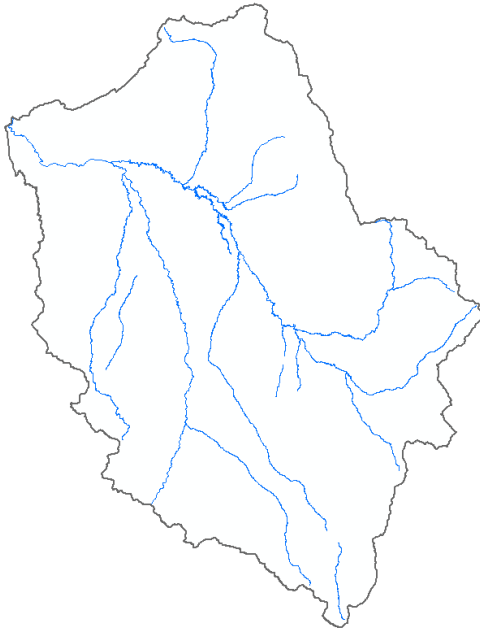


The Department of Environmental Quality selected the Lower Gallatin as a focus watershed for reducing nonpoint source pollution. For up to 3 years, the Nonpoint Source Program, along with related DEQ water quality programs, will focus technical and financial resources here. This strategy relies on partnerships with local groups and leaders to ensure significant, measurable improvements in water quality and related social and economic benefits.



Attributes of a Focus Watershed

- ✓ Watershed Restoration Plan(s) in place
- ✓ Existing momentum with DEQ
- ✓ Ability to increase momentum with DEQ’s help
- ✓ Stakeholder interest
- ✓ DEQ’s ability to track change
- ✓ Traditional BMPs can remedy most nonpoint sources of pollution
- ✓ Potential to reduce a community’s point source treatment costs

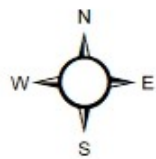
Strategies in a Focus Watershed	Example Metrics or Products
Track indicators of achieving better water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in riparian health • TMDL Implementation Evaluations
Identify success stories and landowner stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streams achieve water quality standards • EPA Success Stories • Long term Project Effectiveness Reviews • Landowner achievement story map
Build capacity of local groups and leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding received through 319 and other programs • Updated WRPs • Fine-scale source assessment/project identification
Foster interest in water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary restoration and monitoring activities • Newly engaged landowners

We Want Your Feedback

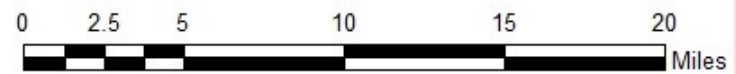
- What are your project ideas and focus areas?
- What are your concerns about this process?
- How can the Nonpoint Source Program provide support to your organization?
- What are your recommendations for ensuring measureable water quality improvements?

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Lower Gallatin Nonpoint Source Focus Watershed



— Assessed Streams



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