



Regional Capacity Building Grant Program

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Agenda

- Webinar objectives
- Brief intro to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative
- Key terms and program goals
- Funding and allowable activities
- Eligibility
- Application process and timeline
- Questions

Webinar Objectives

- Review notice of funding availability
- Discuss LWI and program goals
- Help applicants and participating jurisdictions prepare to apply
- Answer questions

How is the LWI different?

It leverages recovery funds *proactively* rather than *reactively*.

The goal is to improve water management *before* the next disaster.



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How is this grant different?



- Stimulates regional coordination based on watershed boundaries
- Flexible with examples and technical assistance
- Participation impacts long-term project funding
- Approach addresses the source versus the symptoms of flood risk

Key Terms

Watershed

**Provisional
watershed
regions**

**Regional
steering
committee**

**Watershed
coalition**

**Watershed
coordinator**

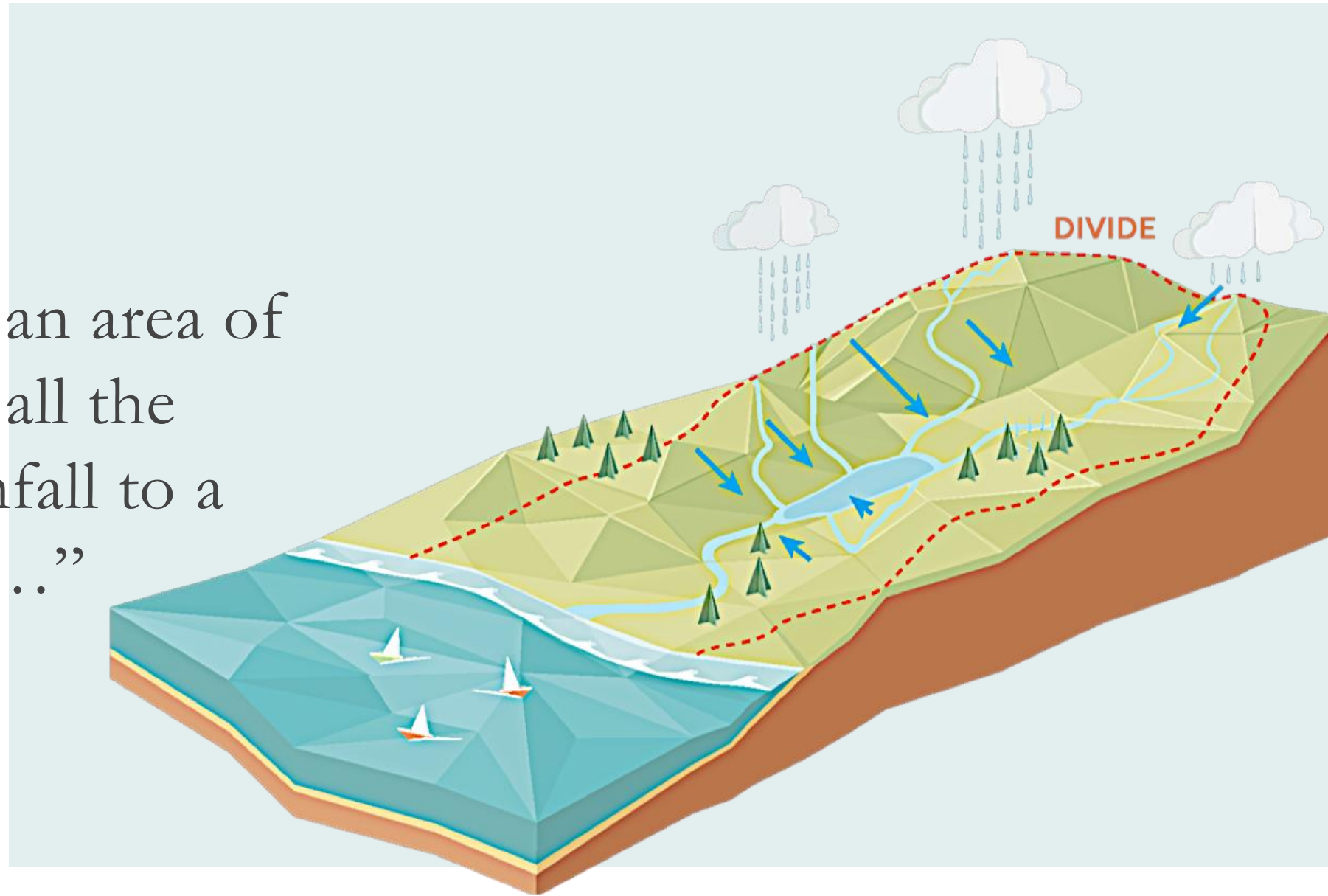
**Fiscal agent,
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Key Terms

