

Science for the Watershed Planning Process

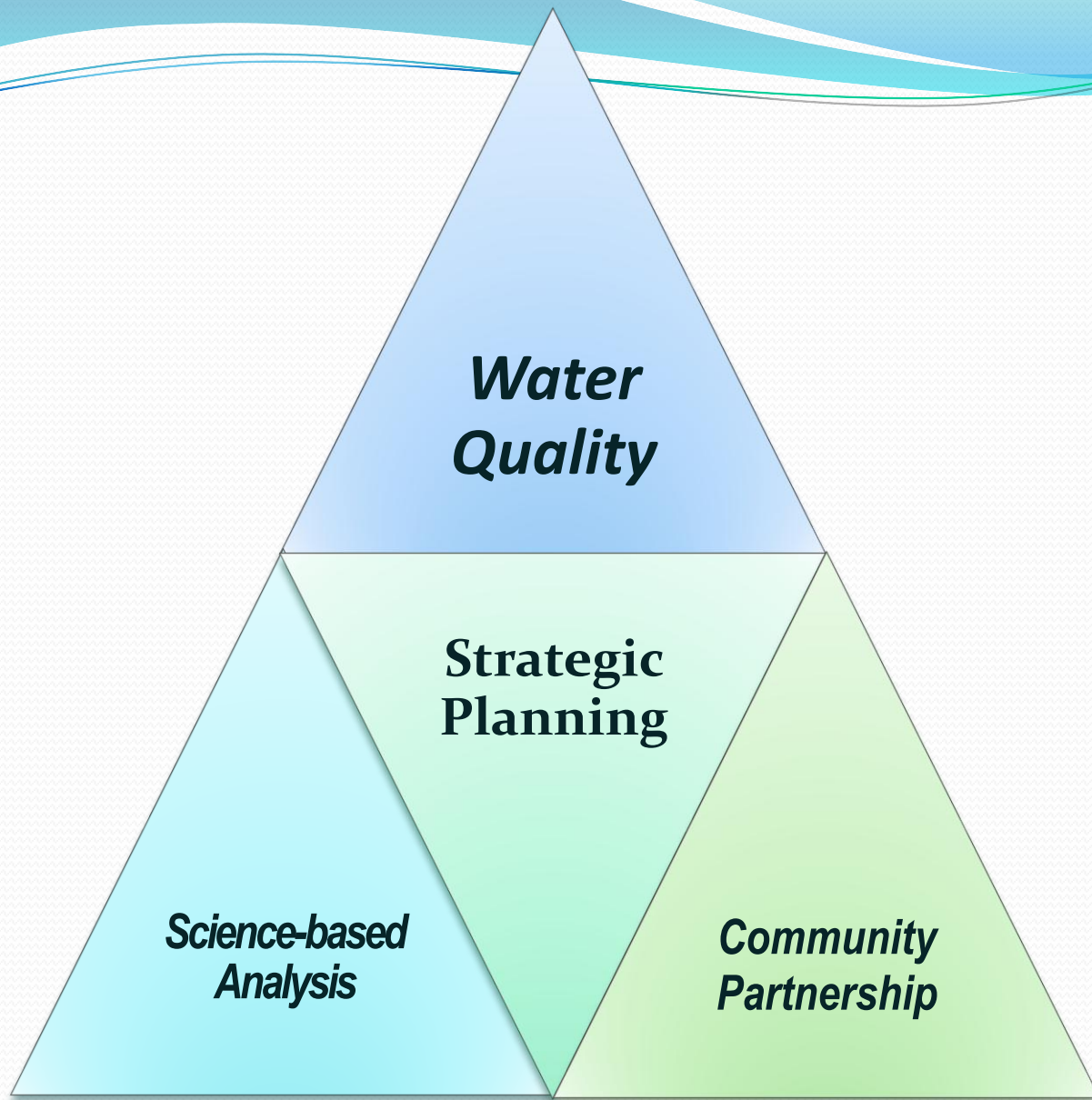
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Sound Science Underpins Sound Decisions



Science?
What for?

- 1. Identify “Problems”*
- 2. Evaluate Potential Solutions*
- 3. Monitor Progress*

Identify “Problems”

Identify, Characterize and Quantify

- *Sources*
- *Critical areas*
- *Transport mechanisms / vector*
(how contaminant gets in the stream)

*Estimate pollutant load reductions
needed to attain WQ standards*

Evaluate Potential Solutions

Identify and Estimate

- *Targeted management practices that can achieve load reductions*
- *Quantity, type, location, cost-benefit of water quality enhancement measures*
- *Help community identify tradeoffs to attain water quality standards while meeting local needs*

Monitor Progress

Prepare to Reassess and Adapt WPP (Adaptive Management)

- *Establish criteria to determine if targets are being met during implementation*
- *Develop monitoring strategy and feedback mechanisms for evaluating plan during implementation i.e. reassess and adapt*

Annotated Bibliography

Analyze Historic Data

Characterize Watershed

Geographic Information System

Spatially Explicit Modeling

Cost-benefit and other analyses

How?

Status?

Details?

Thanks



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