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# Conservation Practice Standard Development Process

through the Standards Oversight Council



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# How do these standards fit into the big picture?

## Water Quality Standards

*In-stream/measurable/water use – NR 102, 104, 105*



## Nonpoint Performance Standards / Prohibitions

*Expectations for land manager or developer – NR 151*



## Best Mgmt. Practice (BMP) Technical Standards

*Defines minimum criteria for conservation practice*



# Technical Standard Basics

- For technical staff
- Flexible in application
- Science based
  - Latest research, technology, and field experience
- Published and maintained by DNR & NRCS
  - Legal custodians
- Referenced in many government programs and administrative rules



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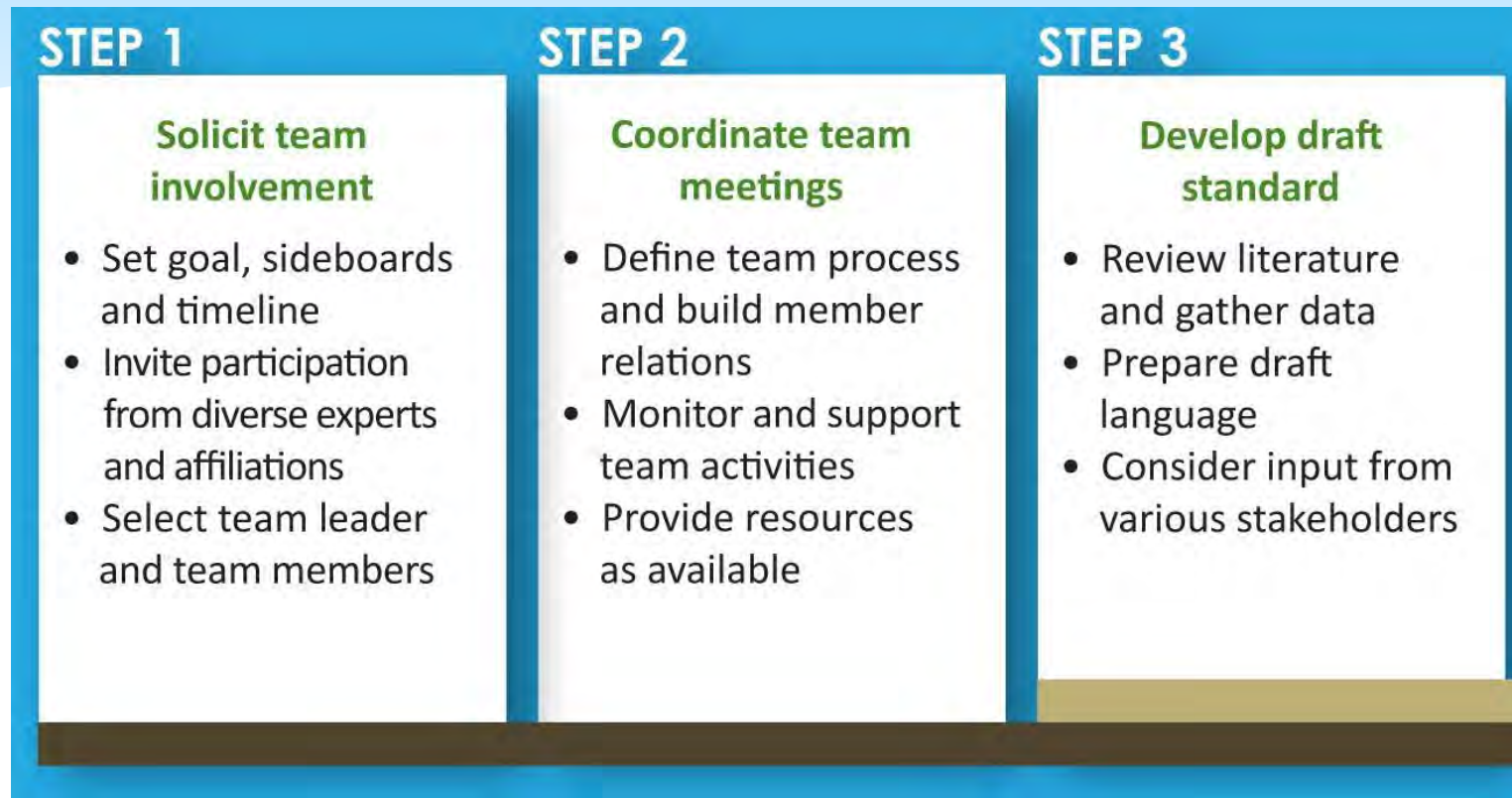


# How does the process work?

1. Biennial Technical Standards Needs Survey
  - Public and agency input
2. Prioritize standards for development or revision
3. Create biennial Work Plan
4. Determine scope and select process
  - Full Process – standard development or major revisions
  - EZ Process – time sensitive, limited use, minimal impact
  - Minor Process – minimal changes



