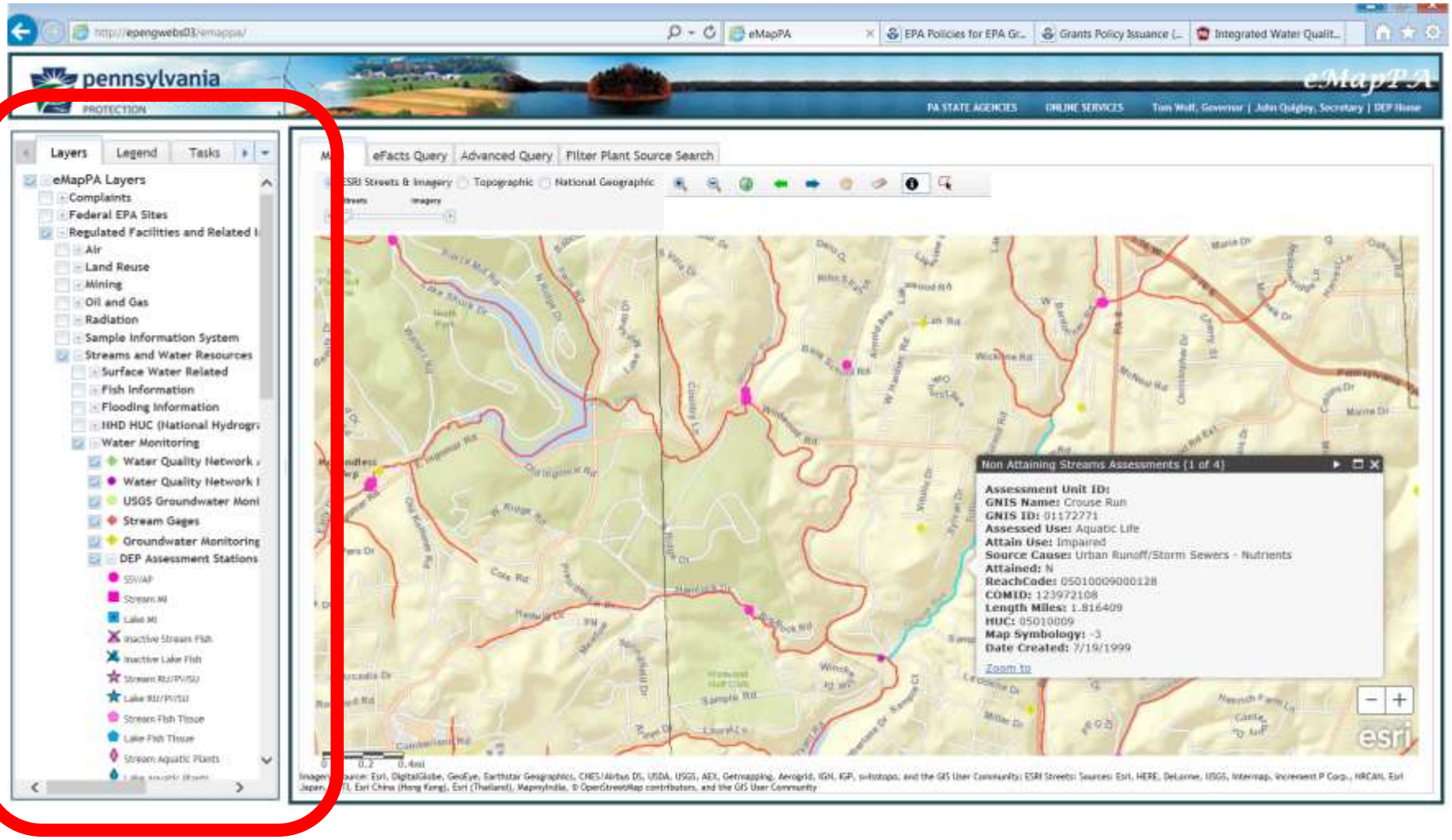

