



Nine Elements of a Watershed Protection Plan

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1. Identify the sources and causes of pollution
2. Estimate the necessary load reductions
3. Describe Point Source and Non-Point source management measures
4. Assess the technical and financial assistance needed
5. Design an informational/ educational component
6. Develop a schedule of implementation
7. Set interim measurable milestones for progress
8. Establish criteria to determine load reductions
9. Create a monitoring component



Element 1: Identify Causes of Concern

- Point Source Pollution
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharges
 - Industrial Discharges
 - Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)
- Non-Point Source Pollution
 - Stormwater
 - Agricultural Run-off
 - Sediment
 - Nutrients
 - Toxic chemicals



Element 1: Identify Causes of Concern

- Pollution loads and sources were identified by Tarrant Regional Water District and the Texas A&M University Spatial Sciences Laboratory using the following techniques:

Modeling:

- SWAT Modeling- Watersheds
- WASP Modeling- Reservoirs
- QUAL2E- Streams



Element 2: Estimate Load Reductions

Load Reductions based on:

- SWAT model outputs
- Effectiveness of Best Management Practices (BMP) tied to land use and changes



Element 3: Nonpoint Source Management

Best Management Practices Implementation

- Structural
- Behavioral

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Element 3: Point Source Management

- Infrastructure upgrades to WWTP's
- Permitting programs
- Stormwater development planning