



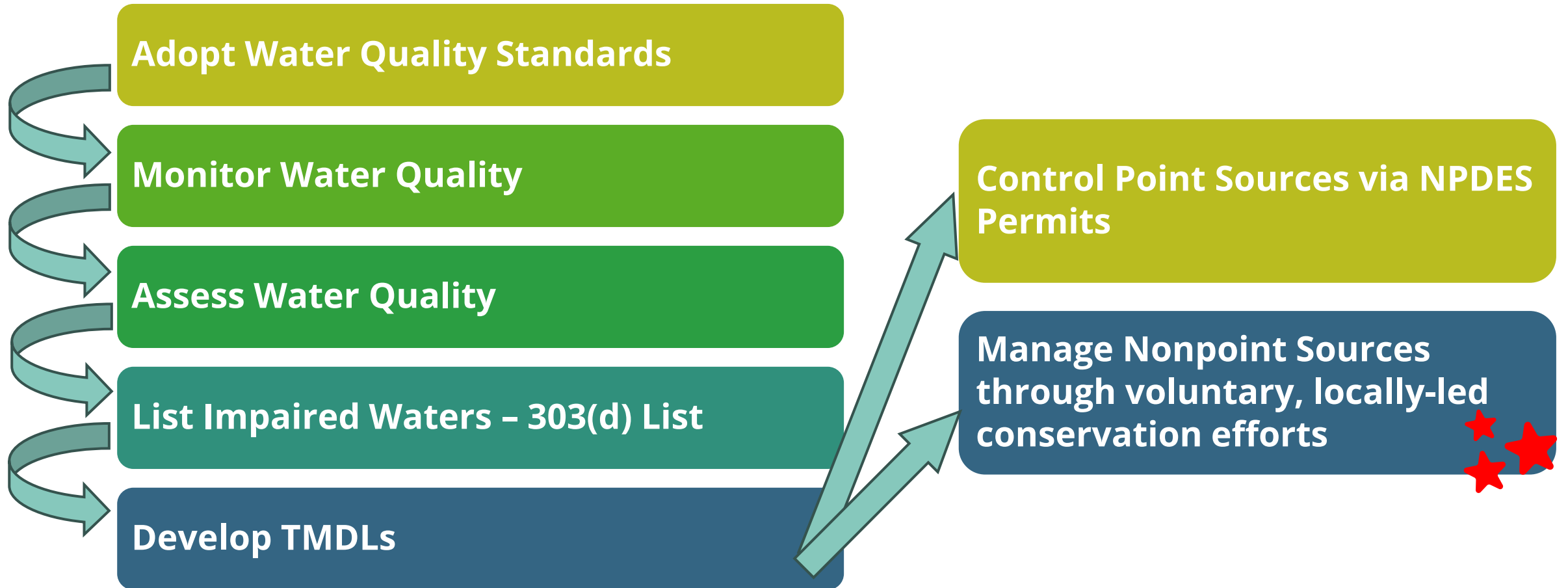
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# Partners in Water Quality Improvements

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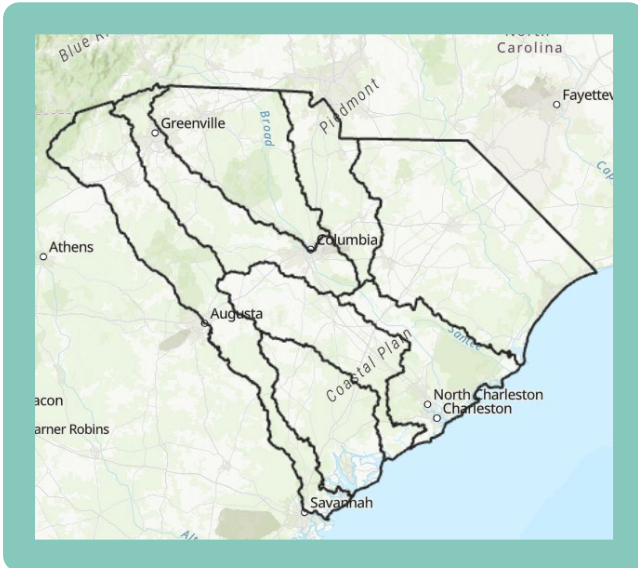
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# Clean Water Act: A Summary



# Watersheds Program

Providing **technical**, **educational** and financial assistance to restore and protect water quality.



- SC Watershed Atlas
- Watershed Planning
- Stakeholder Engagement



- Champions of the Environment Grant
- SC Adopt-a-Stream



- Watershed Plan Development Grant
- Section 319 Grant for Implementation Projects

# Nonpoint Source Program

Grant programs to restore and protect water quality

## Watershed Plan Development Grant

- Identify surface water pollutants that impact source water
- Make recommendations for implementation
- Address EPA's 9 required elements
- No funding match requirement
- 2-year grant program

Accepting applications  
spring 2027



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## Section 319 Grant

- Implement an approved Watershed Plan
- Complete practices that lead to measurable water quality improvement
- Spend 75% of funds on the ground
- Include education & outreach
- 40% match funding requirement
- 3-year grant program

Accepting applications  
summer 2026

# BMP Examples



- Septic repair / sewer tie-on
- Stream improvement
- Cropland management
- Livestock management
- Forestry best practices
- Stormwater practices
- Protection efforts
- Nature-based solutions

# Partnerships

- Forestry Commission
- NRCS
- SWCDs
- Municipal Government
- Non-profits
- Watershed Organizations
- Tribes





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