

New Jersey Wetland Program Plan 2014-2018



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What is a Wetland Program Plan?

A guidance document based on CORE ELEMENTS that outlines GOALS and ACTIONS for a state wetland program over a 3-6 year period, with a schedule for carrying out the actions and achieving the goals.

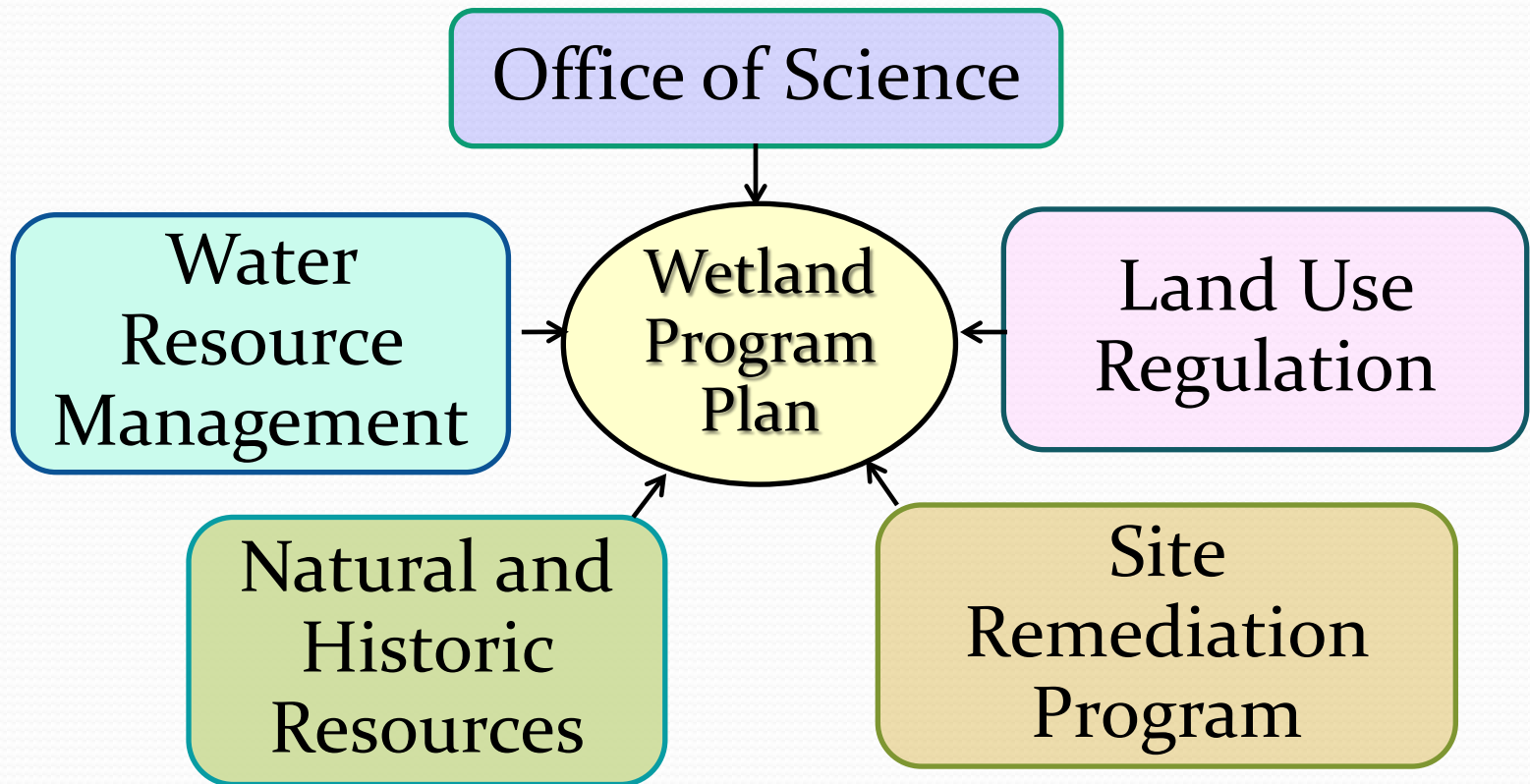
- *EPA has established a separate pool of Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) 104(b)(3) funds designated solely to States/Tribes that have EPA approved wetland plans. (Track One)*
- *Grant proposals that directly address the Goals, Objectives, Actions and Activities in a WPP are given a competitive advantage.*

EPA State and Tribal Wetland Program Plans

<http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/wpp.cfm>

Core Element of a State/Tribal Wetlands Program				
CORE ELEMENT →	Monitoring & Assessment	Regulation	Voluntary Restoration & Protection	Water Quality Standards for Wetlands
<p>New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (PDF) (12 pp, 339K) (2013-2018) Contact: Ross Feltes (ross.feltes@njmeadowlands.gov) ph: 201-460-4919</p>	X		X	
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NJDEP's Unified Goal

“Improving and protecting the significant ecosystem services and functions provided by wetlands including flood control, *shoreline stabilization, coastal storm surge protection*, water purification, nutrient cycling, sediment retention, provision of habitat for plants and wildlife, reservoirs of biological diversity supporting food webs, as well as providing meaningful recreation, sustainable economic benefits from tourism, and excellent opportunities for environmental education.”

