

Department of Natural Resources

**Environmental Management Systems** 

# **Environmental Aspects** and Impacts







### **Environmental Aspects and Impacts**

- Identifies activities and services (i.e., aspects) that have an impact on the environment
- Evaluates causes (aspects) and effects (impacts)
- Helps an organization prioritize causes and effects
- Highest priorities are "significant"
- Goals are set around significant aspects and impacts
- Intended to improve environmental outcomes



## Focus on 6 Plan Component Areas



**Organics Management** 



Household Hazardous Materials Collection



Water Quality Improvement



Greenhouse Gas Reduction

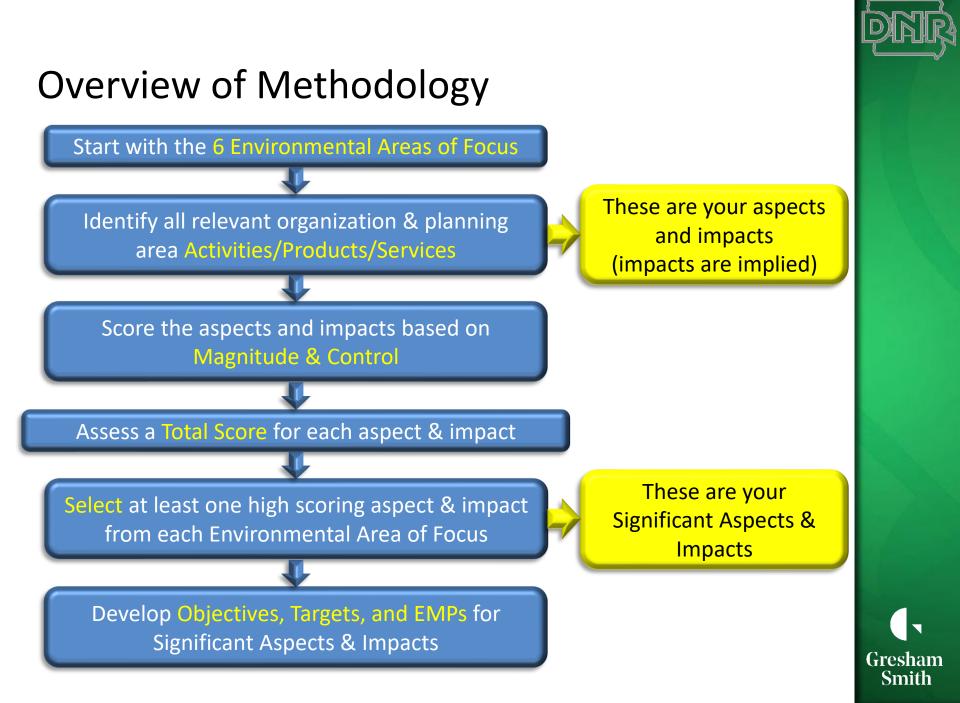


**Recycling Services** 



**Environmental Education** 





#### Focus on the 6 Plan Component Areas

**Environmental Area of Focus** 20 Ŧ 21 **Organics Waste Management** Household Hazardous Materials Collection 22 23 Water Quality Improvement Greenhouse Gas Reduction 24 25 Recycling Services Environmental Education 26 27 28 29 30 31 32









#### Identify all relevant organization & planning area Activities/Products/Services

	Environmental Area of Focus	Relevant Activity/Product/Service (Organization Specific and Planning Area Specific)				
20						
21	Organics Waste Management	Proper management of organics at landfill and transfer station				
22	Organics Waste Management	[insert relevant organization-specific Activity/Product/Service]				
23	Organics Waste Management	[insert relevant organization-specific Activity/Product/Service]				
24	Household Hazardous Materials Collection					
25	Water Quality Improvement					
26	Greenhouse Gas Reduction					
27	Recycling Services					
28	Environmental Education					
29						
30		Add as many rows as				
31						
32		needed, based on				
		useful level of detail				

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#### Score the aspects and impacts based on Magnitude & Control