# SOC Process at a glance



Full Process

EZ Process



# Permeable Pavement Team

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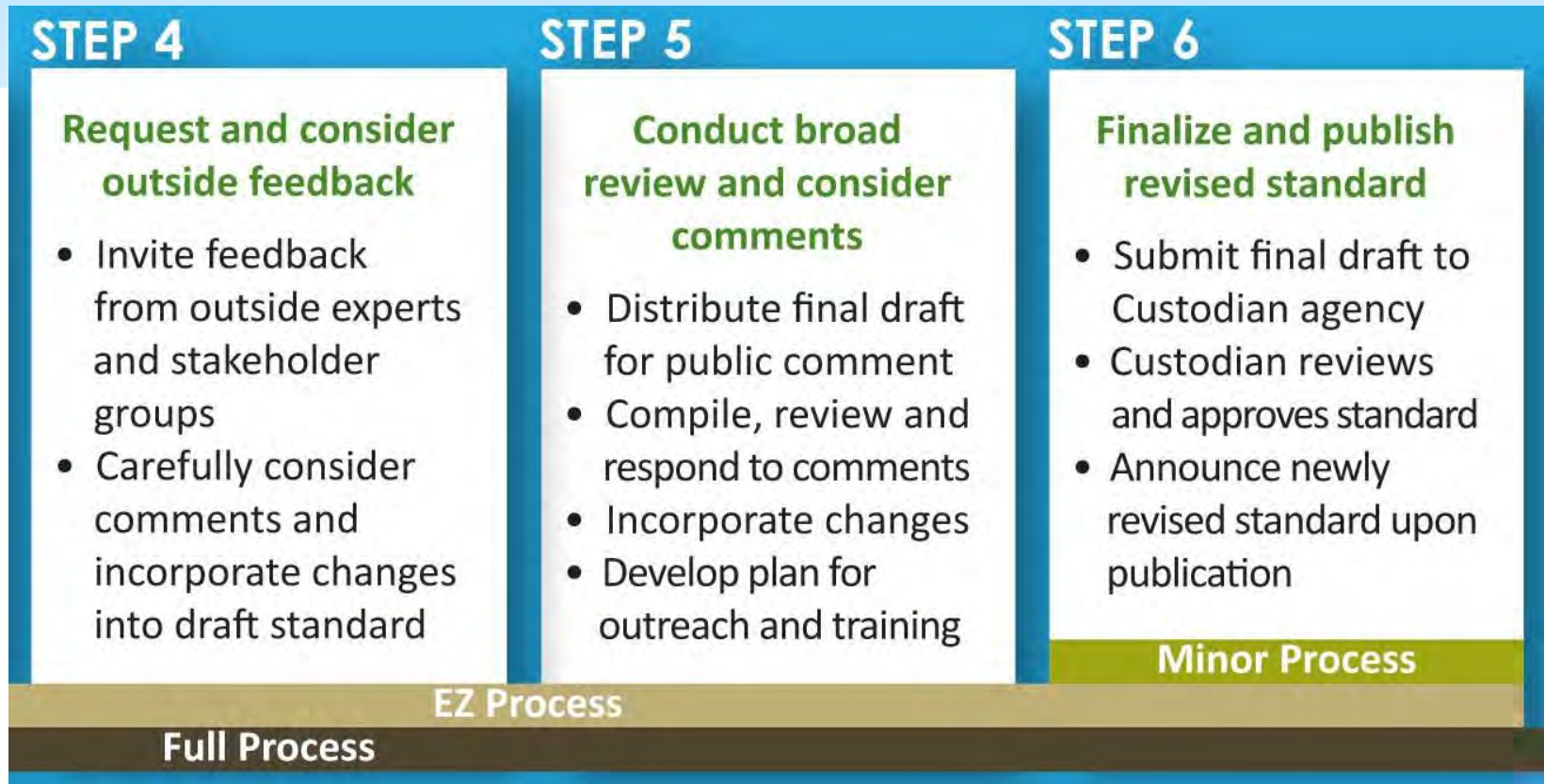
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**Permeable Pavement standard  
in broad review until Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

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## STEP 7

### Evaluate team process

- Survey team leader and members
- Compile and review results
- Implement process improvements as needed

# Guiding Principles

- Focus on science to ensure the **quality** of the standards and their effectiveness in protecting the environment and the general public;
- Strive for **uniformity in use** of technical standards by securing broad participation and consensus in decision making;
- Ensure **openness and accountability** in the process and the end products.



# For Clarification

## SOC does NOT:

- Write technical standards
- Approve technical standards
- Set cost-sharing policy
- Develop regulations

We just facilitate the process.



# Get involved

- Review and comment on draft standards
- Complete Technical Needs Survey
- Sign up for our listserv
- Participate as a team member

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