



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves as a report card on locally driven collaborative efforts to improve and restore those waters that the State of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has deemed to be impaired or threatened. This is an update to the report published in the fall of 2005. Tremendous progress has occurred in the state, demonstrating the commitment of local landowners, homeowners, citizens, local districts, county commissioners, municipalities and state and federal agencies.

This report is designed to provide a brief synopsis of the listings, the impairments or threats identified, the monitoring, planning, educational and implementation activities occurring to remedy water quality issues on a watershed by watershed basis. Private landowners and homeowners as well as local, state and federal agencies are all involved in water quality improvement activities and this report provides a means of compiling an inventory of these efforts in one document.

The individual watershed implementation activities and associated funding outlined in this report are cumulative totals encapsulating the time period between the waterbody being listed and today. Since the onset of the local watershed based efforts in 1998, there have been a total of 10 waters delisted as a result of work done on the ground or new and more accurate information becoming available.

The total investment in waters listed on the state's 303(d) list speaks to the magnitude of these local efforts. The combined investment from private individuals, landowners, organizations, local government, state and federal agencies is in excess of \$36 million. The local governments account for 10 percent, state funding accounts for 20 percent, federal funds are 50 percent and the private landowners, homeowners and organizations account for 20 percent of this total investment.

These efforts encompass 85 impaired waterbodies on the 2006 list designated as impaired or threatened. The roadmap for water quality restoration is encompassed in the 22 watershed plans that have been developed by the local people within their communities and approved by DEQ.

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WACD has also created a web based Watershed Report which includes additional information on these water quality activities. To view this report and additional watershed information please visit www.conservewy.com.