Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program
Funding Overview

Up to $65 Million Available
Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Municipal corporations
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Not-for-profit corporations (Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection, Aquatic Connectivity Restoration, Marine District Habitat Restoration)
Eligible Activities

- Wastewater Treatment Improvement
- Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control
- Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection
- Salt Storage
- Aquatic Connectivity Restoration
- Marine District Habitat Restoration
Wastewater Treatment Improvement

Primary Priority (25% match)
- Wastewater Effluent Disinfection for Facilities Without Disinfection

Secondary Priority (25% match)
- 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

General WWT (60% match)
- Other wastewater infrastructure improvements
Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

Eligible practices (25% match)

- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems
- Green Infrastructure Practice
- Stormwater Retrofits
- Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization and Riparian Buffers
- In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Bathing Beach Restoration
- Stream Culvert Repair and Replacement
- Vacuum Trucks in MS4 Areas
- Permeable Reactive Barriers
- 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
Marine District Habitat Restoration

Eligible Projects (no match required)

• Projects within the marine district (New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan)
• Must improve the ecological condition of waters of the state
Projects Affecting Water Quality in Environmental Justice Areas

- DEC is committed to environmental justice (EJ)
- Fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color or income, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies
- Review points added for a proposed project that demonstrates it improves water quality in an EJ area, or positively impacts drinking water serving an EJ community
Pre-Application Requirements

• All municipalities and soil and water conservation districts must register in the NYS Grants Gateway System to be eligible to accept this grant opportunity.

• All not-for-profits must register and prequalify in the NYS Grants Gateway System to eligible for this grant.
Thank You

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Contacts listed for each WQIP project type in the Program Overview