

# Draft Watershed Planning Guidebook for Kentucky Communities

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# Introduction to the Draft Watershed Planning Guidebook for KY Communities

- This book will be the guide for creating watershed plans in four watersheds involved in this grant; Dry Creek, Hancock Creek, Town Branch and Darby Creek.
- Watershed Planning Teams will have the opportunity to give feedback on the guidebook throughout the planning process. This feedback will be used to revise the guidebook.

# Guidebook Chapters

- Chapter 1—**Get organized**
  - Identify and involve needed stakeholders
  - Identify preliminary scope and goals
- Chapter 2—**Look around**
  - Focus your research
  - Organize your Information
  - Create Watershed Inventory
- Chapter 3—**Analyze this**
  - Compare water quality data to state standards
  - Assess waterway using stream assessments
  - Predicting loads using modeling

# Guidebook Chapters

- Chapter 4—**Get your act together**
  - Create targets for each goal
  - Select BMPs
  - Find Resources
  - Outreach and Education
- Chapter 5—**Check it out**
  - Implement your plan
  - Monitor and evaluate progress

# Each chapter has the following:



- **Background Briefings**—provide information you need for this part of the planning process



- **Step it up**—describes some steps you can take to involve your group in this stage of the planning



- **Write it down**—tells you how to document the information you have developed, and the process you have used, in the Watershed Plan Outline

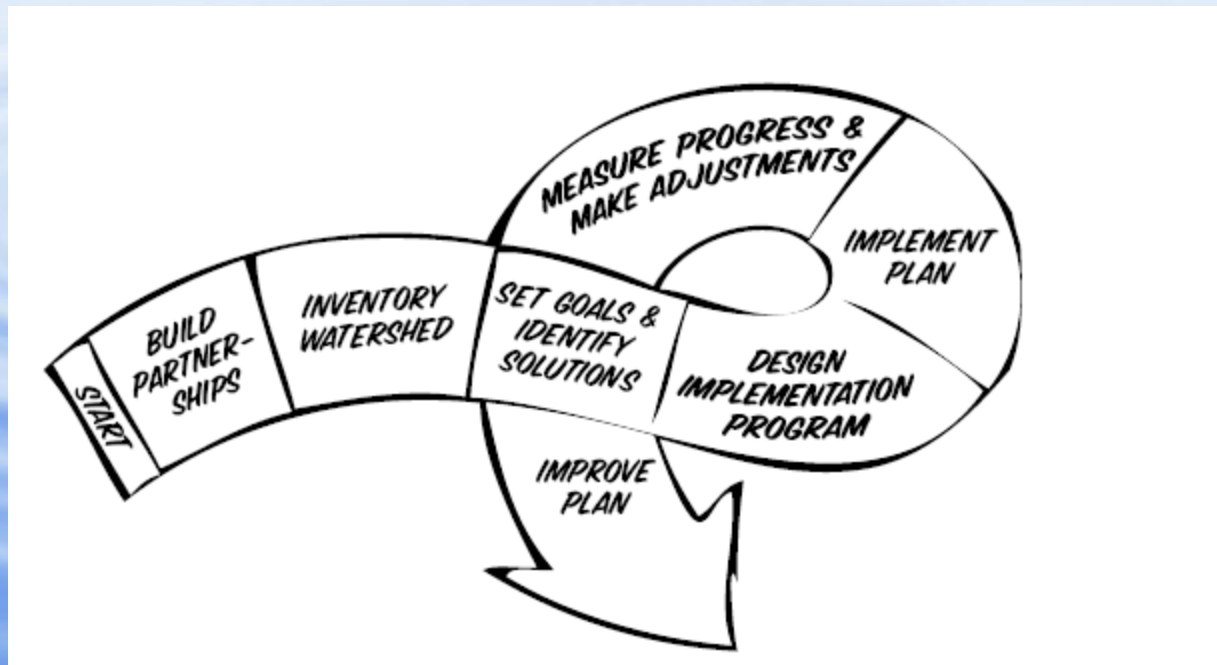
# Links in Guidebook

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# Watershed Planning is Iterative

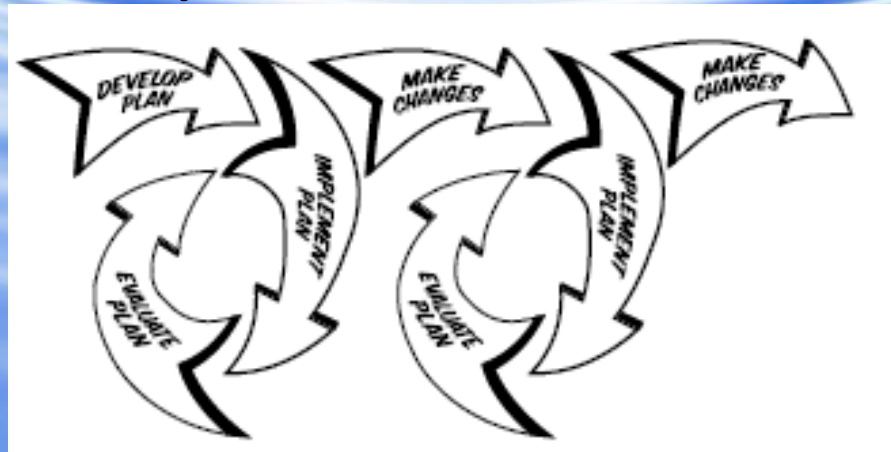
These are the basic steps in watershed planning. You may not have all the data that you need when you start your plan, but you can always add more later!



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# How to use the guidebook

- Watershed planning is not a linear process. Your group will follow the steps in the guidebook, but will often go back to revisit goals as you have more data and more stakeholders.
- After your plan is created, it will need to be adjusted every so often.



# EPA Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters

This document is referred to throughout the Kentucky Guidebook. A copy of the EPA Handbook will be helpful in your planning.

