



Nonpoint Source Guidelines Revision 2023

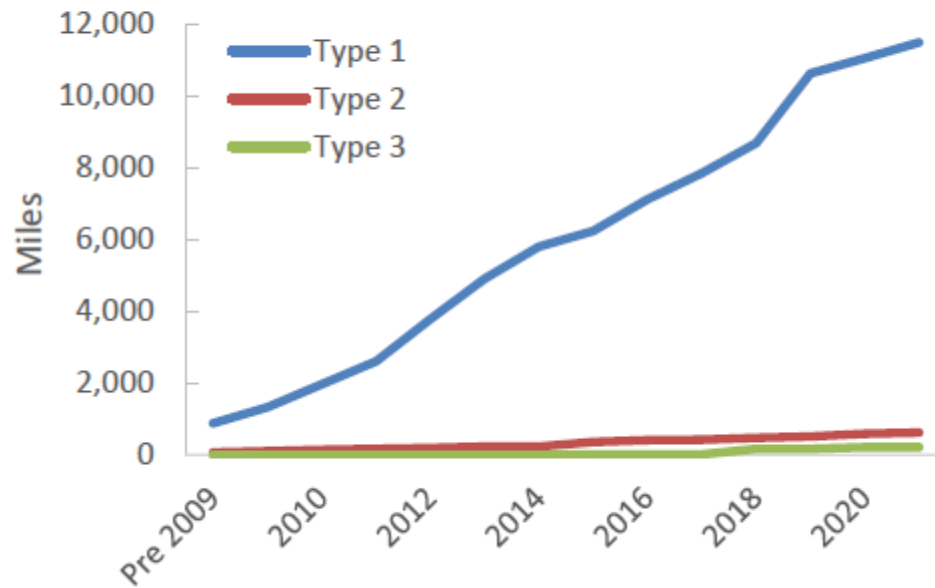
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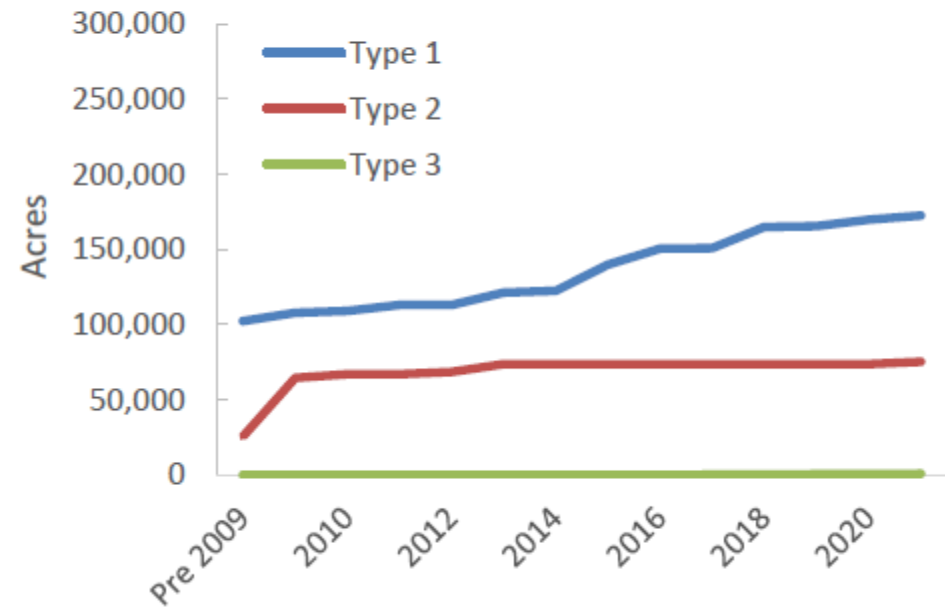
NPS Program Delivers Results

At any given time ~1100 “on the ground” projects active with >290 different partners

