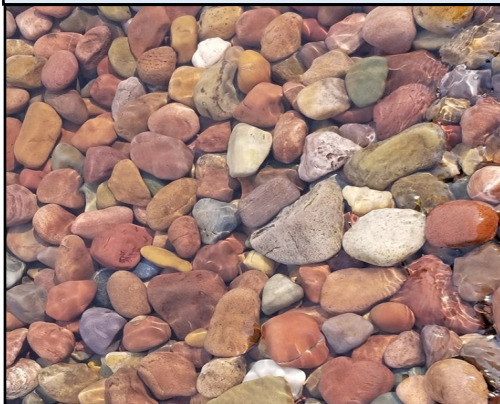


Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Strategic Plan Summary

Read the full Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Strategic Plan at: <http://mtwaterqualityprojects.pbworks.com>

Vision: *Montanans have, understand, and use water quality information to protect and restore water quality.*



Mission:

- Collect and report credible surface water quality information
- Evaluate surface water quality conditions over time
- Convey meaningful data and decisions
- Promote water quality protection and improvement
- Provide technical expertise and material resources to partners

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Inform, engage, and
support people working
to protect and improve
water quality

1. Support monitoring **partnerships**, including volunteer monitoring
2. Report to **stakeholders** (web-based, plain & technical language)
3. Improve **data sharing**

Describe current
water quality
conditions

1. **Evaluate** water quality and beneficial use support
2. Make **spatial comparisons**
3. **Investigate** water quality problems
4. Establish **baseline** and **reference** conditions

Track
water quality
change over time

1. Document water quality improvements in **focus watersheds**
2. Document **water quality improvements** where partners implement projects
3. Monitor long-term **trends**

Support other
DEQ programs

1. Supply monitoring resources to **help DEQ programs** fill their data needs



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Products

- Web-based reporting tools
- Public education & outreach
- Monitoring partnerships
- Water quality reports
- List of impaired waters
- Assessment records
- Data
- Quality assurance documentation