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Alabama	Iowa	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
Alaska	Kansas	New Jersey	South Carolina
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Arkansas	Louisiana	New York	Tennessee
California	Maine	North Carolina	Texas
Caribbean Area	Maryland	North Dakota	Utah
Colorado	Massachusetts	Ohio	Vermont
Connecticut	Michigan	Oklahoma	Virginia
Delaware	Minnesota	Pacific Islands Area	Washington
Georgia	Mississippi	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Idaho	Missouri		Wisconsin
Illinois	Montana		Wyoming
Indiana	Nebraska		

Watersheds highlighted in yellow are new for FY2018.

State Name	Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC)	Watershed Name	Instream Monitoring?	
Alabama	031402011004	Cox Mill Creek -Hurricane Creek	Yes	
Alabama	0603000108	Guntersville Lake - Scarham Creek	Yes	
Alabama	031402020504	Huckleberry Creek	Yes	^ back to top
Alaska	19020401	Anchorage Bowl	Unknown	
Alaska	190204010803	Cottonwood Creek	Yes	^ back to top
Arizona	1502000103	Coyote Creek (10-digit HUC)	Yes	^ back to top
Arizona	150502020203	Lower Greenbush draw- San Pedro River	No	
Arizona	150502020401	Spring Creek - San Pedro River	No	
Arizona	150502020705	Road Tank - San Pedro River	No	
Arizona	1506020101	Aubrey Valley	Yes	
Arkansas	080402050302	Cousart Bayou-Little Cypress Bayou	Yes	^ back to top
Arkansas	080402050303	Upper Deep Bayou	Yes	
Arkansas	080402050304	Lower Deep Bayou	Yes	

Arkansas	080203020209	Buffalo Slough-Cache River	Yes	
California	180101051101	Salt River	No	^ back to top
California	180701030103	Las Posas Arroyo	Yes	
California	180701030106	Beardsley Wash	Yes	
California	180701030107	Revlon Slough-Calleguas Creek	Yes	
California	180701030201	Mugu Lagoon	Yes	
California	180701030202	McGrath Lake	Yes	
California	180701030105	Lower Conejo Arroyo	Yes	
Caribbean Area	2101000302	Rio Grande de Anasco Watershed (10-digit HUC)	Yes	^ back to top
Caribbean Area	2101000303	Rio Yaguez (Rio Guanajibo 10-digit HUC)	No	
Colorado	1102000112	Headwaters Grape Creek (10-digit HUC)	Yes	^ back to top
Colorado	140200050105	Fruit Growers	No	
Connecticut	010802050202	Broad Brook	Unknown	^ back to top
Connecticut	011000010401	Little River	Yes	
Delaware	020801090404	Clear Brook - Nanticoke	Yes	^ back to top
Georgia	031501030702	Woodward Creek	Yes	^ back to top
Georgia	031501041704	Dykes Creek	Yes	
Georgia	031501041706	City of Rome-Etowah River	Yes	
Georgia	031501030703	Dozier Creek-Oostanaula River	Yes	
Idaho	170501140704	Lower Sand Hollow	No	^ back to top
Idaho	170501140802	Dixie Slough-Pilot	No	
Idaho	170501140803	Outlet-Lower Boise	No	
Illinois	051201090804	Lake De Revey-North Fork Vermilion River	Yes	^ back to top

Illinois	051201090805	Painter Creek-North Fork Vermilion River	No	
Illinois	051201090806	Lake Vermillion-North Fork Vermilion River	No	
Illinois	051201130403	Crooked Creek-Bonpas Creek	No	
Illinois	071402040603	Douglas Creek	No	
Illinois	071300040202	Lake Bloomington-Money Creek	Yes	
Illinois	071300040202	Blue Mound-Money Creek	Yes	
Indiana	051202011108	Eagle Creek Reservoir-Eagle Creek	Yes	^ back to top
Iowa	071000060401	Wall Lake Inlet	Yes	^ back to top
Iowa	071000080402	Badger Creek	No	
Iowa	102802010108	Lower South Fork Chariton River	No	
Iowa	102802010204	Headwaters Wolf Creek	Yes	
Iowa	102802010207	Lost Branch-Chariton River	No	
Iowa	102802010102	Upper South Fork Chariton	Yes	
Kansas	102600070305	Big Creek	No	^ back to top
Kansas	102701020801	Headwaters Soldier Creek	Yes	
Kansas	110702020201	Headwaters Mud Creek	Yes	
Kentucky	051002050505	Clarks Run	No	^ back to top
Kentucky	051002050506	Mock's Branch-Dix River	No	
Kentucky	051002050507	Cane Run-Dix River	Yes	
Kentucky	050902030807	Lower Gunpowder Creek	Yes	
Louisiana	080402070303	Lake Louis	No	^ back to top
Louisiana	080802020103	Bayou Grand Marais	Yes	
Louisiana	080801020801	Bayou Du Portage	Yes	
Maine	010100050303	Nickerson Lake	Yes	^ back to top



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Thirty New Watersheds Added to National Water Quality Initiative

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 2017 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will add 30 new watersheds in 2018 to its premiere water quality initiative, which helps landowners improve water quality while strengthening agricultural operations. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will invest more than \$30 million this year in 201 high-priority watersheds across the country.

The National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), now in its seventh year, focuses resources in watersheds most in need and where farmers, ranchers and forest landowners can use conservation practices to make a difference.

"Watershed studies have shown that targeting conservation on vulnerable acres leads to greater water quality improvements," said Acting NRCS Chief, Leonard Jordan. "This latest investment focuses on small watersheds, where we have opportunities to work with partners and farmers to accelerate conservation efforts and deliver real results for communities downstream."

Through NWQI, farmers, ranchers and forest landowners receive one-on-one personalized advice and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to address a broad range of natural resource concerns, including water quality.

Conservation systems include practices that promote soil health, reduce erosion and lessen nutrient runoff, such as cover crops, reduced tillage and nutrient management; waste management systems that treat agricultural waste and livestock manure; irrigation systems that capture and recycle nutrients back to the field; and wetland restoration that increases wildlife habitat, mitigates flooding, and improves water quality. These practices not only benefit natural resources but enhance agricultural productivity and profitability by improving soil health and optimizing the use of agricultural inputs.

USDA's approach to improve water quality is working across the country. Recent successes include:

Louisiana: NRCS has assisted dairy and livestock farmers implement conservation practices, including nutrient management, forage harvest management, prescribed grazing and watering facilities. These efforts helped prevent fecal coliform from washing into Big Creek and East Fork Big Creek watersheds, eventually leading to their removal from Louisiana's impaired waterbodies list in 2016.

Montana: Irrigation improvements, off-stream watering, alternative source water for crop irrigation, and additional fencing, riparian re-vegetation, and stream channel work was accomplished with numerous partners in the Deep Creek watershed. The lower and middle segments of Deep Creek were removed from Montana's list of impaired watersheds due to significant reductions in sediment loading.

Nebraska: Conservation treatments on land surrounding the Big Indian Creek Reservoir included cropland practices to reduce sediment and nutrients, removal of cattle from the stream, and renovation of the riparian area with grass and tree plantings. These conservation efforts resulted in a 70 percent reduction in phosphorus and sediment loads, contributing to its removal from Nebraska's impaired waterbodies list in 2016.

South Dakota: NRCS worked with South Dakota state agencies and the city of Sioux Falls to protect riparian areas along Skunk Creek watershed. Streambank improvements, seasonal riparian area management and alternative water sources for livestock contributed to a reduction in sediment and removal from South Dakota's impaired water bodies list in 2016 for suspended solids.