

How are WRAPS projects funded?

The WRAPS process - development, assessment, planning, and implementation, can be funded through a variety of local, state and federal sources.

Selected Funding Sources Include:

A WRAPS Fund administered by KDHE is available to finance WRAPS projects and generally, \$2 million is available annually. This fund consists of state funding from the *Kansas Water Plan* fund and federal EPA Section 319 grant funds. Other funds that may be available to WRAPS projects include:

State Conservation Commission:

Water Resources cost-share Program, NPS Pollution Control Program, Riparian & Wetland Protection Program and Water Quality Buffer Initiative Program.

Natural Resource Conservation Service:

Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Conservation Stewardship Program.

KS Department of Wildlife and Parks:

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, Community Lakes Program, Biological Monitoring Program.

Farm Service Agency:

Conservation Reserve Program.

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Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
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Kansas Geological Survey
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What is WRAPS?

A Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy is a planning and management framework intended to engage stakeholders in a process to:

- Identify watershed restoration and protection needs
- Establish management goals
- Create a cost effective action plan to achieve goals
- Implement the action plan

In addition to this framework, the process documents stakeholder goals, strategies to achieve the goals, and the resources required to implement the strategies.

There are four basic steps in the WRAPS process. These are:

1. **Development:** Recruit stakeholders, determine local interest, document stakeholder decisions, establish a Stakeholder Leadership Team (SLT).
2. **Assessment:** Review watershed conditions and trends, develop expectations of the watershed, determine management measures in use, identify restoration and protection needs through watershed modeling and other assessment tools.
3. **Planning:** Establish goals, identify actions to achieve goals, develop cost estimates, select strategies, identify implementation resources, prepare a watershed plan.
4. **Implementation:** Secure resources needed to execute plan, monitor and document progress, revise plan as needed.

What is the WRAPS Process?

1. **Identify Watershed Stakeholders:** Cities, landowners, agencies, watershed districts, conservation groups, etc. form a watershed Stakeholder Leadership Team and identify a local champion to lead the WRAPS effort and chair the SLT.
2. **Assess Watershed Conditions & Needs:** KDHE develops Total Maximum Daily Loads, which identify objectives and strategies needed to achieve water quality standards. In addition, other applicable reports that address resource conditions in the watershed are reviewed with the SLT members, who contribute local knowledge and expertise.
3. **Prepare a Pollutant Source Inventory:** Work with agencies to identify potential pollution sources. Inventory other resource conditions and needs where applicable.
4. **Determine Watershed Goals:** These could include meeting Total Maximum Daily Loads, protecting a public water supply, enhancing recreation or wildlife habitat, etc.
5. **Prepare a Watershed Plan:** The SLT writes a plan that includes: actions and strategies needed to achieve watershed goals; responsible parties to implement each action; estimates of implementation costs; available funding sources; and an implementation schedule.
6. **Local Adoption:** SLT members secure local commitments and support from partnering agencies to execute the WRAPS plan.

Why WRAPS?

WRAPS efforts can address a variety of water resource concerns statewide. These concerns can include water quality, public water supply protection, flooding, and wetland and riparian habitat protection or restoration. Solutions to identified concerns are developed locally by stakeholders within the watershed.

How do I get involved in the WRAPS process?

1. Go to www.kswraps.org to see if there is a WRAPS project in your area.
2. Call the WRAPS project contact in your area, or
3. Call the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Watershed Management Section at 785.296.4195.

