

NPS Program Funded Success Stories

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Success Stories

- **The “rules” of eligibility and process for Success Stories**
 - The NPS Program is assessed each year for “satisfactory progress”. Part of the assessment is related to the number of Success Stories the NPS Program submits.
- **Criteria for a “Success Story”**
 - Each WQ Standard is assessed separately
 - Improve, partially restore or fully restore WQ (stream or segment). Sufficient data must be available to support and demonstrate improvement or a partial delisting
 - The stream or segment must be removed from the 303(d) list or sufficient data must be available to support a partial delisting
 - The NPS Program must show “activity” within the watershed that has led to the delisting (i.e. funded a project with 319 \$’s that can be tied to the delisting)
 - Submit to EPA for acceptance

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- **ADEQ post segments to be removed from the 303(d) list**
 - April 1st list came out
 - List contains 72 segments
 - 30 has a TMDL completed
 - 5 has TMDL completed (SO₄) and “new data indicates attainment” for two constituents (Tb, Zn)
 - 37 “new data indicates attainment” for one or more constituents
- **EPA did not concur with the whole list**
 - Some delisting are under review
- **ANRC request EPA to review the list and confirm the following delistings related to NPS funded projects**
 - Illinois River (1 segment)
 - Bayou DeView (4 segments)
 - St. Francis River (2 segments)

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- **Illinois River (1 segment)**

- **Designated use not meeting - Primary Contact, WQ Standard non-attainment - Turbidity, Source - Surface Erosion and Agriculture**
- Since 2000 projects funded by the 319 Program have been in excess of \$9M
 - \$4M in demonstrations / implementation
 - \$1M in education
 - \$2.8M in monitoring and modeling
 - \$0.3M in planning
 - \$1M in Litter Transport
- Partners*
 - Benton and Washington County CD
 - U of A BAEG
 - U of A AWRC
 - U of A CES
 - IRWP
- Other Partners
 - NRCS
 - AGFC
 - ADEQ
 - Others ?

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- **Bayou DeView (4 segments)**
 - **Designated use not meeting - Fish, WQ Standard non-attainment - Lead, Source - Agriculture**
 - Since 2006 projects funded by the 319 Program have been ~ \$800G
 - \$550K in monitoring
 - \$120K in implementation
 - \$100K in assessment and planning
 - Partners*
 - Jackson and Cross County CDs
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Arkansas State University
 - Other Partners
 - NRCS
 - ADEQ
 - Others?

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- **St. Francis River** (2 segments)
 - **Designated use not meeting is not identified, WQ Standard non-attainment - Turbidity, Source - Agriculture**
 - Since 2006 projects funded by the 319 Program have been \$217,500
 - \$217,500 all in implementation
 - Partners*
 - Cross and Poinsett County CDs
 - Other Partners
 - NRCS
 - ADEQ
 - Others ?

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Strength of the NPS Management Program

Partners

- Federal and State agencies, academic institutions, conservation districts, organizations and watershed groups

How is Partnership strength demonstrated

- Informing stakeholders and citizens who your are and what you do
- Giving credit where credit is due
- Reporting activities through an “annual report”
- Distributing the “annual report” to partners

The NPS Program has initiated a “Snap shot” reporting form to help capture activities occurring in the State that agencies, academic institutions, conservation districts, organizations and watershed groups are doing.

We want you to be recognized for your work and get the credit you deserve!!!!

Questions?

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