

Watershed Planning Guide/Checklist (2007)

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<http://www.ctic.purdue.edu/KYW/Brochures/PutTogether.html>

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Resource Vision/Goal Setting:

- What is the long term vision for your watershed?
- What is the overarching goal?
- What are general goals for your watershed? (These will be more obvious when your inventory/analysis is conducted).

Investigation/Analysis:

- List the water condition related concerns or problems.
- For each concern or problem area, list the future desired condition (**resource objectives**).
 - What is different between the current condition and the desired condition?
 - What needs to be done to correct this or make this change?
 - Which areas are most degraded?
 - Which areas are critical areas for protection?
 - Are there endangered or threatened resources?
 - Are there special opportunities for partnerships or projects?

Recommendations/Strategies/Action Plans: Generating meaningful recommendations involves designing a "game plan" for addressing the objectives:

- Generate a list of possible actions (include agency, partnership, watershed group)
 - List all the possible restoration actions (in progress or future).
 - Prioritize each one (High, Medium, Low) based on criterion important to the watershed team.
 - Put all items in a table with: Who, What, When, How, and Funded/Unfunded.
- Select the best watershed management alternative(s),
- List ways (strategies) to implement the selected alternative(s), and
- Determine how to measure progress.

Do the Work/Evaluate the Results: In the "final" stage you implement and evaluate your efforts.

- Put in place a mechanism to track your projects.
 - Tracking processes, check in meetings, email flows.
- Ensure that your project managers are accountable.
 - Planning and not doing wastes resources and time.
- Build into your work plan measures to ensure that your actions are evaluated.

Measure your success and need-to-do-betters and share them with your watershed.