



# Raritan Basin Watershed Management Project

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## Characteristics of a Watershed Management Plan

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**The plan should be results-oriented and achievable**

**The plan should adapt to change, new information and technology**

**The plan should have a clearly stated vision, mission and goals that articulate a preferred future**

**The plan should include clear milestones and a process to periodically evaluate progress**

**The plan should apportion benefits and responsibilities as equitably as possible among those affected by the plan**

**The plan should be easy to understand and use by different audiences and those affected by the plan, and should include exciting summaries backed by technically robust information**

**The plan should portray trust developed in the process and results, through sound planning, clear conclusions and solutions based on good science**

**The plan should foster support for strategy implementation by addressing issues in ways that are positive, beneficial, justified, and sensitive to their social, economic and political context.**

**The plan and the process to develop the plan should stand upon and encourage strong and effective public participation**

**The plan's strategies should achieve plan goals in ways that are broadly applicable but with flexibility for tailored applications**