

# Connecting 319 & Source Water



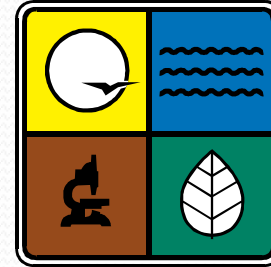
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# Source Water & 319: Three Ideas

1. Use base funds for planning or implementation.
2. Use incremental funds by designating source water protection a “uniquely high-priority State need.”
3. Use incremental funds by combining source water & 319 requirements (in impaired watersheds).

# 1. Using Base Funds

“States may use the “base funds” .... for the full range of activities addressed in their approved nonpoint source management programs. Thus these funds may be used both for the protection of unimpaired waters and for restoration of impaired waters. For example, States may use these funds to protect sources of drinking water...”

U.S. EPA 2003 319 Program Guidance (emphasis added)

## 2. Uniquely High-Priority State Need

“Regions may authorize States to use a portion of incremental funds to address watersheds that do not include impaired waters in special circumstances where it is necessary to address a uniquely high-priority State need to protect waters that currently are not impaired by nonpoint source pollution to assure that they remain unimpaired.”

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# 3. Combining Planning Efforts

- Combine planning requirements for source water protection plan and watershed-based plan.
- Would qualify for both base & incremental funds.
- Holistic but time- and resource-intensive.
- May make sense in certain 303(d) listed or TMDL watersheds.
- Report summarizes an “alternate” planning track in Missouri.

# Missouri Source Water Protection



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## Where do we go from here?

Missouri is currently streamlining it's §319 nonpoint source grant process; once completed, it will more closely align with the state's source water protection development & implementation grants, making the process between the two programs integrate easily.

- Plans are being made to tour one of the Our Missouri Waters Initiative pilot watersheds, highlighting source water issues in the watershed. This initiative ties in closely with the work done by the source water project's national team.
- <http://dnr.mo.gov/omwi.htm>



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