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**Source Water Education Initiative: A USDA-EPA Partnership with FFA  
(formerly Future Farmers of America)**

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Abstract:

As a result of assessments of public drinking water sources required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, many states identified agriculture in their source water assessments as one of their top five potentially threatening sources of contamination of drinking water. And several drinking water systems have worked successfully with their upstream farming neighbors to address farming practices to protect drinking water. EPA and USDA are working with FFA (Future Farmer of America), on a new project to protect drinking water sources and watersheds in agricultural communities. In Phase I, FFA will develop source water protection curriculum, to be made available online to FFA's network of over one million high school agriculture science students.

Impact Statement:

Ultimately, we hope this project will provide information as well as a framework for community service projects, progress measures and recognition, and outreach to college and alumni FFA members. Key elements include instructional materials, FFA Chapter activities to promote source water protection, outreach, results tracking, and awards for outstanding FFA Chapters.

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