



Consolidated Funding Application 2014 – 2015



Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

Eligible Applicants

- Villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways
- Counties with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways

Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/>

Eligible Activities

- General planning needed to advance eligible activities
- Project-specific planning, feasibility, design, and/or marketing needed to advance eligible activities
 - Must currently be preparing a LWRP or component, or with an approved LWRP or component
- Construction of projects needed to advance eligible activities
 - Must have an approved LWRP or relevant LWRP component substantially completed

EPF LWRP Grant Categories

- Preparing or Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)
- Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts
- Planning or Constructing Land and Water-based Trails
- Preparing or Implementing a Lakewide or Watershed Revitalization Plan
- Preparing or Implementing a Community Resilience Strategy

Funds may be used for planning, design, and construction related to these grant categories with implementation funds tied to prior planning

Preparing or Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

- Preparing or implementing an LWRP
 - comprehensive land and water use program
 - vision for the waterfront
 - refines policies to reflect local and regional needs
- Preparing or implementing strategies or plans for:
 - Economic development
 - Harbor management
 - Scenic byways
 - Heritage areas
 - Historic preservation
 - Coastal education
 - Tourism promotion & development
 - Public access and open space
 - Natural resource protection/restoration
 - Flooding & erosion management
 - Dredged material management



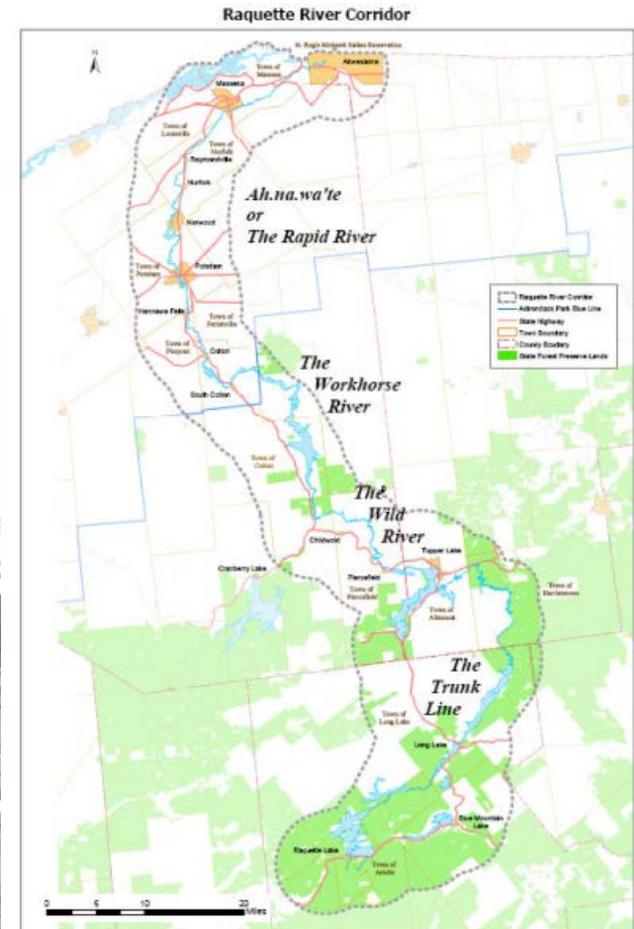
Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts

- Spurring appropriate economic activity in previously-developed hamlet, downtown and waterfront areas
- Catalyzing appropriate economic activity through development of water-dependent and water-enhanced uses and activities
- Redeveloping underutilized abandoned buildings/brownfield sites
- Improving the recreational, cultural, environmental and economic value and quality of waterfronts
- Linking downtowns and hamlets with nearby waterfronts
- Creating a positive image of a hamlet center, downtown commercial district, and/or waterfront



Planning or Constructing Land and Water based Trails

- Planning and design of local land and water based trails or regional land and water based trails (greenways and blueways)
- Design and construction of land and water based trails - with an approved LWRP or relevant component substantially completed



Preparing or Implementing a Lakewide or Watershed Revitalization Plan

- Prepare/update a lakewide or watershed revitalization plan
 - Local businesses, recreation, tourism, agriculture, industry, and economic development are dependent on high-quality water resources.
 - Planning for the protection and promotion of natural assets on an intermunicipal, lakewide or watershed basis can make the most of human and financial resources, to address concerns and achieve shared goals
- Implement priority actions to revitalize waterfronts and protect and restore water resources and water dependent uses
 - Must have an approved LWRP or relevant component, lakewide or watershed revitalization plan substantially completed



Guidebooks on waterfront revitalization and watershed planning are available at:

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/publications.html>

Preparing or Implementing a Community Resilience Strategy

- Advance projects and strategies in an approved NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan or NY Rising Countywide Resiliency Plan
 - Must have an approved LWRP or relevant LWRP component substantially completed
- Integrate NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plans or NY Rising Countywide Resiliency Plan with existing LWRPs or components of an LWRP
- Prepare a resilience strategy consistent with the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

LWRP Evaluation Criteria

Vision (4 points)

- Regional Economic Development Strategy
- NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan
- Regional or local vision for capitalizing on community assets

Process (8 pts)

- Public Engagement
- Local Commitment & Previous Performance

Strategies (36 pts)

- Advancing NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- Advancing REDC Strategies
- Regional Significance
- Local Significance
- Public Value
- Community Livability
- Sustainability
- Economic Value
- Natural Resource Value

Implementation (12 pts)

- Scope of Work
- Time Frame
- Project Readiness

Leveraging (12 pts)

- Resources
- Advancing Plans
- Development of Partnerships

Performance Measures (8 pts)

Evaluation of Budget and Cost (20 pts)

Regional Economic Development Council Endorsement (20 pts)

Disbursements Methods

- Reimbursement program
- State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible project costs set forth in the application and as approved by the Department of State
- Total eligible cost of the project = total of costs set forth in the grant application, less any federal assistance and other state assistance from the Environmental Protection Fund
- Failure to fully demonstrate local match (the amount, type and source) may result in a reduced award amount or in the disqualification of the application

Local Match

- Explicit demonstration of 50% match, within the application, is required
- Local match can include cash, volunteer services, donated services
- Volunteer services - limited to those that significantly contribute to the completion of project tasks
- Land acquisition – may be used only as local match for construction projects

See details in the RFA <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding>

Costs

Eligible Costs:

- Direct salary costs including wages, salaries, fringe benefits, of the municipality for personal services.

- Direct non-salary costs including contractual services, equipment, materials and supplies, essential to project completion.

Land acquisition – land acquired within three years prior to the contract start date may be used only as local match for construction projects.

Ineligible Costs:

- Indirect or overhead costs
- Salaries and expenses of elected officials
- Fund raising events/expenses
- Federal assistance
- Other EPF awards
- Land acquisition (except as noted)
- Taxes, insurance, fines, deficit funding
- Bond interest and associated fees
- Contingency costs
- Lobbying expenses
- Cost incurred prior to contract start date
- Costs not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project

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Request for Applications (RFA # 14-LWRP-6)

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To apply or access related CFA materials:

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