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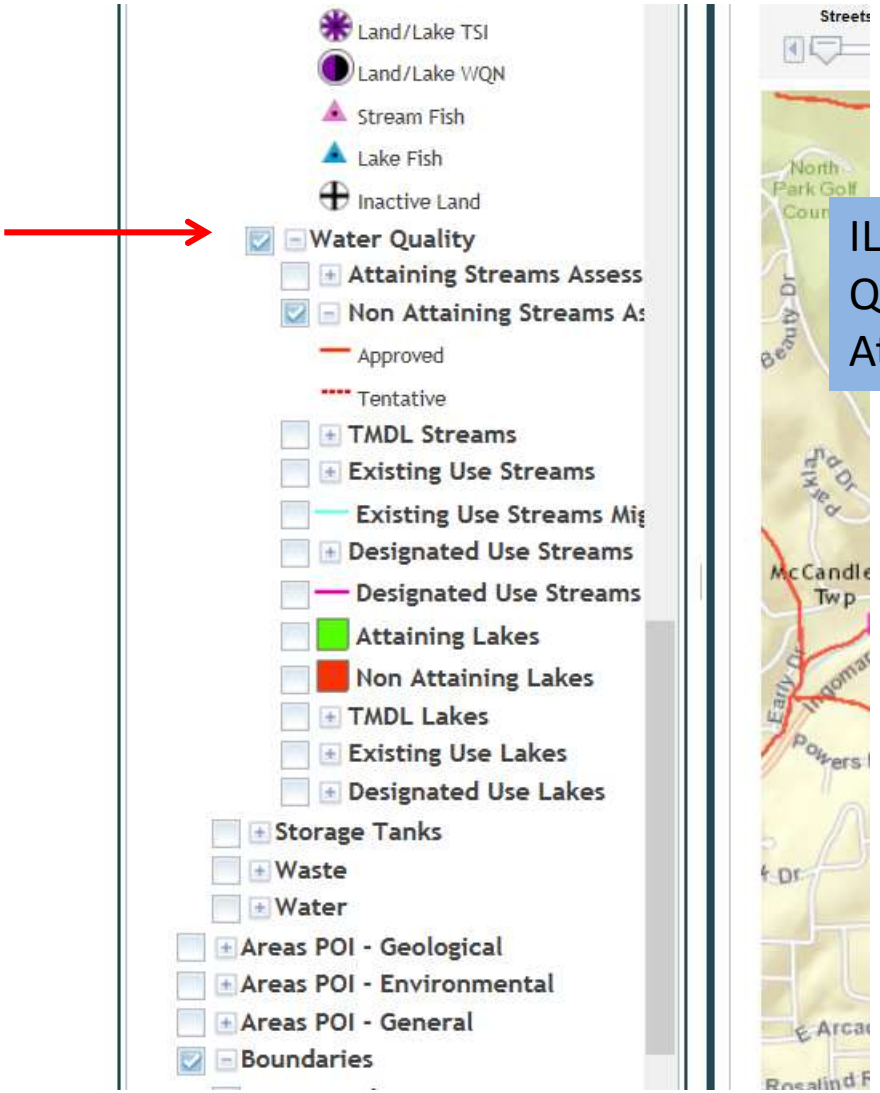

