

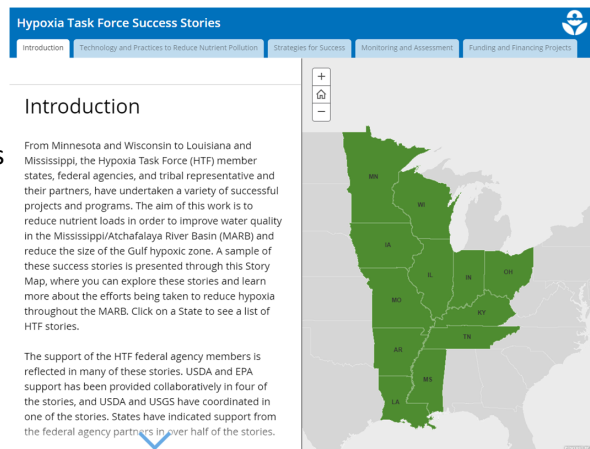
EPA Support to HTF Member States

October 1, 2020

Fall 2020 Virtual HTF Public Meeting

HTF Success Stories Story Map

- EPA has supported the HTF state members by publishing a [new interactive Story Map of success stories](#)
 - Updates previous webpage of success stories from within the Mississippi/Atchafalaya River Basin (MARB).
- The Story Map highlights efforts state efforts to reduce nutrient loss throughout the MARB and hypoxia in the Gulf.
- It is organized into four themes and can be updated regularly.
 - Technology and Practices to Reduce Nutrient Pollution
 - Strategies for Success
 - Monitoring and Assessment
 - Funding and Financing Projects



<https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/success-stories-hypoxia-task-force-htf>

EPA Memo to State & Tribal Env. Agencies:
EPA Financing Available to Support Market-Based Water
Quality Improvement Programs

- EPA has strongly encouraged states and authorized tribes to adopt market-based approaches for water quality improvement, including water quality trading, to supplement traditional regulatory programs and financing opportunities.
- The February 2019 memo, “Updating the EPA’s Water Quality Trading Policy to Promote Market-Based Mechanisms for Improving Water Quality,” ID’d six broad market-based principles.
- One principle is identifying financing opportunities that can assist in increasing adoption of nonpoint conservation practices and systems.
- A Sept 30, 2020 memorandum describes EPA financing available to support state and tribal adoption of market-based water quality improvement programs.
- Information may be found at the HTF webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf>.

Financial Support to States and State Partners

- In 2019 and 2020, EPA has funded \$2.4M in grants to the 12 HTF states to support their [nutrient reduction strategies](#).
 - These resources supplement support for states via “base” program investments in nonpoint source management (CWA Section 319 grants), state Revolving Loan Fund programs, and state water quality management programs (CWA Section 106 grants)
- EPA has awarded more than \$9.5 million in grants to fund farmer-led projects that improve water quality, habitat and environmental education in the Gulf of Mexico watershed.
 - Next RFA closes on October 16, 2020, to fund up to \$10 million in new projects. [See Farmer to Farmer grant Story Map](#).