

# SOURCEWATER PROTECTION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

DEVELOPING A PROTECTION PLAN FOR  
CREEDE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

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# COLORADO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

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August 7, 2014

City of Creede  
Board of Trustees  
2223 North Main Street  
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Dear Board of Trustees,

This is a letter of information about our Source Water Protection Program. The Colorado Rural Water Association is a nonprofit organization that provides technical services to small rural public water systems throughout Colorado. The goal of our Source Water Protection Program is to reduce or eliminate the potential risks to drinking water supplies through the development of Source Water Protection Plans and provide assistance to entities for the implementation of prevention measures. I am funded under a grant from the USDA to Colorado Rural Water Association to coordinate and facilitate the process of developing this plan; therefore there is no cost for this service to you.

Developing a Source Water Protection Plan involves organizing a Planning Team, delineating a protection area around your water source, identifying potential sources of contaminants, and developing management approaches to implement to protect the water source. The planning process takes from 4-6 months, with one meeting per month. I can help your community with organizing and facilitating the meetings, researching information, and writing the protection plan.

I am interested in helping you develop a Source Water Protection Plan for your public water system during 2013. The value of having a clean, high quality drinking water supply cannot be over emphasized. I can also sign you up for the \$5,000 grant from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that can be used for implementing this Plan.

I am available to provide a short presentation about our program to your Board of Trustees at your September 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

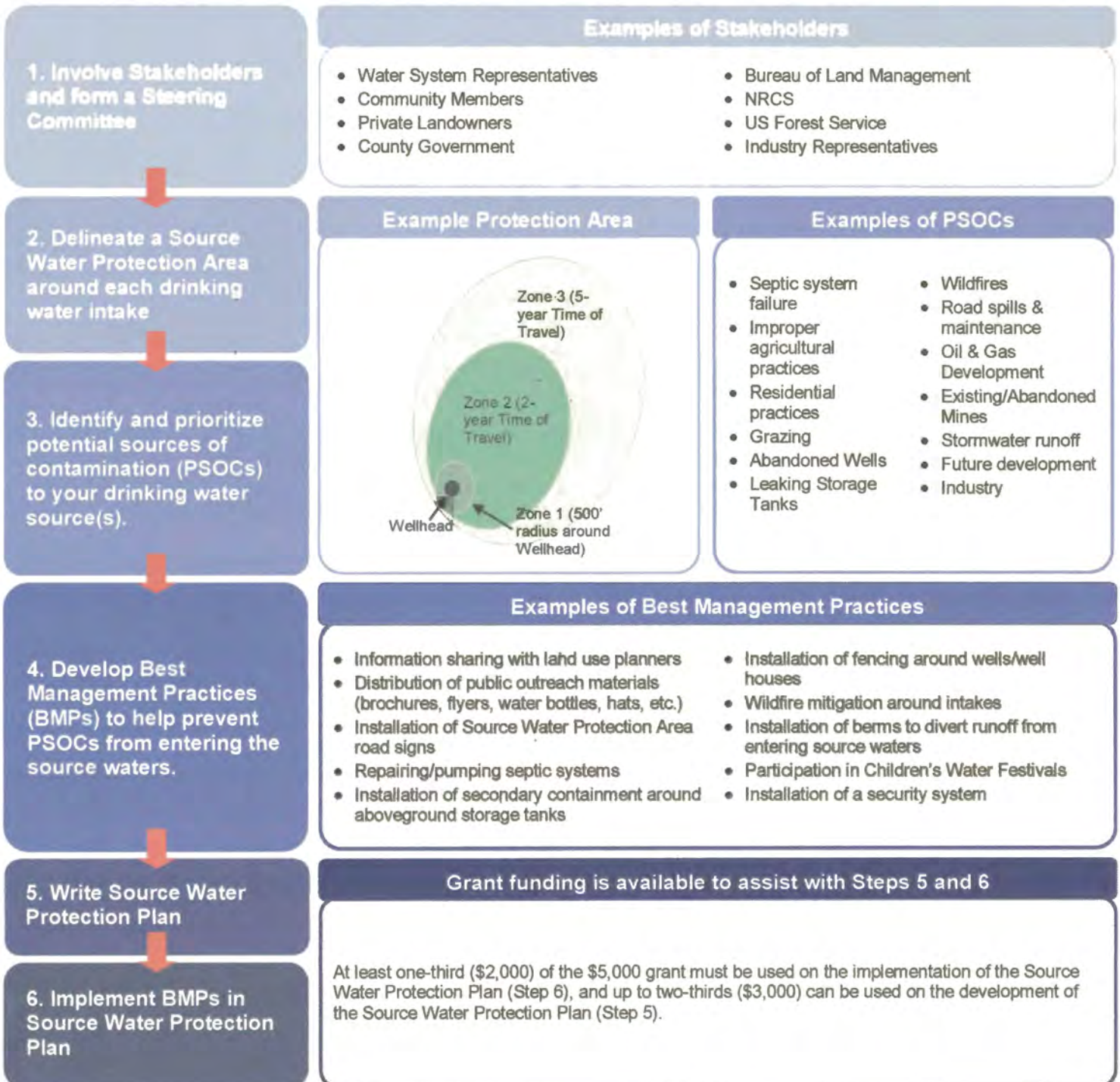
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# Steps to Developing a Source Water Protection Plan