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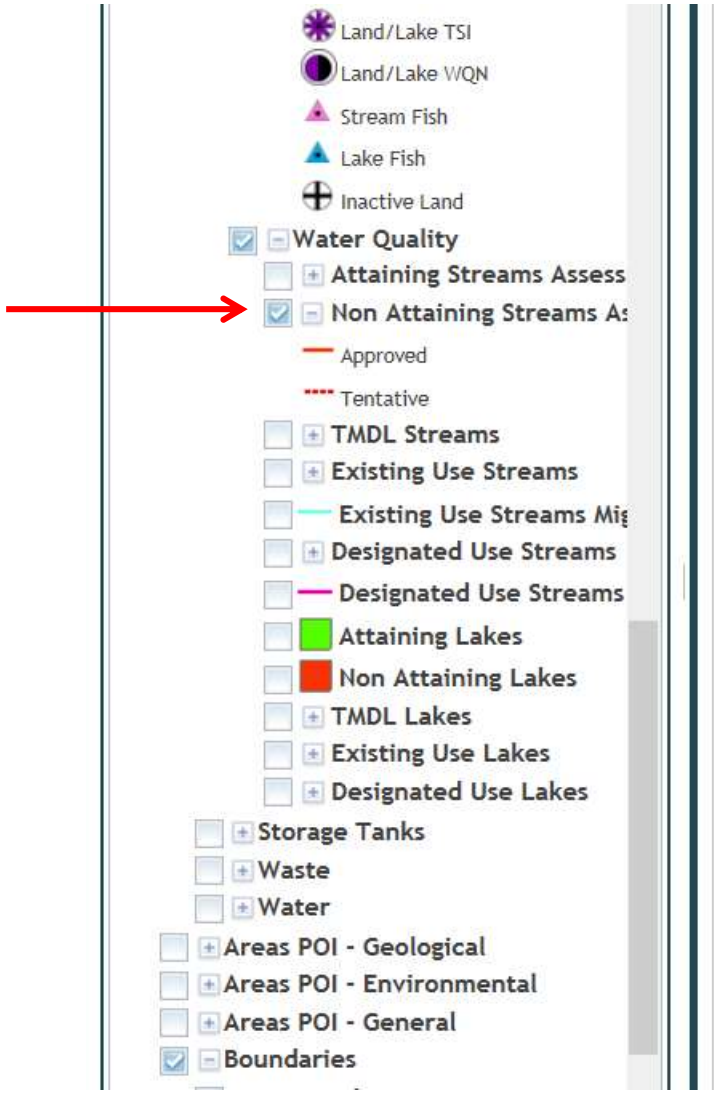

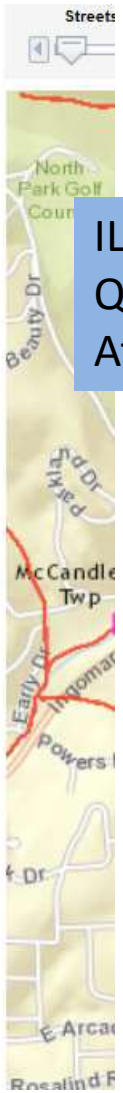

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Partnering

Concept

1. Since we all benefit from healthy waters, many partners may be involved with a project.
2. Logical partners include:
    1. Local Governments
    2. Watershed Associations/NGOs
    3. State agencies (DCNR, FBC, PGC)
    4. Schools (ES, MS, HS, College/Univ.)
    5. Businesses
    6. Places of worship
    7. Individual citizens

Application

- Applicable Grant Application sections:
  - Executive Summary
  - Work Plan
- Clearly and succinctly state each partner and the role of each partner.
- Know that some partners offer land or funds, others may offer labor, technical resources etc.

