

## **Nine Minimum Elements of a Watershed Protection Plan**

**EPA Handbook for Developing Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters**  
<http://www.epa.gov/polluted-runoff-nonpoint-source-pollution/handbook-developing-watershed-plans-restore-and-protect>

- a) Identification of causes that will need to be controlled to achieve the load reductions described in (b)
- b) Estimates of load reductions expected for the management measures described in (c)
- c) Description of management measures that will need to be implemented to achieve load reductions described in (b)
- d) Estimate of technical and financial assistance needed to implement this plan
- e) Information/education component that will be used to enhance public understanding of this plan
- f) Schedule for implementing management measures described in (c)
- g) Description of interim, measurable milestones for determining whether management measures described in (c) are being implemented
- h) Set of criteria that can be used to determine whether load reductions described in (b) are being achieved
- i) Water quality monitoring component to evaluate effectiveness of implementation measured against the established criteria described in (h)