**Miles of Rivers and Streams Restored
(2009-2021)**

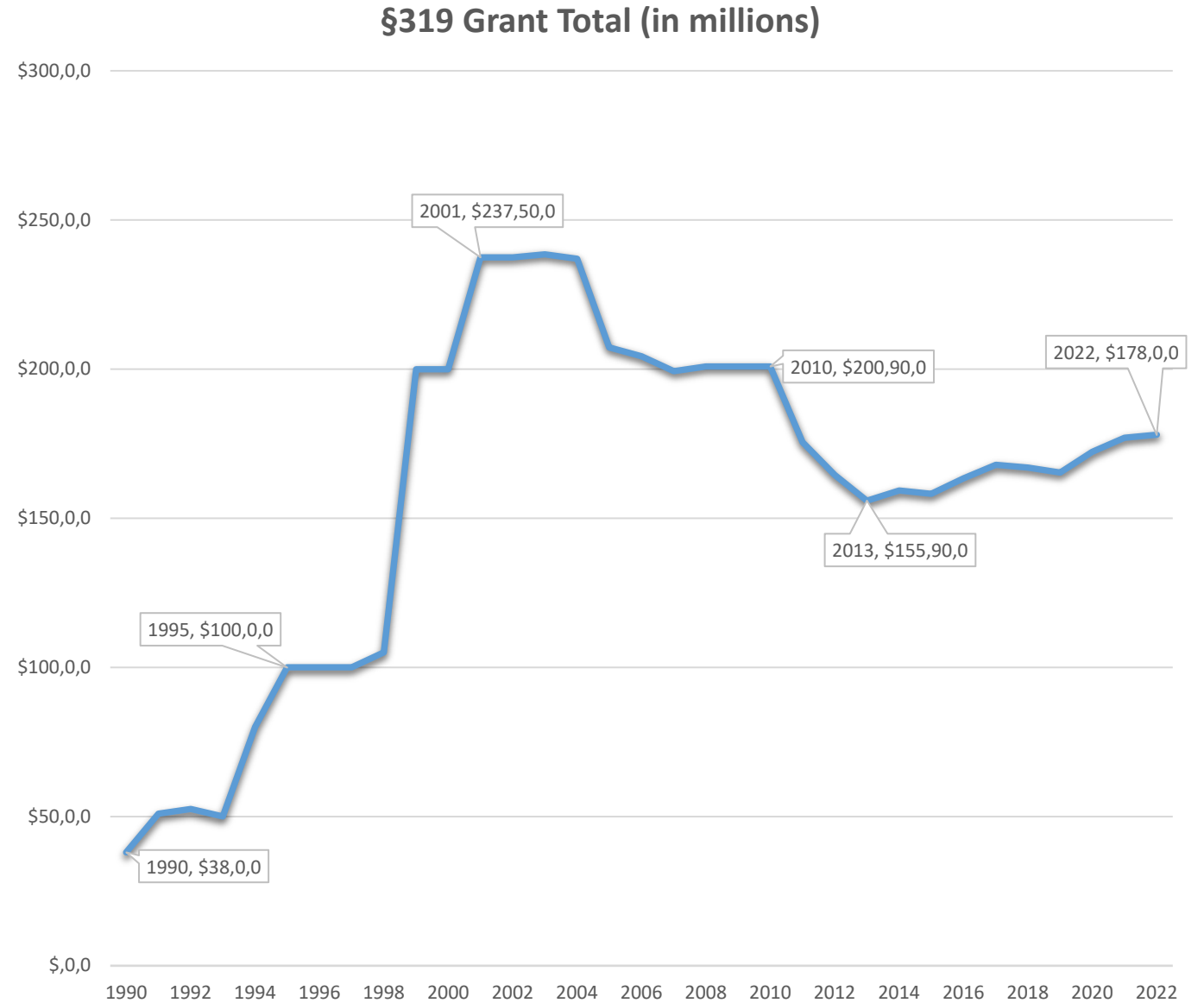


**Acres of Lakes and Ponds Restored
(2009-2021)**



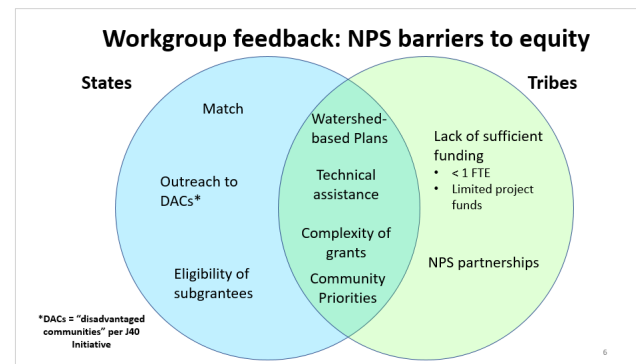
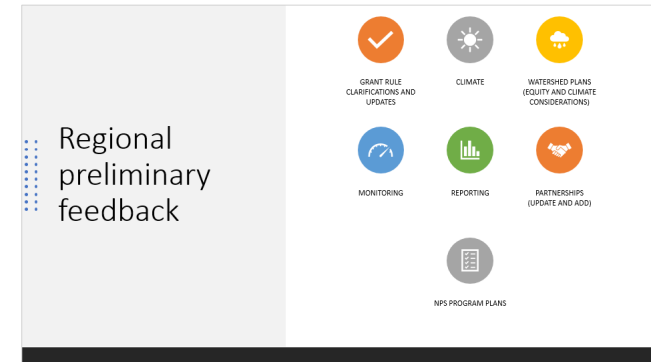
Guidelines Background

- Guidelines – 1987 - 2003
- EPA program review +GAO Audit 2011 – 2012
- 2013 Updated guidelines



Lessons, new areas of focus

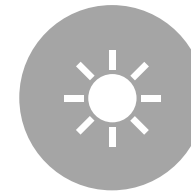
- Lessons from last 10 years
- Equity – listening sessions
- Climate Change



Regional preliminary feedback



GRANT RULE
CLARIFICATIONS AND
UPDATES



CLIMATE



WATERSHED PLANS
(EQUITY AND CLIMATE
CONSIDERATIONS)



