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Environmental Quality allocates funds to eleven nonpoint source pollution prevention projects

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality allocated \$2,973,424 in Nonpoint Source Program EPA-sponsored grant funding to eleven pollution prevention projects. The goal of these projects is to reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution through best management practices, educational events, and technical/financial support.

- **Upper Sheyenne River Watershed Pilot Project** – Implement streambank restoration practices at several priority sites on the Sheyenne River upstream from Lake Ashtabula.
- **Jamestown Reservoir Watershed** – Minimize the occurrence of harmful algal blooms and improve recreational opportunities at the Jamestown Reservoir.
- **Antelope Creek Watershed & Wild Rice Riparian Corridor – Phase VI** – Restore the recreational uses of the impaired reaches of Antelope Creek and the Wild Rice River in Richland County.
- **Turtle River – Larimore Dam Watershed** – Monitor water quality and implement agricultural Best Management Practices in the Larimore Dam watershed.
- **Stockmen’s Environmental Services Program – Phase VII** – Maintain a statewide program to reduce water quality impairments associated with livestock concentration areas.
- **Upper Spring Creek Watershed – Phase II** – Restore and maintain the recreational uses of Upper Spring Creek in Dunn County.
- **The Regional Environmental Education Series (TREES)** – Provide educational programs for K-6 grade students to increase awareness and understanding of nonpoint source pollution, natural resource conservation, and the relationship between land use and water quality.
- **Menoken Farm Planting Green Project – Phase II** – Demonstrate and educate how integrating cover crops and livestock into a diverse crop rotation can improve soil health and water quality.
- **Red River Basin River Watch and River of Dreams Program** – Provide high school and elementary students hands-on watershed educational opportunities that challenge the students and facilitate an understanding and appreciation of water resources in the Red River Basin.
- **Envirothon** – Implement a statewide competition for high school students to strengthen participants’ problem-solving skills and decision-making abilities concerning water and its relationship to other natural resources.
- **Pay-for-Progress/Water Quality Outcomes Program** – Coordinate with North Dakota farmers, commodity groups, and private companies to develop recommendations for a functioning framework to deliver an outcome-based process for incentivizing the implementation of conservation practices that improve water quality.

For more information about the Nonpoint Source Pollution program and project eligibility visit https://www.deq.nd.gov/WQ/3_Watershed_Mgmt/1_NPS_Mgmt/NPS.aspx

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