

# NWQI

- Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Will assist producers to address high-priority water resource concerns in small watershed with streams or water bodies in one or more of the following categories (targeted waters):
  - Impaired – a stream or water body documented to be impaired, and identified on a state’s 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
  - Threatened – a stream or water body with water quality data documenting and impairment, but does not have a TMDL Implementation Plan and is not listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US EPA;
  - Total Maximum Daily Loads – a stream or water body that has been on EPA’s 303(d) list of impaired waters but may have been removed because there is a TMDL plan for implementation; or
  - Critical – a stream or water body upstream of an impaired segment or area, and is known to be a contributing source of the downstream impairment for a stream in one or more of the three categories above.

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- In addition to the targeted waters identified on earlier slide, the watershed selection process will include identifying impairments that NRCS can effectively address through voluntary action, including that the impairments are from agricultural sources (nutrients and/or sediment.)
- Will also take into account staffing, past program interest, other efforts/projects, state resource assessments, state and local watershed management plans, on-going monitoring efforts, etc.

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- Each state held 5% of their financial assistance allocation
  - Kentucky: FY 12 - \$582,000
- Will use a national set of core and supporting practices
- Need to get input from State Technical Committee to help NRCS select one to three 12-digit HUC



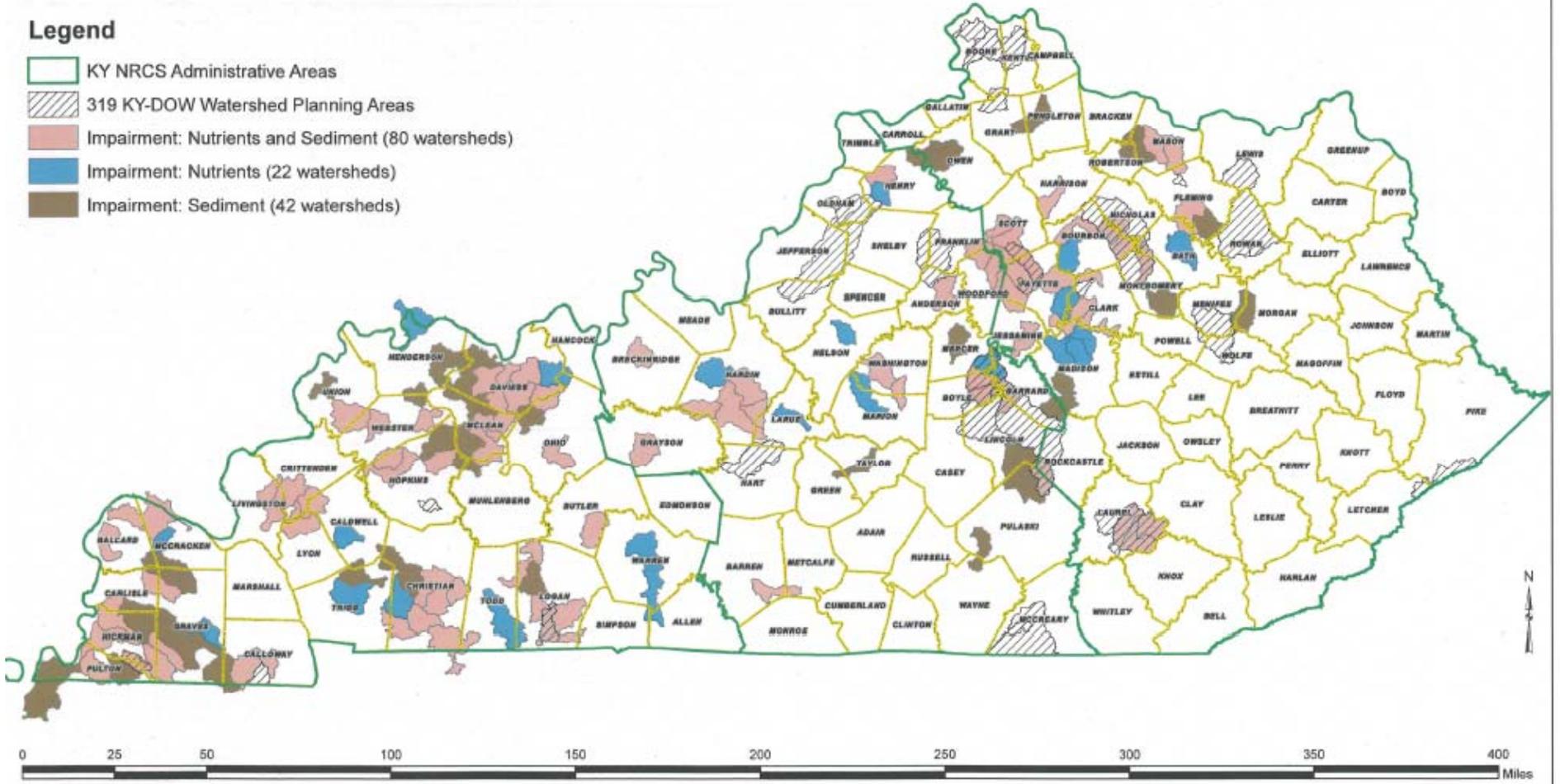




# National Water Quality Initiative: KY Identified HUC-12 Watersheds, 2012

## Legend

-  KY NRCS Administrative Areas
-  319 KY-DOW Watershed Planning Areas
-  Impairment: Nutrients and Sediment (80 watersheds)
-  Impairment: Nutrients (22 watersheds)
-  Impairment: Sediment (42 watersheds)



# MRBI Projects