Watershed

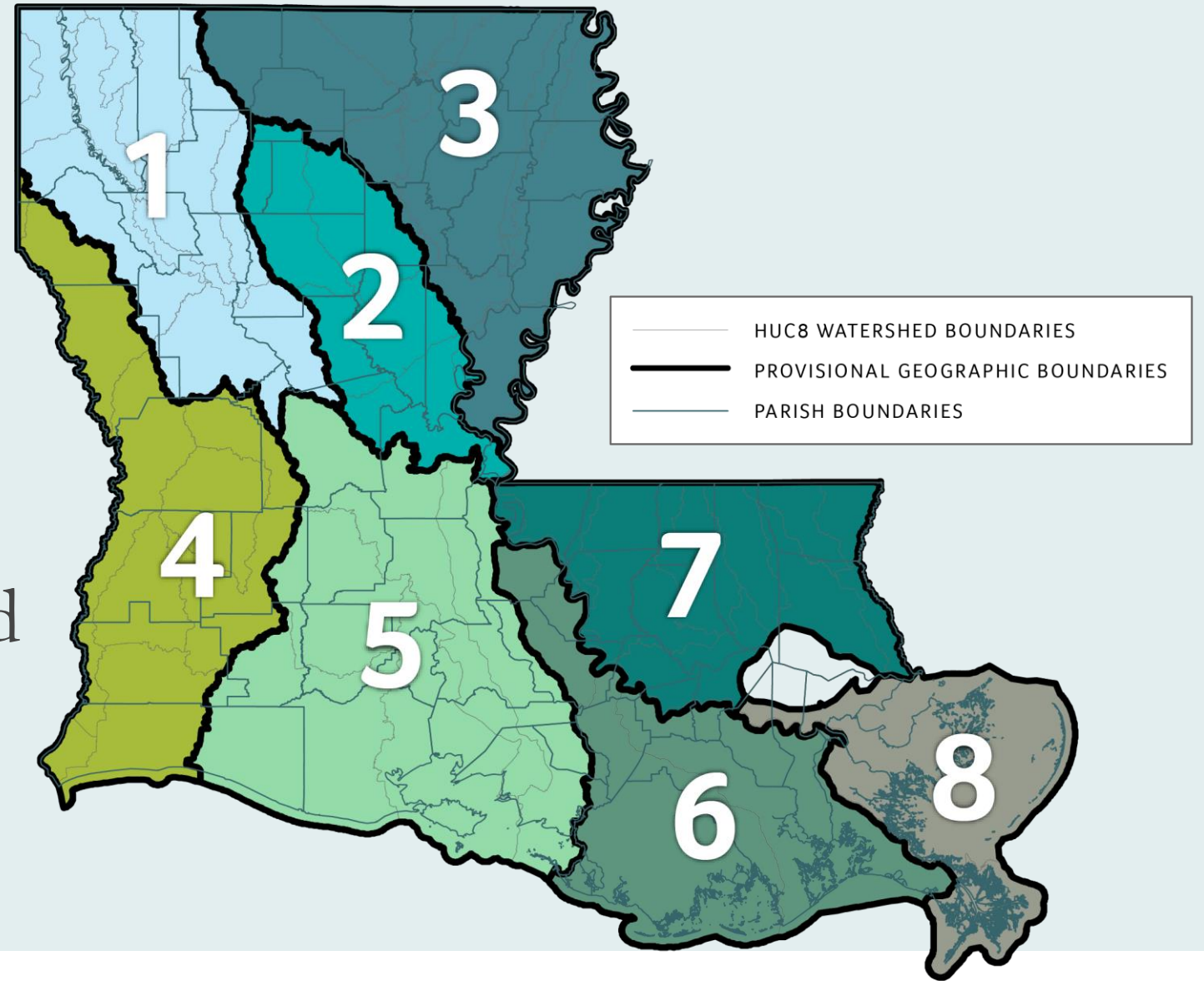
“A watershed is an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet...”



Key Terms

Provisional watershed regions

In August, the Council on Watershed Management established statewide watershed regions.



Key Terms

Regional steering committee

- Composed of local stakeholders - parish or municipal staff, technical professionals and community representatives
- Temporary - will exist for approximately one year
- Guides the formation of watershed coalitions
- Responsible for drafting a regional project list
- Must form and meet by March 20, 2020

Key Terms

Watershed coalition

- Composed of local leaders - parish or municipal staff, regional planning staff and nongovernmental stakeholders
- Permanent entity with a formal management structure
- Conducts watershed management for the region
- Must form and meet by Jan. 15, 2021



Key Terms

Watershed coordinator

- Fully or partially funded through this grant
- Facilitates meetings of the region's steering committee and coalition
- Compiles regional project list
- Compiles watershed region budget



Key Terms

Fiscal agent, applicant or grantee

- Submits Phase I and Phase II applications for the region
- Enters into an agreement with the LWI on behalf of the region's parishes and municipalities
- Procures services reimbursed by this grant
- Coordinates parishes and municipalities in the region



Program Goals

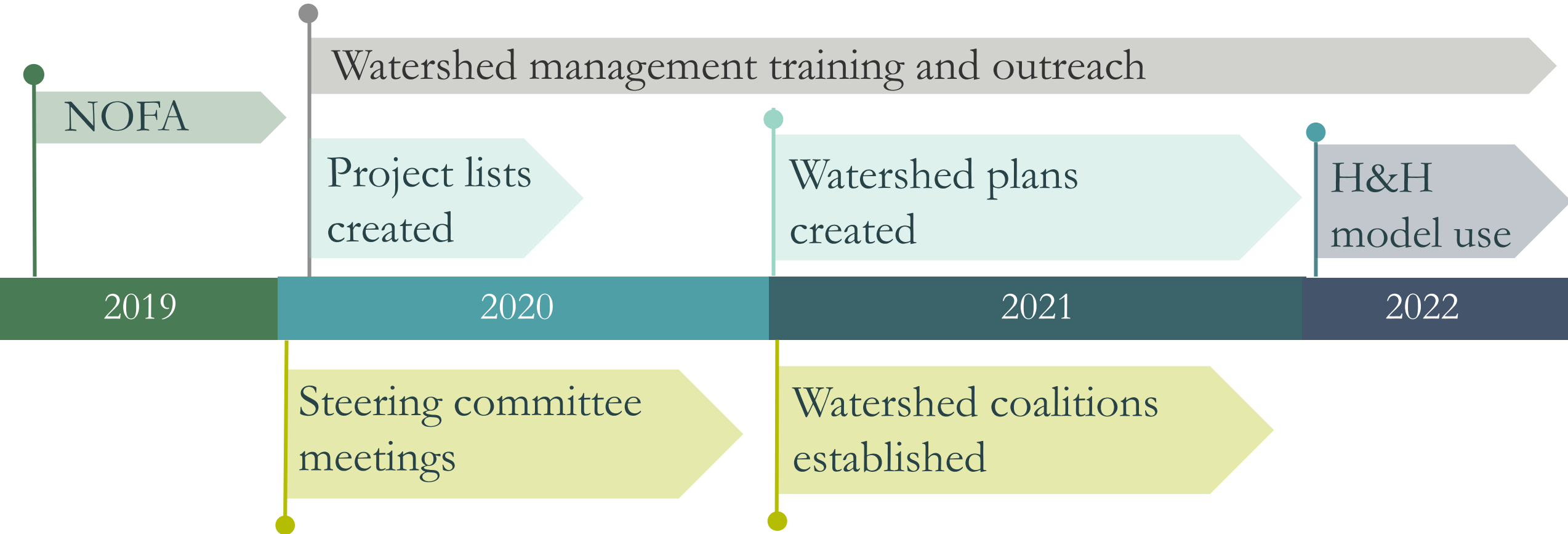
PRIMARY: Establish watershed coalitions

- Form steering committees (*first year*)
 - Choose management framework for coalition (*first year*)
 - Establish coalitions (*second and third years*)
 - Maintain long-term support for coalitions
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SECONDARY: Cultivate staff capacity in the region to enhance the impact of outreach and floodplain management activities



Program Timeline



Program Funding

- Program is funded by HUD's CDBG recovery allocation for the 2016 floods
- Louisiana is waiting for federal guidance for \$1.2 billion in flood mitigation funding
- **Mandatory** to form regional steering committee and comply with program metrics for certain future funding opportunities
- \$400,000 per region over three years, reimbursable payment structure



Allowable Activities

- Paying staff or contractors
 - Providing logistical and technical support for steering committee and coalition meetings
 - Developing and implementing policies
 - Staff training, certifications and memberships
 - Program development
- Supporting floodplain management, land use review, drainage review duties and CRS program participation
 - Developing grant applications and preparing for long-term funding
 - Planning and plan alignment
 - Conducting community outreach and education



Eligible Applicants

- Must be a public entity
- Must represent all parishes in the watershed region
- Requires agreements between the applicant and participating jurisdictions



Application Timeline

EVENT	DATE
Solicitation advertised	8/15/19
Webinar and Q&A session	8/22/19
Applicant briefing	9/16/19
Phase I Letter of Interest deadline	10/1/19
Webinar and Q&A session	10/30/19
Phase II Application deadline	12/13/19
Award announcement	1/10/20



Application Phases

PHASE I

LETTER OF INTEREST

- Form located in NOFA and at watershed.la.gov
- Submit by Oct. 1 to watershed@la.gov

IDENTIFIES APPLICANT

PHASE II

FULL APPLICATION

- Includes detailed program description and budget
- Requires regional agreements
- Submit via watershed.la.gov

PROVIDES PROGRAM DETAILS

PHASE III

OCD AGREEMENT

- OCD reviews applications and award funding
- Includes proposed steering committee composition

AWARDS FUNDING



Phase I Steps

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Visit watershed.la.gov and access NOFA (banner at top of website)
- Complete Phase I Letter of Interest
- Email to watershed@la.gov by 3 p.m. Oct. 1, 2019

WHAT HAPPENS IF MULTIPLE AGENCIES APPLY FOR MY REGION?

- OCD will notify all applicants within the region
- Applicants must enter into an agreement to clarify duties and select fiscal agent
- If no agreement is reached, region will not qualify for Phase II



Phase II Steps



HOW DO I APPLY?

- Secure agreements with a majority of jurisdictions in your region
- Draft Phase II application, details included in NOFA
- Apply by 3 p.m. Dec. 13, 2019, via watershed.la.gov

KEY APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Description of need and proposed activities
- Implementation approach
- Timeline
- Cost estimates
- Program budget
- Jurisdiction agreements



Program Design Option A

WATERSHED COORDINATOR + FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

WATERSHED COORDINATOR

\$ 80,000 per year for 3 years

- Establish steering committee
- Decide on coalition structure
- Draft watershed project list
- Establish watershed coalitions
- Begin use of H&H models
- Continue business of watershed coalitions
- Adopt higher development standards

REGIONAL FLOODPLAIN MANAGER

\$ 80,000 per year for 2 years

- Help communities enter CRS
- Train staff
- Administer CRS PPI
- Assist with cycle verification visits and recertification



Program Design Option B

WATERSHED COORDINATOR + OUTREACH

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

WATERSHED COORDINATOR

\$ 80,000 per year for 3 years

- Establish steering committee
- Decide on coalition structure
- Draft watershed project list
- Establish watershed coalitions
- Begin use of H&H models
- Continue business of watershed coalitions
- Adopt higher development standards

WATERSHED OUTREACH OFFICER

\$ 80,000 per year for 2 years

- Homeowner flood risk counseling
- Operate LWI region info office
- Assist with grant applications
- Conduct community risk education



Program Design Option C

MULTI-AGENCY MANAGEMENT

WATERSHED COORDINATION

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

\$ 44,000/year for steering committee/coalition facilitator

- Coordinate and facilitate meetings
- Conduct training for members

AGENCY A

\$ 44,000/year for watershed planner

- Produce draft project list
- Secure long-term revenue streams

AGENCY B

\$ 44,000/year for regional floodplain manager

- Coordinate CRS participation
- Educate homeowners on risk

AGENCY C



Reporting

- Monthly reports
- Simple process – can be done by email
- LWI staff can provide assistance and training to regional staff

Region 1 Quarterly Report – January 2020

REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

REGIONAL MONTHLY REPORT

Reporting period: 1/1/2020 – 1/31/2020

Region: 1

National objective: N/A – Planning Activities

Eligible activity: Planning; HCDA Sec. 105(a)(12)

REPORTING CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact person name:

Contact phone:

Contact e-mail:

WATERSHED COORDINATION METRICS

All info should be limited to those items completed during the subject reporting period

Meetings facilitated

Insert meeting info here

Hours of work performed by Watershed Coordinator

Insert hours here

Deliverables completed

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OPTIONAL PROGRAM AREA METRICS

Metric #1

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Metric #2

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Metric #3

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Applicant Briefing

Sept. 16, 2019

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Griffon Room, First Floor
LaSalle Building
617 N. Third St.
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Questions

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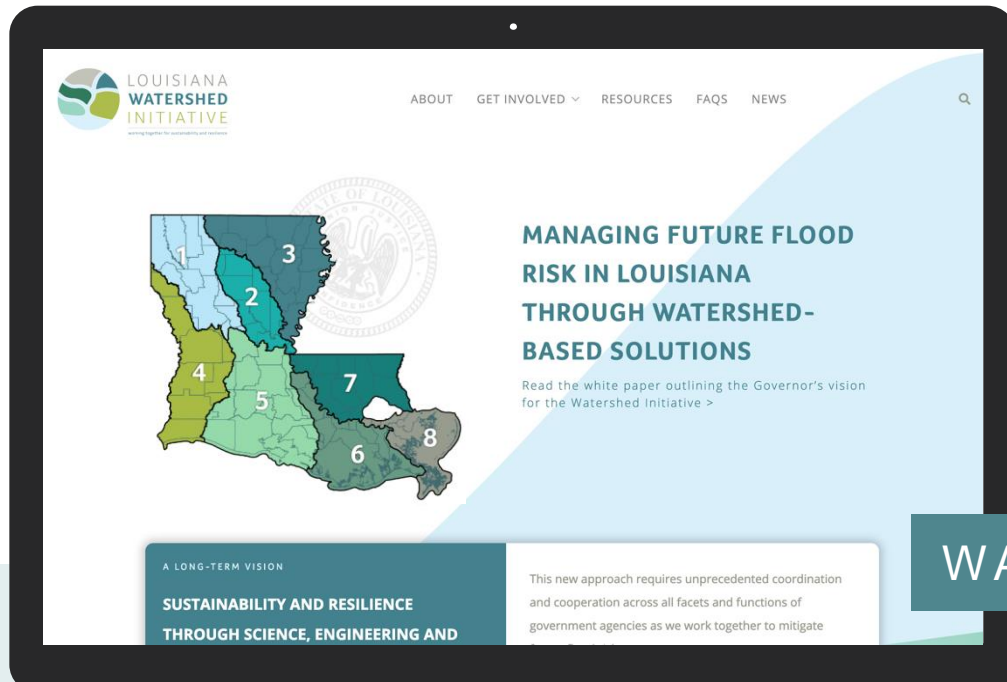


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