

 **Worksheet 12-3** *Basic Components of a Watershed Plan*

Key watershed planning components	Done?	Comments
Include the geographic extent of the watershed covered by the plan.		
Identify the measurable water quality goals, including the appropriate water quality standards and designated uses.		
Identify the causes and sources or groups of similar sources that need to be controlled to achieve the water quality standards.		
Break down the sources to the subcategory level.		
Estimate the pollutant loads entering the waterbody.		
Determine the pollutant load reductions needed to meet the water quality goals.		
Identify critical areas in which management measures are needed.		
Identify the management measures that need to be implemented to achieve the load reductions.		
Prepare an I/E component that identifies the education and outreach activities needed for implementing the watershed management plan.		
Develop a schedule for implementing the plan.		
Develop interim, measurable milestones for determining whether management measures are being implemented.		
Develop a set of criteria to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved and progress is being made toward attaining (or maintaining) water quality standards, and specify what measures will be taken if progress has not been demonstrated.		
Develop a monitoring component to determine whether the plan is being implemented appropriately and whether progress toward attainment or maintenance of applicable water quality standards is being achieved.		
Estimate the costs to implement the plan, including management measures, I/E activities, and monitoring.		
Identify the sources and amounts of financial and technical assistance and associated authorities available to implement the management measures.		
Develop an evaluation framework.		