

## APPENDIX B – CROSSWALK OF EPA’S COMPONENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE STATE NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO MONTANA’S 2025 NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

EPA NPS Plan Component (EPA, 2024)	Montana Nonpoint Source Management Plan
1. Identify water restoration and protection goals and the program strategies (regulatory, nonregulatory, financial and technical assistance, as needed) to achieve and maintain water quality standards. It includes relevant, current, and trackable annual milestones that best support program implementation.	<p>Plan Overview</p> <p>Section 1.7 - Restoration of Impaired Waters and Protection of Healthy Watersheds</p> <p>Section 3 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy</p> <p>Section 7 - Measuring Success</p> <p>Section 8 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix D - Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana</p>
2. Identify the primary categories and subcategories of NPS pollution and a process for prioritizing impaired and unimpaired waters and identify how national and state priorities may align	<p>Section 1.7 - Restoration of Impaired Waters and Protection of Healthy Watersheds</p> <p>Section 3 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy</p> <p>Section 4 - Engaging Montanans in Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution</p> <p>Section 5 - Working Partnerships</p> <p>Appendix C - Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p> <p>Appendix D - Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana</p>
3. Identify management measures that will be undertaken to reduce pollutant loadings resulting from each category, subcategory, or particular nonpoint source identified in component 2 above. The measures should also consider the impact of the BMPs on groundwater quality.	<p>Section 3 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy</p> <p>Section 8 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix C - Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p> <p>Appendix D - Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana</p>
4. Use both watershed projects and well-integrated regional or statewide programs to restore and protect waters, achieve water quality benefits, and advance any relevant climate resiliency goals.	<p>Section 1 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program Framework</p> <p>Section 3 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy</p> <p>Section 5 - Working Partnerships</p> <p>Section 6 - Enforceable Regulatory Programs</p> <p>Section 8 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix C - Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p>

<p>5. Identify and enhance the state’s collaboration with appropriate federal, state, interstate, Tribal, and regional agencies as well as local entities (including conservation districts, private sector groups, utilities, and citizens groups) that will be utilized to implement the state program. Furthermore, the state supports capacity-building in disadvantaged, underserved, or overburdened communities.</p>	<p>Section 1- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program Framework  Section 3- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy  Section 8 - Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan  Appendix C- Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p>
<p>6. Show how the state manages and implements its NPSMP efficiently and effectively, including necessary financial management.</p>	<p>Section 1- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program Framework  Section 3- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Strategy  Section 4- Public Engagement in Nonpoint Source Pollution  Section 5- Partnerships and Funding  Section 6- Enforceable Regulatory Programs  Section 7- Measuring Success  Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan  Appendix C- Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p>
<p>7. Evaluate the state’s NPSMP using environmental and functional measures of success and revise its NPSMP plan at least every five years.</p>	<p>Section 1- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program Framework  Section 7- Measuring Success  Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan  Appendix C- Entities Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in Montana</p>