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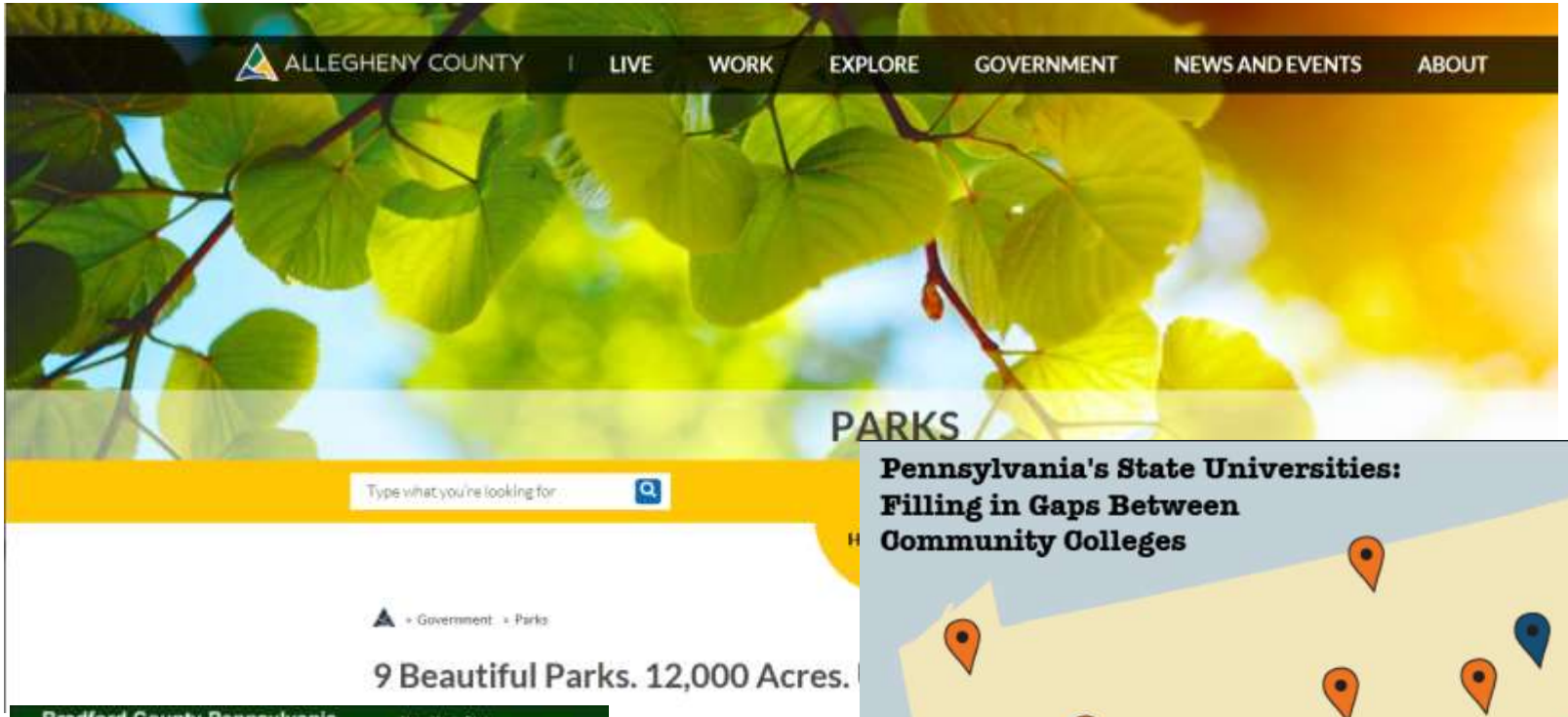
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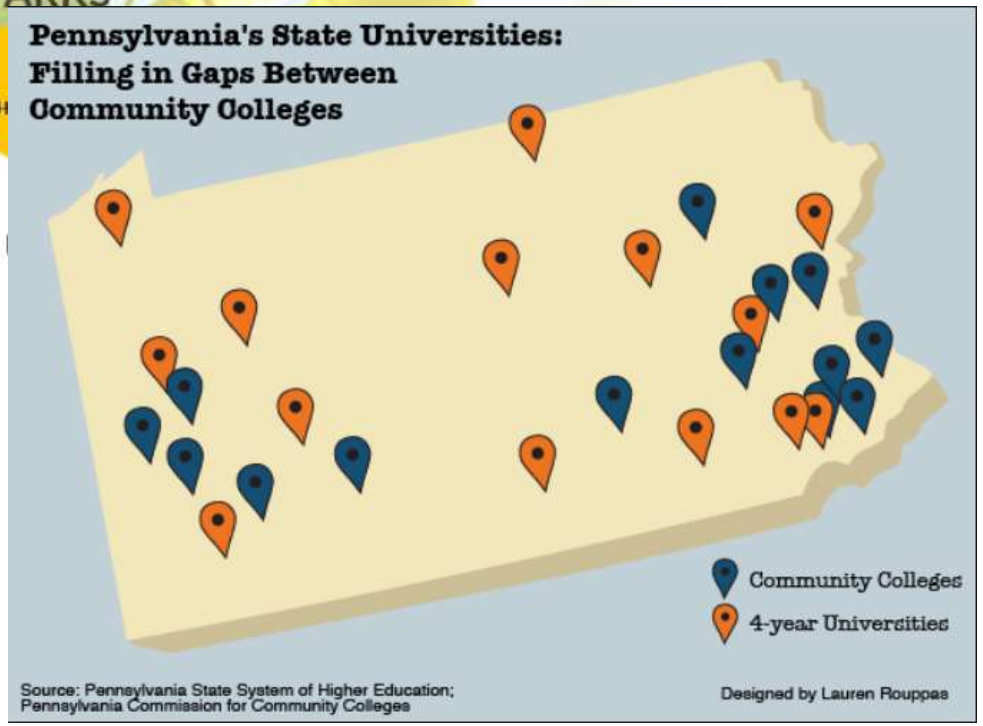
Pennsylvania's State Universities:
Filling in Gaps Between
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Community Colleges
4-year Universities
Source: Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education;
Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges
Designed by Lauren Rouppas

