

Announcement:
**Upcoming Free Webinar Series to Share Findings
From Enabling Source Water Protection Project**

The Trust for Public Land and the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, with support from the River Network and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, worked with seven state partners over a three-year period on projects to improve protection of drinking water sources. The projects aimed to help states work across political and programmatic boundaries to better align planning, economic development, regulation and conservation to protect drinking water sources at the local and watershed levels.

Now that work with the seven states is nearing completion, the team will report on findings in a series of five webinars during the summer and fall of 2012. The webinars highlight the most innovative, replicable topics from among the many addressed during the project, and pay special attention to coordination between source water and clean water interests. **The webinar topics are as follows:**

1. **Non-traditional sources of funding for source water protection.** During this webinar we will discuss innovative ways to use the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Supplemental Environmental Project funds. Work in Missouri and North Carolina will be featured.
2. **GIS tools to assist state drinking water and clean water programs and non-government partners.** There will be a focus on work in Oregon and recommendations for Maine. For Oregon, we worked with local experts to create a GIS-based tool to identify healthy lands most important for conservation as well as impaired lands where restoration efforts will protect water quality.
3. **Models for improving collaboration between source water and clean water state agency staff.** This includes interagency collaboration ideas for Utah and North Carolina. We will also discuss specific policies where better integration between source water and clean water has been attempted, including (1) improved anti-degradation policies and procedures as they relate to stormwater and construction sites in New Hampshire and (2) revisions to the CWA 319 program considered in Missouri.
4. **Examples of successful state agency efforts to support and coordinate with local planning activities.** We will discuss efforts in North Carolina and Ohio to provide incentives for local source water protection including the development of a state-wide source water collaborative for North Carolina. Also, a handful of states have shoreline protection acts that could serve as models of state/local government collaboration on protection of drinking water sources. Although the development of a shoreline protection act was not included in any of the final recommendations for the demonstration states, the project team did assemble information on these acts.
5. **Examples of how state agencies can incorporate Source Water Protection in Economic Strategies.** Examples from Maine, New York and Ohio will be featured.

Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement with scheduled dates and times. For more information, please contact Kelley Hart at 415-800-5201 or Kelley.Hart@tpl.org.