

Revision Summary

2018-2023 NPS Plan compared to 2024-2029 NPS Plan

Overall, updating the 2018-2023 Plan included:

- Reducing repetition of information.
- Removing details about most programs and providing hyperlinks to allow readers to obtain additional information at their discretion.
- Providing a summary of progress on 2018-2023 Plan goals, objectives, and milestones in 2024-2029 Plan Appendix E.

Below is a list of Section names from the 2018-2023 Plan followed by a summary of the revisions made for the 2024-2029 Plan. Due to reorganization, section numbers in the 2024-2029 Plan differ from those in the 2018-2023 Plan.

Introduction

- More concise language.
- Updated all maps to show most recent information.
- NPS Program history converted to bulleted list and updated to include agency reorganization.
- Updated changing landscape language.
- Added information to Designated Uses box.
- Added table of impacts of NPS pollution. This information was moved from other sections of the 2018-2023 Plan.
- Surface water and groundwater management information put into separate subsections.
- Discussion of how Plan addresses EPA key elements replaced with table identifying where in the 2024-2029 Plan these elements are addressed. Information from this section of the 2018-2023 Plan was incorporated into the 2024-2029 Plan Program Description section.

Program Description

- Reorganized information.
- Information from 2018-2023 Plan Introduction related to how Plan addresses EPA key elements was moved here including:
 - Program-wide Goals (2024-2029 Program Goals and Objectives)
 - Added objectives addressing sustainability and climate resiliency, social equity, and water quality protection.
 - Incorporated some 2018-2023 milestones as objectives.
 - Program Strategies (2024-2029 Program Strategies)
 - Added Adaptive Management as a Program Strategy
 - Statewide Programs (2024-2029 Statewide NPS Concerns)
 - Updated NPS Category leads
 - Added objectives

- Priority Watershed Programs (2024-2029 Watershed-based Projects)
 - Updated list of priority watersheds
- Description of how program efficiency and effectiveness is achieved (2024-2029 Administration).
- Review and update of the Plan (2024-2029 Administration)
- Identification of Federal Lands management inconsistent with NPS Program (2024-2029 Administration)

Cooperating Entities, Developing Issues, Common Best Management Practices, Common Nonpoint Source Pollutants

- Information from these sections was moved to the Agriculture, Silviculture, Surface Erosion, and Urban Runoff sections of the 2024-2029 Plan.

Cooperating Entities

- List of organizations involved in Plan update moved to Appendix A.

Agriculture, Silviculture, Surface Erosion, and Urban Runoff

- Reorganized so all have same structure (headings), which are similar to the revised Program Description section.
- Updated information and maps in introductions.
- Moved appropriate information from the following 2018-2023 Sections, updating as needed, to the 2024-2029 subsections within these sections indicated in parentheses below:
 - Cooperating Entities (2024-2029 Administration)
 - Developing Issues (2024-2029 Emerging NPS Issues in Introduction)
 - Common Best Management Practices (2024-2029 Management Strategies)
 - Common Nonpoint Source Pollutants (2024-2029 NPS in Introduction)
- Information from 2018-2023 Institutional Context section moved to 2024-2029 Administration.
- Added graphs of miles of impaired streams where agriculture, surface erosion, or urban runoff were identified as sources, to those sections.
- Updated goals and objectives.
- Removed discussion of pesticides as NPS.

Agriculture

- Added information about changes in agriculture to introduction (as noted in Introduction, Changing Landscape).
- Changed discussion of common BMPs to identify BMPs that are most commonly used or funded in Arkansas.
- Added information about partner programs that focus on increasing the use of particular BMPs.
- Updated information on Farm Bill funding.

Forestry

- Silviculture changed to Forestry.

Surface Erosion

- Discussion of paved roads as a nonpoint source moved to Urban Runoff section.

Urban Runoff

- Information about paved roads as a source of NPS added.

Priority Watersheds Sections

- Changed to four-page fact sheet format and moved to Appendix C.
- Information updated for watersheds that are still a priority 2024-2029.
- Prepared fact sheets for watersheds that are new priorities 2024-2029.

Appendix A

- An updated version of the information provided in the 2018-2023 Plan Appendix A is provided in the 2024-2029 Appendix B.
- The 2024-2029 Plan Appendix A is a list of the stakeholders involved in the Plan update.

Appendix B

- Description of SWAT models is not included in the 2024-2029 Plan.
- The 2024-2029 Plan Appendix B is a copy of the report on the 2022 watershed prioritization.

Appendix C

- Information similar to that provided in the 2018-2023 Plan Appendix C may be included in the 2024-2029 Appendix A. General information about the involvement of stakeholders in the 2024-2029 update is included in the Program Description section.
- The 2024-2029 Plan Appendix C contains the fact sheets about the 2024-2029 NPS priority watersheds.

Appendix D

- Milestones from the 2018-2023 Plan Appendix D are incorporated at appropriate locations in the 2024-2029 Plan:
 - Milestone #1 – listed as a short-term objective in 2024-2029 Plan Section 2.2.
 - Milestone #2 – listed as a short-term objective in 2024-2029 Plan Section 2.4.2.
 - Milestone #3 - listed as a short-term objective in 2024-2029 Plan Section 2.2.
 - Milestone #4 – removed since all mention of pesticides as NPS has been removed from the 2024-2029 Plan.

- Milestone #5 – Incorporated in the following short-term objective in 2024-2029 Plan Section 2.2, “Continue to meet all statutory requirements associated with implementing the state’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Program as established by EPA”.
 - Milestone #6 – Same as Milestone #5.
 - Milestone #7 – Short-term objectives in 2024-2029 Plan Section 3.2.
- Milestones for short-term objectives are identified in the Goals and Objectives subsections.
- The 2024-2029 Plan Appendix D is a list of federal lands in Arkansas.