

Item B.9: 1st Amendment ILA with WRWC for Extension of Time

October 11, 2023

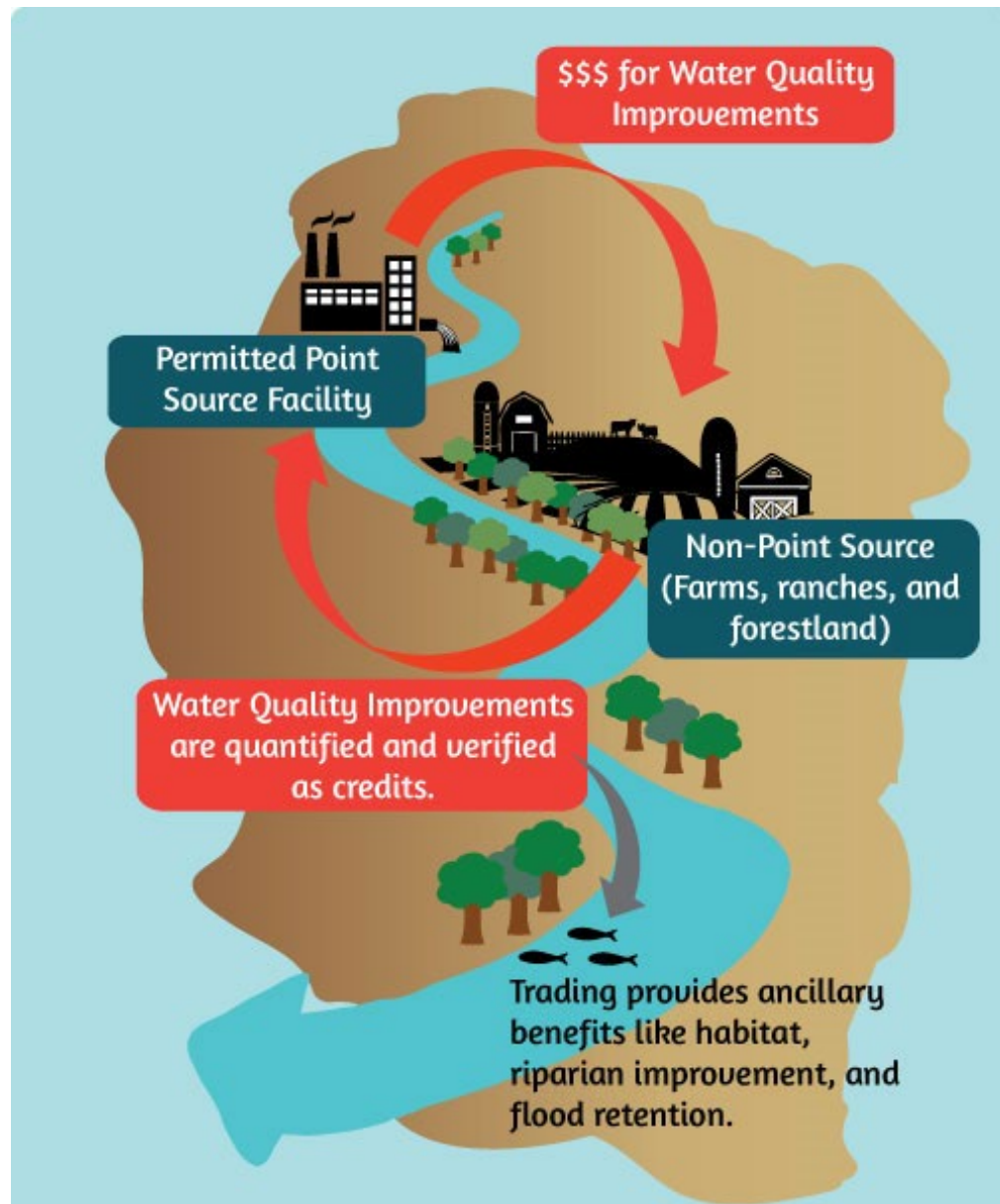


WRWC funding

- August 2021 - Council approved consultant agreement with Environmental Incentives for development of a Water Quality Credit Program
- August 2021 - Council approved the ILA with WRWC for funding of the Water Quality Credit Program scope
- June 30, 2023 - Agreement for funding expired
- Amendment extends to June 2024 to allow time for Stakeholder engagement and NDEP to review

Note: the amendment is only for additional time and does not include additional Funding.

WHAT IS A WATER QUALITY CREDITING & OFFSET PROGRAM?



The Clean Water Act Requires:

- Agencies to permit discharges to our lakes, rivers, and streams
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits on pollutants
- EPA encourages trading programs to address holistic watershed management

Benefits:

- Increases flexibility and collaboration
- Capture credits for the water quality benefits of restoration projects
- Net environmental benefit

Recommended Motion

- Staff recommends:
I move to approve Item B.9 first amendment to the ILA with WRWC for an extension of time related to development of a Water Quality Credit Program.