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### Nutrient Management for Water Quality Protection: A Training Program for Delaware.

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Nutrient management (NM) is a critical component of land use planning. Efficient use of nutrients is not only economical, but also environmentally sound as it niinimizes the loss of nutrients (e.g., N and P) which may have serious implications for sensitive surface and groundwater supplies. It is essential, therefore, that those charged with developing policy and/or writing plans have a good understanding of the issues. A training program consisting of 8 modules was developed and conducted for NM planners and agency field staff in Delaware. Topics included basic principles of NM, nutrient cycling and management, soil testing/plant analysis, plan development and water quality/ecology. The format included slide assisted lectures, interactive exercises and panel discussions. Attendees received a training manual for later reference. A summary of the program and training materials will be presented.

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