



## Section 319(h): Georgia's Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant **APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

Under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awards a **Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant** to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) to fund projects in support of **Georgia's Nonpoint Source Management Program**. The State is scheduled to receive approximately **\$4.4 million**. This funding is distributed via a competitive process to select the most effective projects working towards the prevention, control, and/or abatement of nonpoint source pollution.

**MATCH REQUIREMENTS:** Projects are required to show a strong commitment at the local level by providing no less than 40% of the total project cost. This can be accomplished through local funds or in-kind services.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Public agencies, such as cities, counties, local authorities (e.g. sewer, water), regional development centers, school systems, state colleges and universities, and state agencies are eligible. State law prohibits non-governmental

organizations from receiving Section 319(h) funds directly, but these organizations are encouraged to form partnerships with public agencies to develop or implement projects.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Eligible projects include regulatory or non-regulatory enforcement, technical assistance, education and outreach, technology transfer, TMDL implementation, watershed restoration, BMP demonstration, monitoring and assessment, ground water activities, and non-permit required urban stormwater control activities.

**PRIORITY PROJECTS:** Priority is given to projects implementing a TMDL Implementation Plan or Watershed Plan in order to alleviate the criterion violated as identified in Georgia's Section 305(b)/303(d) list of waters. Highest priority projects result in streams being fully restored and/or removed from the Section 305(b)/303(d) list. Priority is also given to projects supporting a watershed-wide management approach involving multiple partners.

Successful projects lead to a direct reduction in pollutant loads and measurable improvements to water quality or aquatic habitat. Applicants must specifically follow the Section 319(h) Grant Guidelines. A proposal may be 1-3 years in duration with 1-2 years preferred.

### TO APPLY:

**Applicants MUST meet or conference call with the Section 319(h) staff prior to proposal submission**

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Linzer at  
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Applications and grant guidelines can be found on GAEPD's website at:  
[www.gaepd.org/Documents/epdforms\\_wpb.html#nps](http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/epdforms_wpb.html#nps)

Proposals must be postmarked **no later than November 30, 2009**. Please submit completed applications to:

Section 319(h) FY2010 Grant Application  
Attn: Jeff Linzer  
4220 International Parkway, Ste 101  
Atlanta, Georgia 30354

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### Section 319(h) Grant Timeline

- July: GAEPD advertises the call for proposals
- July-October: GAEPD staff meets with applicants to discuss proposals
- November 30, 2009 deadline to receive proposals
- December-February: GAEPD staff reviews project proposals
- March 2010: applicants are notified of whether their project has been recommended for funding
- April-July: GAEPD and grant recipient finalize project workplans
- August-October: a contract is executed between GAEPD and the grant recipient
- October: project activities begin