Partnering

Concept

1. **Different partners** may have **different goals.**
2. Schools may want hands-on learning, students may want work experience, DCNR and FBC may have unique program-specific objectives (as does DEP).
3. While we all want healthy waters, we may not all be working off the same document. **(ex: WIP/RCP)**

Application

- Applicable Grant Application sections:
  - Work Plan
- Clearly and succinctly state how the project will **benefit each unique partner** (if there is a clear benefit for each partner.

(*Note: This applies more to agency and ed partners (DCNR, FBC, colleges etc. and may apply less to other partners).*

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Lakes — Streams
Habitat is the place where a plant or animal is naturally found. Impro
around waterways results in healthier, more diverse aquatic commu
benefits those of us who enjoy Pennsylvania's water resources and
them home. The Fish and Boat Commission works to improve habita
from assisting sportsmen groups and conservation on projects to im
lakes and streams, coordinating the removal of dams and other bloc
movement and providing technical guidance on designing riparian b
Lakes / Impoundments
Lake Habitat Management
Lake Habitat Improvement Maps
Our Habitat Activities Story map
2016 Field Schedule


Pennsylvania Water Trails
Oil City
Scranton
Williamsport
Pittsbur


2015 Pennsylvania River of the Year
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Rivers Registry
Funded in part by grants from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, the Rivers Registry is a component of the Community Conservation Partnerships Program. These rivers conservation plans have been approved for placement on the registry by DCNR because they meet or exceed the minimum standards in our Rivers Conservation Planning Program.
Rivers Registry Map
for a more detailed look, please take a look at the interactive rivers registry map.
To view plans from the Pennsylvania Rivers Registry click on the individual plans from the list below.

Synergism, locally.

Concept

1. In most cases, a proposed project isn't the first project in a WIP watershed.
2. *Not all projects/BMPs are 319 funded projects and BMPs.*
3. **Functional watershed scale** is, in most cases, between 2 mi^2 and 10 mi^2

Synergism: *"interaction of [items, entities, or conditions] such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects."* –Merriam-Webster

Application

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  - Work Plan
- Clearly and succinctly list and/or describe other work which has already been done in this watershed and **how the proposed project will compliment that earlier work.**

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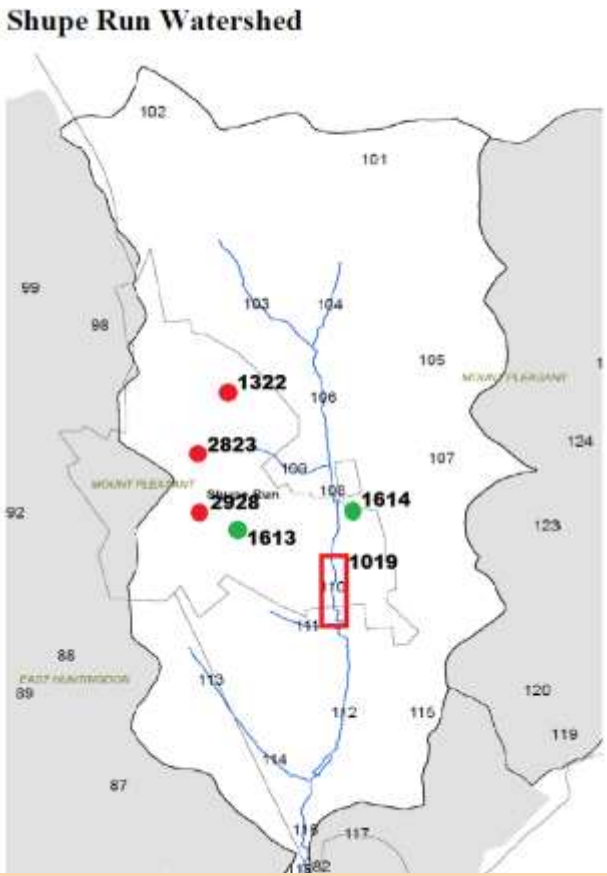

Including a map showing locations of completed work and proposed work is a great way to show how the proposed projects will compliment existing/completed projects.

