The CSREES National Water Program is working through a coordinated regional structure to:
- Restore water resources in 10 regions.
- Link state and multi-region efforts to protect and improve water resources.
- Develop and strengthen important partnerships.

**Program Goals**
- Provide leadership for the development and implementation of outcome-based water resource programs.
- Link state and regional projects and their network of research, extension and education professionals to facilitate information and resource exchange regionally and nationally.
- Integrate water research, education and extension efforts to solve water resource problems at the home, farm, community and watershed level.
- Improve public understanding and involvement in community decision-making regarding water resource issues.
- Develop and strengthen important partnerships.

**Framework**
- AREERA Section 406 established a competitive grants process for USDA-CSREES water program funding, and is composed of three major funding categories:
  - National Water Resource Projects
  - Watershed Scale Projects
  - Volunteer Monitoring Projects

**Organization**
- The Committee for Shared Leadership for Water Quality (CSL) is an interagency liaison which includes representatives from federal, state and multi-state efforts to protect and restore water resources in each region.
- Regional Coordination Projects are managed by State Water Quality Coordinators to solve water resource issues for their state and region based on identified regional water quality needs.
- The CSREES National Water Program (CSREES) is a partnership of USDA-CSREES and Land Grant Colleges and Universities.

**Resource Development**
- National Website which features:
  - Direct links to each of the nine regional water program information databases.
  - Access to local and regional programs, publications and resource management tools.
  - Annual National Water Conferences have enabled the formation and linkage of 9 Regional Water Coordination Projects which serve as the foundation of a National Water Program.

**Regional/National Coordination**
- Selected National Water Program Impacts
  - Success of the New England Regional In-Service Training for Agricultural Service Providers
  - Implementation of improved management practices on two mid-sized cattle operations has led to measurable reductions in peak bacterial loading, which could lead to delisting the watershed's bacterial TMDL.

**Selected National Water Program Impacts**
- Program participants have influenced manure application on at least 60,000 acres of farmland and soil fertility management on 55,000 acres. Similar efforts are underway in all Regions.
- Paper and on-line National Impact Reports and a National Water Quality Coordinator Directory are providing information and linkages to regional and state contacts across the country.

**Resource Exchange Regionally and Nationally**
- Special projects are targeting critical water resource issues at both state and federal levels.
- Links to partner agencies and inter-agency information on water resource management at both state and federal levels.

**Regional Coordination Projects**
- Promote collaboration, delivery of programs and multi-state efforts.
- Provide a focus on key water quality themes.
- Animal Waste Management
- Drinking Water and Human Health
- Environmental Restoration
- Nutrient and Fertilizer Management
- Pollution Assessment and Prevention
- Water Management
- Water Conservation and Agricultural Water Management
- Water Policy and Economics

**Integrated Projects**
- Integrate water resource management information and technology are being delivered to clientele at the state and regional levels.
- Integrating water resource management information and technology are being delivered to clientele at the state and regional levels.

**CSREES National Integrated Water Quality Grants Program**
- The CSREES Integrated Water Quality Grants Program (AREERA Section 406) enabled the formation and linkage of 9 Regional Water Coordination Projects which serve as the foundation of a National Water Program.
- The goals, framework, organization and key accomplishments of this program include:
- Improved public policy and science-based water resource management.
- Improved public understanding and involvement in community decision-making.
- Improved water resource management information and technology are being delivered to community decision-making.
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