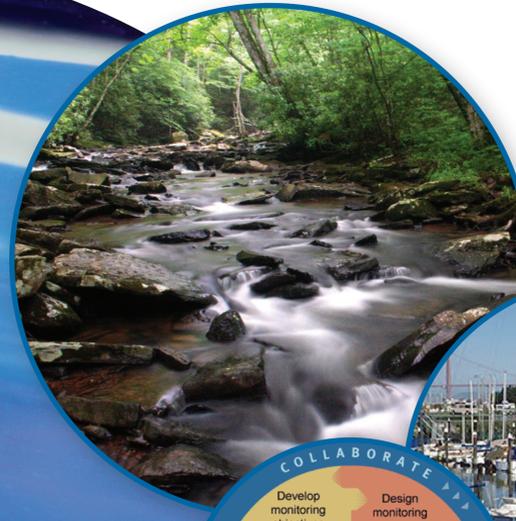




Management Practice Miner: New Database Helps Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution



MP MINER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Management Practice Miner team is accepting:

- Grant study information
- Information on successful practices you have used
- Sources of information describing management practices

To provide information, or if you have questions or comments, please contact us!

Many procedures and alternatives are available to mitigate nonpoint source pollution. But a lack of knowledge about these interventions is resulting in nonpoint source pollution that is entirely preventable.

The Management Practice Miner (MP Miner) database was developed to reduce the volume of nonpoint source pollution stemming from the lack of information about mitigative procedures and alternatives. MP Miner summarizes details about a variety of management practices and offers a simple way to compare practices. It helps users find the best management practices to improve, enhance, and restore water quality and its beneficial uses. This easy-to-use tool:

- Provides a searchable database that compiles valuable information in one central location.
- Summarizes details about various management practices to help the users determine if a practice meets their specific needs.
- Offers a simple way to compare management practices.
- Helps users find the best management practices to improve, enhance, and restore water quality and its associated beneficial uses.

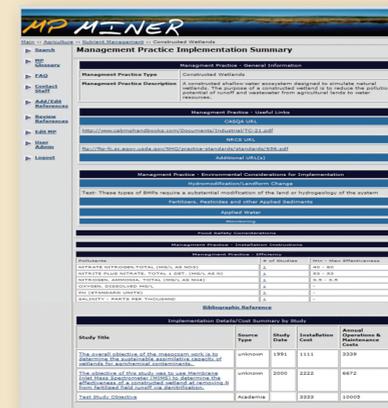
How the User-Friendly Database Works

Users find management practice descriptions, cost-efficacy information, installation instructions, environmental considerations, bibliographic links, and a variety of additional useful and important information.

The system lets land users identify management practices that relate to their activities. Users decide between six different land use categories: Forestry, Urban, Agriculture, Marinas and Recreational Boating, Stream Channel and Riparian, and Wetlands. Each of these categories is then divided into a series of management measures (sediment reduction, for example) that categorize the management practices. Or, users can choose an advanced search, a key word search, or a "quick list" to find a particular practice.

MP Miner Goes Beyond the Basics to Improve Water Quality

- In addition to its primary scope of nonpoint source pollution, MP Miner includes activities that improve general hydrologic function.
- It links relevant websites to the practice summary page and supports further research.
- It links to other websites with useful information, schematics, and installation instructions help narrow the user's search.
- It includes a variety of studies along with valuable data for the management practice, such as efficacy information, details of site-specific conditions, implementation cost, and maintenance procedures.



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