



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program

2019

Funding Overview

\$70 Million Available

- Environmental Protection Fund
- Clean Water Infrastructure Act



Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Municipal corporations
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Not-for-profit corporations (**Only** source water protection and aquatic connectivity restoration projects)



Eligible Activities

- Wastewater Treatment Improvement
- Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control
- Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection
- Salt Storage
- Aquatic Connectivity Restoration
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)



Wastewater Treatment Improvement

High Priority (25% match)

- Wastewater Effluent Disinfection for Facilities Without Disinfection
- Combined Sewer Overflow/Sanitary Sewer Overflow (CSO/SSO)
- Watershed Plan Implementation
- Municipal Systems to Serve Multiple Properties with Inadequate On-Site Septic Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Nitrogen Abatement for Shellfishing Waters

Secondary Priority (60% match)

- Other wastewater infrastructure improvements



Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

Eligible projects & programs (25% match)

- Particular nonpoint source best management practices (BMPs)

Eligible categories

- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems or Long Island On-Site Treatment Systems that do not Currently Abate Nitrogen
- Green Infrastructure Practice/Stormwater Retrofits
- Great Lakes Nature-Based Shoreline
- Streambank Stabilization and Riparian Buffers
- In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Beach Restoration
- Culvert Repair and Replacement
- Nonpoint Source Programs

Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection

Eligible projects & programs (25% match)

- Protect surface public drinking water supplies
- Protect groundwater public drinking water supplies
- Must include land acquisition, either land purchase or easements

Other information

- Municipalities, soil and water conservation districts and not-for-profits, such as land trusts, are eligible
- Apply under the category of “project” or “program”



Salt Storage

Eligible projects (50% match)

- Highest priority: construct a new structure to enclose an exposed salt or salt/sand mixture storage pile that is currently located near a public drinking water source or within a primary, sole source, or principal aquifer
- All projects must comply with the OGS salt storage specs



Aquatic Connectivity Restoration

Eligible Projects (25% match)

- Improves aquatic habitat connectivity at road/stream crossings or dams
- Restores the natural movement of organisms
- Focus is on culverts, bridges or dams that are causing obstructions

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Eligible Projects (25% match)

- Mapping
- Purchase of one vacuum truck



Pre-Application Requirements

- All municipalities and soil and water conservation districts must register in the NYS Grants Gateway System to be eligible for this grant
- All not-for-profits must register and prequalify in the NYS Grants Gateway System to eligible for this grant.



Thank You

Contact Information

On the web: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>

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