



Enabling Source Water Protection: Aligning State Land Use and Water Protection Programs

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Criteria for Selection of States August 2007

A state should meet the critical criteria to be considered as a possible candidate for the process. The additional criteria and additional considerations will be used to select a complement of states that provide for a variety of experiences and “readiness” to be successful in integrating their program requirements to support source water protection.

Critical Criteria:

1. Demonstration of willingness to work across programs to align and integrate policies and program requirements
2. High-level commitment for participation, ideally from the Governor’s office. State program directors or their delegates would be expected to participate in a few hours of meetings designed to prepare for the program review as well as a 1½-day implementation strategy workshop. Administrative assistance to provide logistical support is also needed.

Additional criteria:

1. Evidence of past cross-program collaboration among state agencies.
2. Degree of potential for implementation. Examples might include:
 - a. Past or present land acquisition funding mechanisms
 - b. Existence of high quality, relevant data to characterize watersheds (e.g., hydrologically-defined source water delineations and other natural resource priorities) that is easily accessible and can be manipulated electronically

3. Evidence of past or present public/private partnerships and willingness to engage with locally based stakeholders concerning source water, water quality protection and/or planning/growth management. Examples might include:
 - a. Advisory panels
 - b. Voluntary forums where participants share common goals
 - c. Watershed-based partnerships
4. Evidence of past or present intergovernmental (local/state/federal/tribal) partnerships concerning source water, water quality protection and/or planning/growth management. Examples might include:
 - a. Voluntary forums where participants share common goals
 - b. Watershed-based partnerships
5. Existence of state laws requiring and/or incentives promoting planning and collaboration. Examples might include:
 - a. Law requiring comprehensive plans
 - b. Law requiring source water protection plans
 - c. Incentives for source water protection or watershed plans

Additional considerations for selection:

Besides considering responses to the criteria listed above, the project partners will select states for inclusion in this project that collectively represent diverse characteristics regarding: geographic location, eco-region, predominant type of source water (i.e., ground or surface), government structure and operating framework (e.g., centralized or decentralized, organizational location of drinking water program).

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