GRANTS ISSUED IN SHUPE RUN:

2823: Mount Pleasant Boro Stormwater Retrofit Project (Design and Construction)

2928: Mount Pleasant Boro Stormwater Retrofit Ph II

1019: Shupe Run Streambank Restoration Ph II

1222: Mount Pleasant/Shupe Run Stormwater Retrofits (design)

1322: Green Infrastructure development in Mount Pleasant (design and construction)

1419: Mount Pleasant/Shupe Run Stormwater Retrofit Project (Construction)

1613: Mount Pleasant Plaza Storm Water Retrofit

1614: Mount Pleasant Shop N Save

Grant Funds and Results

Grant Number	Grant Amount	BMPs/Project Description
2823	$72,327	Raingardens in Muni and public parking areas
2928	$475,250	D&C for bioretention and infiltration BMPs (rain gardens) Frick Hospital and Boro building
1019	$88,250	Restore 1,000 of Shupe Run (Site #110 in WIP)
1222	$60,000	Design for BMPs in and around the MHP
1322	$131,250	3 Tasks, Design Work (Rt 31, Shop n Save, and Kennedy Ave)
1419	$545,399	Polish Falcons parking lot and MHP
1613		Porous Pavt, Water Quality Inlets, ...
1614		Porous Pavt, Water Quality Inlets, ...
Running Total:	**$1,372,476**	

Including a list of previous projects in the subwatersheds and/or brief descriptions of completed work is helpful.

GRTS may be a good site to gather this info.

Cost Effective and Low Maintenance

Concept

1. Relative to the BMP, pollutant source and possibly the location of the project.

Application

- Applicable Grant Application sections:
  - Work Plan
- Applicants can refer to previous work, previous quotes and other sources to make the case that the proposed BMPs are cost effective and low maintenance.
- Cost effective may be expressed in terms of $/unit of pollution reduced and can include consideration of positive externalities.
- Maintenance burden can be described in O&M Plan.

Characteristics of a *Good Project*

- Connected to/with:
  - WIP
  - Management Plan
  - Integrated List
- Leverages partnerships
- Make wise use of grant funding today and in the future.

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Characteristics of a **Good Application**

- A good application:
  - References the:
    - The **WIP**
    - The **Management Plan**
    - The **Integrated List**
  - Includes adequate:
    - **Maps**
    - **Photos**
    - **Details** (plans & specs)
    - **Load reductions**
- **Other information** that may be useful in understanding and rating the project.
  - Cost to construct/maintain
  - Benefits to citizens/other partners

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Resources for Grant Applicants

- The WIP
- The Integrated List
- The NPS Management Plan (2014 update)
- On-line GIS resources (GIS for non-GIS techs).
  - eMapPA
  - Google earth
  - Acme mapper
- GRTS (which we didn't even begin to discuss)

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Recommendations for a quality application:

- Be **succinct** and direct.
- Include modeled or estimated **pollutant load reductions.**
- Make liberal use of **maps**, **diagrams**, and **photos.**
- **Directly connect** the proposed project **to previous projects.**
- **Directly connect** the proposed project **to** projects listed in **the WIP** (and their level of urgency).
- **Directly connect** the proposed project to **the Integrated List** and listed sources of impairment.
- **Directly connect** the proposed project to **the Management Plan.**

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Recommendations for a quality application (the “don’ts”)

- Avoid **hyperbole.**
- Avoid **repetition.**
- Don’t assume the reviewers are **familiar with the area**.
- Don’t omit **critical information** (land use, land ownership, BMP make/model, previous research and supporting info etc.).
- **Don’t forget** pollutant **load reductions.**


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