NJ WPP's 5 CORE ELEMENTS

1. Monitoring & Assessment
2. Regulation
3. *Voluntary Wetland Restoration, Creation, Enhancement and Protection & Improved Coastal Shoreline Resiliency*
4. Water Quality Standards for Wetlands
5. Public Outreach and Education

CORE ELEMENT 3:

Voluntary Wetland Restoration, Creation, Enhancement And Protection & Improved Coastal Shoreline Resiliency

GOAL: To prioritize and implement active programs for ecological restoration and protection of wetlands through land acquisition, watershed planning, and development of a coastal shoreline resiliency program with a focus on enhancing and increasing wetland resources statewide.

ACTIONS: coordinating intra and inter-agency restoration, enhancement, creation and acquisition efforts, develop a comprehensive shoreline program and ensure that public and private efforts work collectively toward a common goal.

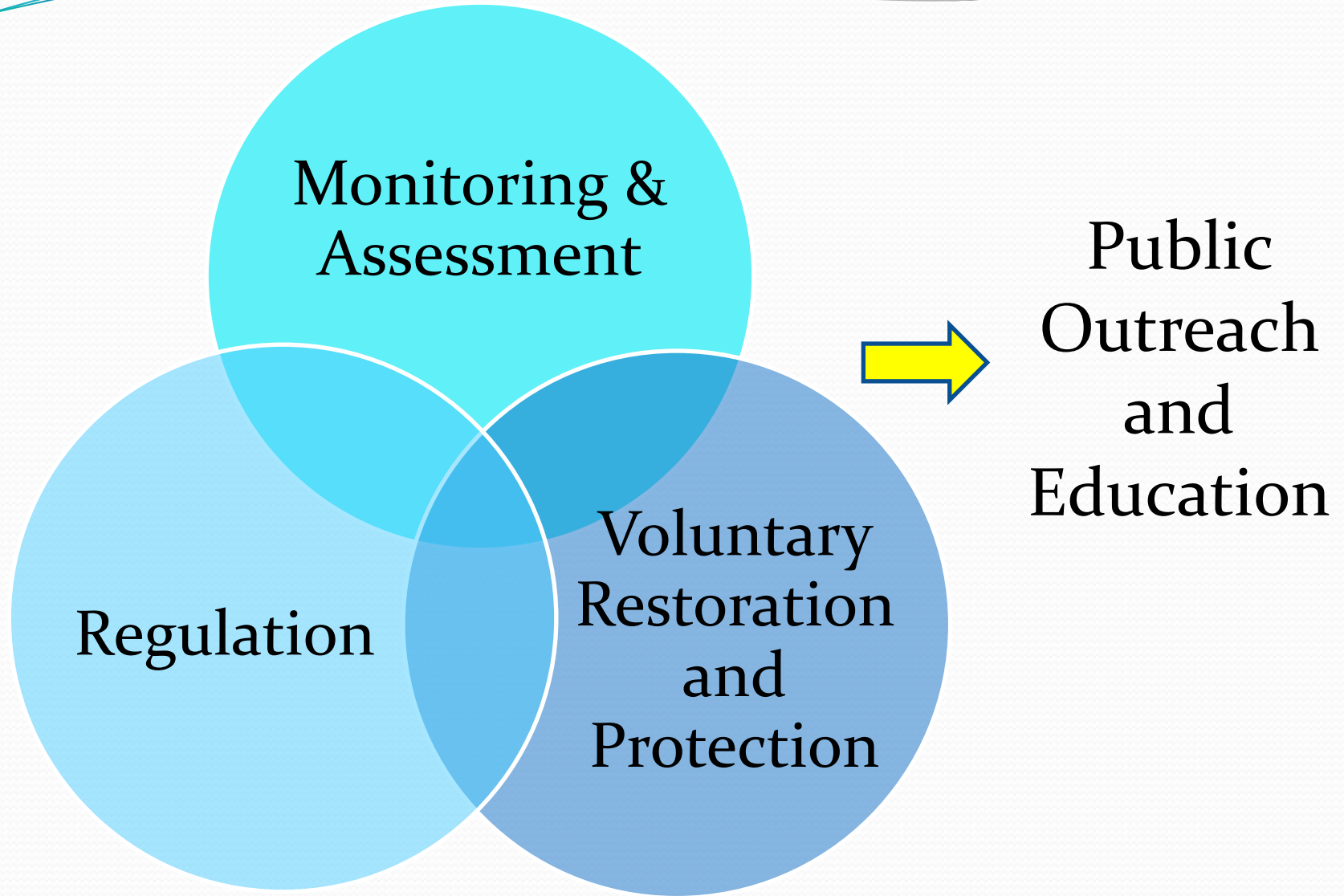
OBJECTIVE 1: Clearly and consistently define restoration and protection goals. (WPP pg. 12-13)

Action 1: Establish goals that are consistent or compatible across relevant agencies ...

Action 2: Consider watershed planning, wildlife habitat, and other objectives when selecting restoration / creation / enhancement / protection sites ...

Action 3: Provide clear guidance on shoreline resiliency and establish common success measures ...

- ✓ **Activity 1**: Develop guidance for creation of resilient coastal shorelines (2014-2016) **REGULATION**
- ✓ **Activity 2**: Establish common measures of success (2014-2015) **MONITORING & ASSESSMENT**
- ✓ **Activity 3**: Through guidance, encourage establishment of resilient coastal shorelines (2014-2018) **EDUCATION & OUTREACH**



Thank you