20	Environmental Area of Focus	Relevant Activity/Product/Service (Organization Specific and Planning Area Specific)	Control (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)	Magnitude (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)
21	Organics Waste Management	Proper management of organics at landfill and transfer station	5	3
22	Organics Waste Management	Residential generation of organics within planning area	1	1
23	Organics Waste Management	Commercial generation of organics within planning area	1	5
24	Household Hazardous Materials Collection	Residential generation of HHM within planning area	1	3
25	Household Hazardous Materials Collection	Proper management of HHM at landfill and transfer station	5	3
26	Water Quality Improvement			
27	Greenhouse Gas Reduction			
28	Recycling Services			
29	Environmental Education			



Score each of the rows using the criteria you define

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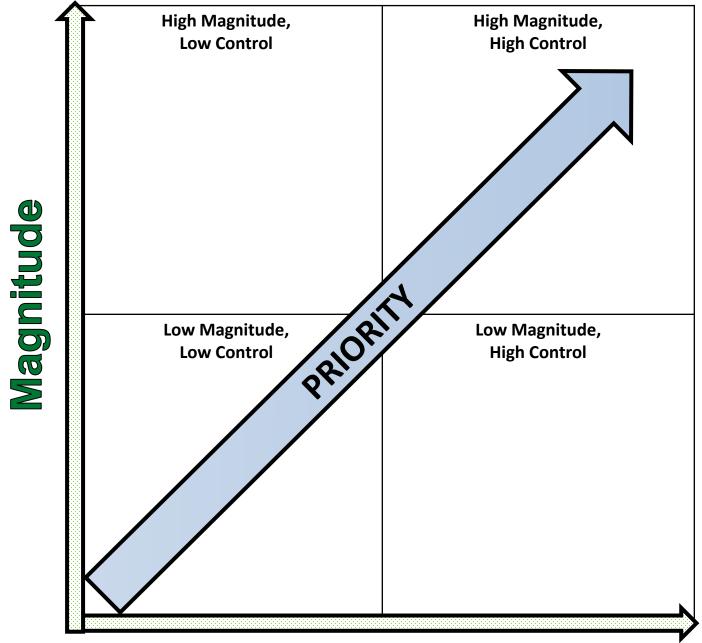
#### Assess a Total Score for each aspect & impact

	Environmental Area of Focus	Relevant Activity/Product/Service (Organization Specific and Planning Area Specific)	Control (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)	Magnitude (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)	Total	
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21	Organics Waste Management	Proper management of organics at landfill and transfer station	5	3	8	
22	Organics Waste Management	Residential generation of organics within planning area	1	1	2	
23	Organics Waste Management	Commercial generation of organics within planning area	1	5	6	
24	Household Hazardous Materials Collection	Residential generation of HHM within planning area	1	3	4	
25	Household Hazardous Materials Collection	Proper management of HHM at landfill and transfer station	5	3	8	
20	Water Ovelity Increase ent					

26 Water Quality Improvement



Calculation can be addition or multiplication



#### Control



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# Select at least one high scoring aspect & impact from each Environmental Area of Focus

	Environmental Area of Focus	Relevant Activity/Product/Service (Organization Specific and Planning Area Specific)	Control (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)	Magnitude (1 - No/Low; 3 - Med.; 5 - High)	Total	Comments/Notes
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	Organics Waste Management	Proper management of organics at landfill	5	3	8	Yard waste ban at transfer station in
21		and transfer station				effect soon
	Organics Waste Management	Residential generation of organics within	1	1	2	
22		planning area				
	Organics Waste Management	Commercial generation of organics within	1	5	6	Significant organics generated by
23		planning area				Corporation X and Company Y
	Household Hazardous Materials	Residential generation of HHM within	1	3	4	
24	Collection	planning area				
	Household Hazardous Materials	Proper management of HHM at landfill and	5	3	8	
25	Collection	transfer station				
26	Water Quality Improvement					

26 Water Quality Improvement



These are your Significant Aspects & Impacts

> Check that they align with your expectations. Ask staff for input.



#### Develop Objectives, Targets, and EMPs for Significant Aspects & Impacts

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