

# Want Help with Integrated Planning?

Technical Assistance Is Available

Integrated planning is a process that municipalities can use to achieve clean water and human health goals while addressing aging infrastructure, changing population and rainfall patterns, and competing priorities for funding.

## When is assistance available?

From December 1, 2020, to August 31, 2021.

## Who can request assistance?

Municipalities and state permitting authorities.

## What types of technical assistance do EPA Environmental Finance Centers offer?

EPA assists planners and reviewers with Element 4 of the Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Framework. Municipalities can share the outcomes of their work for Elements 1–3 and receive help preparing alternative approaches for wastewater and stormwater management.



### Element 1

Describe Relevant Requirements and Obligations



### Element 2

Characterize Existing Wastewater and Stormwater Systems



### Element 3

Make Connections with Stakeholders



### Element 4

Develop, Evaluate, and Select Preferred Alternatives

Once a municipality develops possible alternatives, EPA Environmental Finance Centers can support the selection process by helping to:

- Assess the affordability of each alternative for rate payers and the financial health of the municipality.
- Identify viable funding strategies to pay for each alternative.
- Review schedules and project sequencing to meet Clean Water Act requirements.

**State permitting authorities can also receive assistance with reviewing plans.** EPA Environmental Finance Centers can evaluate components of Element 4, such as affordability analyses, and review implementation schedules.

## How to Request Technical Assistance

EPA has partnered with the Environmental Finance Centers at the University of Maryland and the University of North Carolina to help municipalities and states with integrated planning efforts.

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