



**Guidance for Developing Restoration  
Plans & Targets  
for Fish & Wildlife Beneficial Use  
Impairments**

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# MDEQ Program Guidance, Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities

- Wetland Restoration and Watershed Program
- Coastal Zone Management Grant Program
- Environmental Quality Monitoring Program
- Non-Point Source Program

# Wetland Restoration and Watersheds Program

The MDEQ determined that this Program would be most effective by utilizing other established wetland restoration programs:

- Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)
- Michigan Department of Agriculture
  - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Partners for F&W Program

# Wetland Restoration and Watersheds Program

- Determine which restoration program is a good fit to meet your habitat target(s)
- Reduce regulatory burdens and time delays by assisting with the permitting process
- Habitat technical committee and/or assist with restoration project development

**Contact Rob Zbiciak for more information**

# Coastal Zone Management Grant Program

Protect, manage and restore coastal  
communities and habitats

- Environmental planning
- Local zoning ordinances
- Natural features studies

# Coastal Zone Management Grant Program Eligibility

- Coastal units of government
  - Councils of government
  - Tribal governments
- Regional planning commissions
- Universities
- Conservation districts
- Nonprofit organizations

**Contact Cathie Cunningham-Ballard for more information**

# Environmental Quality Monitoring Program

- Monitor water quality, sediments and aquatic life in watersheds on a 5-yr monitoring cycle
- Develop standards for the protection of water quality
  - Some of which were used to develop restoration criteria in the state's *Guidance for Delisting* document

# 2006 Watershed Monitoring



# Environmental Quality Monitoring Program

- Physical habitat and biological integrity
- Fish and wildlife contaminants
  - At different levels of the food-chain
- Benthic invertebrate community structure
  - The “bugs” collected and identified in the streams are good indicators of water quality and the quality of fish & wildlife habitat

# Environmental Quality Monitoring Grant Opportunities

Grantees may collect chemical, physical, and/or biological data that is based on local issues and concerns

- Local Water Quality Monitoring Grant
- Emerging Issues Monitoring Grant
- Volunteer Monitoring Grant

**Contact Gary Kohlhepp for more information**

# Non-Point Source Program

- Technical assistance
  - Develop and implement watershed management plans
- Education and outreach material
  - Best management practices
- Coordinate efforts within the watershed
  - With local groups and other state/federal agencies

**Contact Bob Day for more information**

# Non-Point Source Grant Program

Grants are awarded to local units of government and non-profit groups

- Develop watershed management plans
- Implement best management practices and education/outreach strategies

**Contact Bob Sweet for more information**

# MDEQ Programs and Grants Opportunities

For more information on the MDEQ Programs, go to the MDEQ Home Page

– <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>

- Click on Programs at the top of the page

To learn more about the details of the MDEQ grant opportunities

- Type in the Search field the Keywords “2006 Grants and Loan Catalog”

**Contact Michelle Selzer for more information**

# Future AOC Program Funding Database

Keyword(s):

Program Name:

Priority Funding Areas:

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible Projects:

Funding Cycle: