

	WATER RESOURCES DIVISION RESCISSION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Rescinded Date: January 28, 2014	Subject: Watershed Management Plans - Information/Education Strategies	Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Internal/Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> External/Non-Interpretive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External/Interpretive
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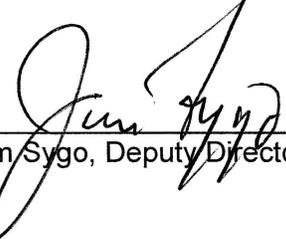
Water Resources Division (formerly Surface Water Quality Division) Policy and Procedure No. WMP 2, Watershed Management Plans - Information/Education Strategies, dated April 21, 2000, is rescinded. Watershed plans funded with federal funds are now required to meet federal criteria that includes an information and education component.

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Surface Water Quality Division Informational Statement WMP#2

Watershed Management Plans – Information/Education Strategies

Background: The administrative rules for the Clean Michigan Initiative Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants and Clean Water Fund state that an approved watershed management plan must include: “the tasks that need to be completed to prevent or control the critical sources of pollution or address causes of impairment, including, as appropriate, all of the following

- The best management practices needed.
- Revisions needed or proposed to local zoning ordinances and other land use management tools.
- Information and education activities.
- Activities needed to institutionalize watershed protection.”

In reviewing watershed management plans submitted for approval, district supervisors will use the MDEQ SWQD “Checklist for an Approved Watershed Management Plan” and the corresponding “Guidance for an Approved Watershed Management Plan,” EQ 5840. Item number 7 in the guidance states that to be approved a watershed plan must include:

“The tasks that need to be completed to prevent or control the critical sources of pollution or address causes of impairment. At a minimum, one or more of the following must be included in the watershed management plan. A comprehensive plan will include all four of the elements. . . ” and then lists the items above.

Both the rules and guidance leave it to the discretion of the reviewer to determine the appropriateness of the four items listed above. Information and education activities are, however, an essential component in accomplishing watershed goals in all watershed plans.

Statement: The Division recognizes that an involved, educated public is important in developing and implementing watershed management plans, and strongly supports the inclusion of information/education activities in watershed plans.

Effective Date:

4.21.00

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