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Environmental Quality allocates \$2.8 million for nonpoint source mitigation projects

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality allocated \$2.8 million in EPA-sponsored grant funding to support eight nonpoint source pollution mitigation projects. These initiatives aim to reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution through best management practices, educational outreach, and technical and financial support.

The projects and their objectives are as follows:

- **Douglas Creek Watershed** – Address water quality in the Douglas Creek Watershed, a tributary into Lake Sakakawea in western McLean County, through best management practices.
- **Epping Springbrook Watershed** – Reduce harmful algal blooms and improve recreational opportunities at the Epping Springbrook Reservoir in Williams County by implementing best management practices.
- **Blacktail/Little Muddy Watershed** – Restore and maintain the recreational use of impaired areas of Blacktail Creek and the Little Muddy River in Williams County through best management practices.
- **Pheasants Forever Precision Ag Business Planning** – Provide technical assistance to landowners on precision ag and conservation strategies to enhance water quality and downstream benefits while mitigating risks through best management practices.
- **Stockmen’s Environmental Services Program (Phase VIII)**– Continue a statewide initiative to address water quality issues associated with livestock concentration areas.
- **NPS BMP Team** – Provide engineering support to landowners for the implementation of best management practices.
- **ND SCD Area Program Coordinator Program** – Assist Soil Conservation District (SCD) supervisors and staff in developing local watershed plans, increasing community engagement, securing funding opportunities, and improving soil health and water quality.
- **Statewide EcoEd Program** – Deliver hands-on environmental education to elementary and junior high students, focusing on wetlands, woodlands, water quality, soils, and grasslands to reduce nonpoint source pollution impacts.

For more information about the Nonpoint Source Pollution program and project eligibility, please visit the [Environmental Quality website](#).

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