



Figure 6.1: Nassau–St. Marys Basin Priority TMDL Priority Watersheds for 2005

dams and channelization, or changes in the flow of the water. In other cases, a waterbody may be deemed potentially impaired based on bioassessment data or toxicity data. In these cases, the Department must determine the actual pollutant causing the impairment before a TMDL can be developed.

### Total Maximum Daily Load Allocation and Implementation

#### Initial Allocation of Pollutant Loadings

The Florida Watershed Restoration Act (FWRA) requires that a TMDL include the “establishment of reasonable and equitable allocations . . . among point and nonpoint sources . . .” The Department refers to this as the “initial allocation,” which is adopted by rule. For the purposes of allocating the required pollutant loadings, the term “point sources” primarily includes traditional sources such as domestic and industrial wastewater discharges.