MONITORING



REPORTING

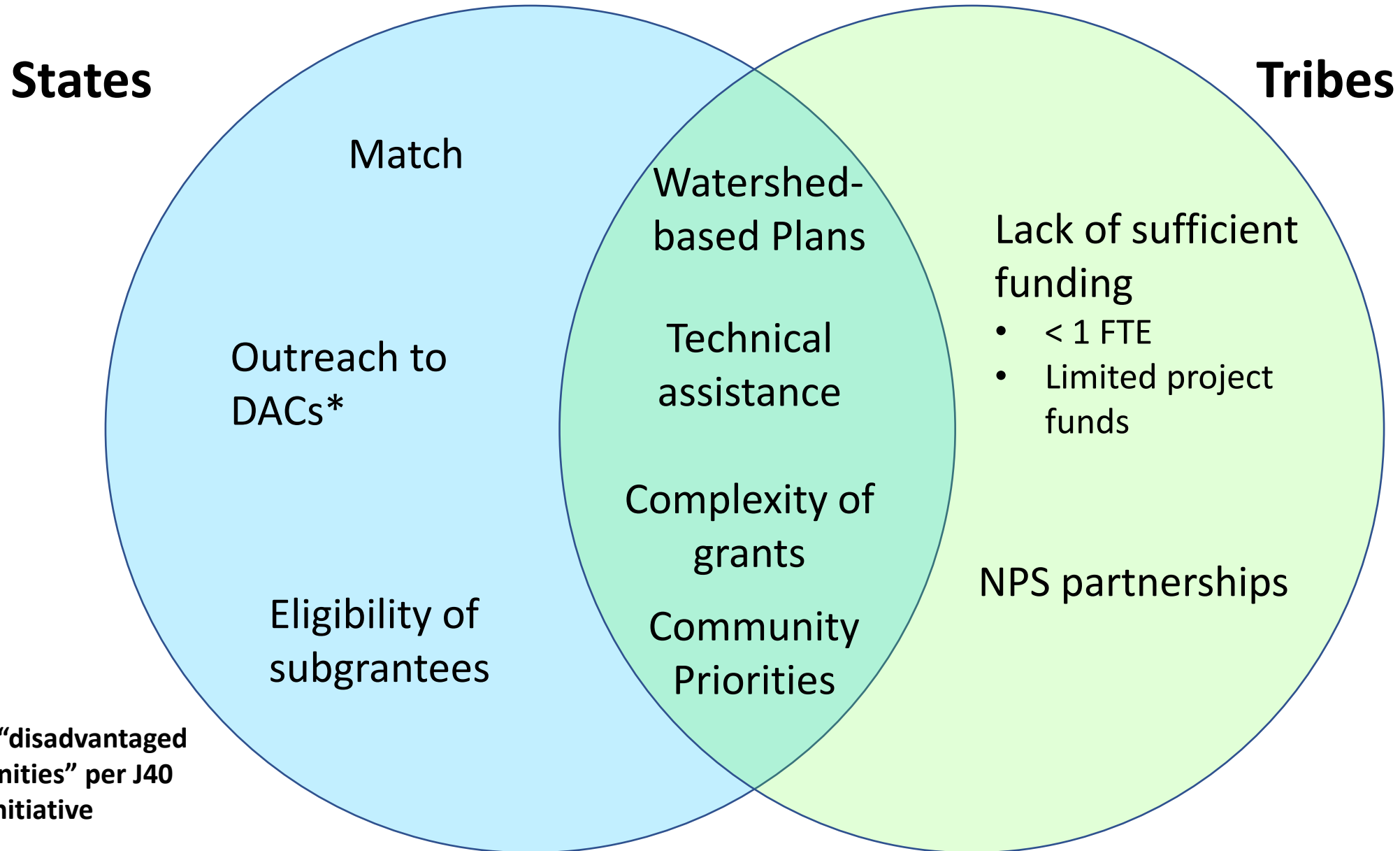


PARTNERSHIPS
(UPDATE AND ADD)



NPS PROGRAM PLANS

Workgroup feedback: NPS barriers to equity



*DACs = “disadvantaged communities” per J40 Initiative

Climate Considerations

- Natural Disasters (Flood, Drought Fire)
- Co-benefits
- Source Water Protection
- Healthy Waters Protection
- BMP Design
- Watershed planning
- Nonpoint Source Management Program Plans



Guideline Revisions - Tentative Timeline

December 2022:

- Regional input
- Communication with ACWA

January 2023

- EPA focused engagement
- Workgroup plans– share with EPA and ACWA
- EPA workgroup begins
- Communication
 - (web and Qtrly report out)

Feb – Late April 2023 All Workgroups

- (EPA and EPA/State&Territory)

May – June 2023

- EPA Finalize draft (cohesiveness review and management approval)
- Share for comment (July)

July – September 30th 2023

- Comments received
- EPA consider comments

September 30th - February 2024

- Session at National Meeting
- Respond to comments
- Finalize and publish

Workgroups

- **Anticipated Outcomes:**
 - List of best practices/challenge examples
 - Suggestions for EPA to consider (short term and long term)
- **Timeframe of Groups:** Mid February– Late April
 - Meeting approximately 6 times
- **Who:** EPA and NPS Program grantees
 - 8-10 members on each workgroup
 - EPA, State, and Territory representatives
 - Geographic diversity
 - Program experience diversity

Potential Topics for Workgroupsarr angement

National Elements - overall

- Intro,
- Climate, Equity,
- Partnerships,
- Reporting

National Elements- NPSMP +WBP

- NPS Program plans
- Watershed plans
- Related Appendixes
- Climate and equity

Basic Grant and workplan Elements

- Statutory background, Process for awarding
- Multiyear workplans
- Statutory 319 requirements – Satisfactory Progress determinations
- Climate and equity

Equity and Climate Across all Aspects

- Barriers identified
- Shifting climate conditions (drought, Fire, Storm intensity)

Discussion

General Guidelines Revision Process

- Do you have any clarifying questions?
- Was there anything that surprised you about this update?

Workgroups

- Are we missing any topic areas for input?
 - Are there any subtopics you would add to these themes?
- Is there a work group you are most interested in your state contributing to?
- What is your preferred format to receive updates?
- What is your preferred format to provide input?

Next steps

- Workgroups will begin mid-late February
- Contact Amanda Reed (reed.amanda@epa.gov) or Cyd Curtis (curtis.cynthia@epa.gov) by February 1 if you are interested in participating
- EPA will publish an NPS webpage for guideline updates information late winter