Development of a Source Water Protection Plan consists of six steps and takes from four - six months, with approximately one stakeholder meeting per month. Below is an outline of the steps involved in the Source Water Protection planning process. For more information, visit CRWA's website at [www.crwa.net](http://www.crwa.net).





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Your guide to

# Colorado Rural Water Association's Source Water Protection Program

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## What is Source Water Protection?

- A **PROACTIVE** approach to preventing the pollution of lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater that serve as sources of drinking water.
- A **NON-REGULATORY** program that focuses on stakeholder involvement, education, and awareness.

Source Water Protection was founded on the concept that informed citizens, equipped with fundamental knowledge about their drinking water source(s) and the threats to it, will be the most effective advocates for protecting this valuable resource

## Colorado's Source Water Assessment & Protection (SWAP) Program

- The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) created Colorado's SWAP Program under the mandate of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments.
- In 2004, CDPHE created Source Water Assessment Reports for all public water systems in Colorado to help with the development and implementation of individual Source Water Protection Plans.
- CRWA receives funding from the USDA and the CDPHE to assist public water systems with the development and implementation of their Source Water Protection Plans.



## Role of a CRWA Source Water Specialist

- Complete and submit Development & Implementation Grant Application.
- Assist with the assembly of a Steering Committee comprised of local stakeholders.
- Facilitate source water protection planning meetings.
- Assist with delineation and mapping of a Source Water Protection Area.
- Offer guidance and ideas for Best Management Practice implementation.
- Provide template and consultation to write the Source Water Protection Plan.
- Provide assistance with invoicing for grant reimbursement.
- Act as a liaison between public water system and CDPHE.

## Who is Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA)?

- CRWA is a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance and training to Colorado's public water and wastewater systems.
- CRWA's Source Water Protection Team has more than 20 years of combined experience assisting nearly 200 public water systems with source water protection.
- For more information, or to contact a CRWA Source Water Specialist, call 719-545-6748 or visit [www.crwa.net](http://www.crwa.net).

## Funding for Source Water Protection

- CDPHE offers a \$5,000 Source Water Protection Development & Implementation grant to community water systems in Colorado.
- Grant funds can be used towards development and implementation of a Source Water Protection Plan.
- Grant is a one-to-one matching grant that can be matched with cash or in-kind time.

### In-kind "credits" toward grant match:

- Non-water Professional - \$30/hour
- Water Professional - \$60/hour
- Lawyer or Engineer - \$100/hour



Most water systems meet their match by in-kind time spent at stakeholder meetings.