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NONPOINT SOURCE FUNDING

Summary of Funding Opportunities

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Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Funding Programs

Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program

Eligible applicants: Municipalities, municipal corporations, soil and water conservation districts

Summary of program: Provides funding statewide for non-agricultural nonpoint source projects implementing best management practices

Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>

Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Funding

Eligible applicants: Regional public comprehensive planning organizations in New York State and interstate planning organizations working in New York State

Summary of program: Provides funding for to regional planning organizations for planning activities

Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/53122.html>

Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA)

Eligible applicants: 25 counties in the Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario watershed receive FOLLOWPA funding. Those eligible to receive a portion of the funding distributed to the 25 counties varies by county.

Summary of program: Provides funding for to regional planning organizations for planning activities

Website: <http://www.followpa.org/county.html>

Hudson River Estuary Program Grants

Eligible applicants: Municipalities and not-for-profit corporations with a 501©(3) designation. Projects must be within the Hudson River estuary geographic boundaries.

Summary of program: In prior years, funds have been awarded for green infrastructure improvements for stormwater management.

Website:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html>

Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program

Eligible applicants: Community-based organizations that must also meet several other criteria, as explained on the below website.

Summary of program: Previously awarded projects have included green infrastructure demonstration projects. In the 2012 grant cycle, smaller “Green Gems” projects must involve education, stewardship, and/or monitoring activities related to parks, open space, community gardens or green infrastructure.

Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226.html>

Urban & Community Forestry Program Cost Share Grants

Eligible applicants: Municipalities and not-for-profit corporations acting on behalf of a public ownership interest in the property or acting on behalf of a public property owner.

Summary of program: Street tree planting, one eligible project type, may fit well with green infrastructure projects.

Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>

Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP)

Eligible applicants: Any county, city, town, village, district corporation, county or town improvement district, Indian reservation wholly within NYS, any public benefit corporation, public authority and certain New York State agencies, as well as other organizations empowered to develop a project, as described on the below website.

Summary of program: Provides funding for eight specific green infrastructure practices: permeable pavement; bio-retention; green roofs and green walls; stormwater street trees/urban forestry programs; riparian buffers, floodplains and/or wetlands; downspout disconnection; stream daylighting; and stormwater harvesting and reuse.

Website: <http://www.efc.ny.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=461>

Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Grants

Eligible applicants: Villages, towns, or cities, and counties which are located along New York's coasts or inland waterways designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42.

Summary of program: The LWRP grant program provides matching grants on a competitive basis to revitalize communities and waterfronts. Funding is available for both planning and implementation, and funded projects may include green infrastructure components.

Website: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html

NYS Energy, Research and Development Authority Cleaner Greener Communities Program Phase II Implementation Grants

Eligible applicants: Local governments, private companies, non-governmental organizations, and other entities with projects in NYS.

Summary of program: This program is an effort to fund implementation of large-scale, high-profile projects that support the goals of each region's sustainability planning efforts. Category 2 (Planning Initiatives) Projects may include green infrastructure planning. Some Category 3 (Community-Scale Sustainability) Projects are required to meet green infrastructure prerequisites.

Website: <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Cleaner-Greener-Communities/Implementing-Smart-Development-Projects>

NYS Homes & Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant – Public Infrastructure Funds

Eligible applicants: Town, City or Villages with population less than 50,000, counties with a population less than 200,000 designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Summary of program: Funding is available for drinking water, clean water and stormwater; and public works. Green infrastructure components may be a part of these larger public infrastructure projects.

Website:

Greenway Communities Grant Program

- Eligible applicants:** Municipalities that have adopted a resolution stating the community's agreement with the Greenway criteria.
- Summary of program:** Site planning/design projects may include green infrastructure.
- Website:** <http://www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov/GrantFunding/CommunityGrants.aspx>

Urban Water Small Grants

- Eligible applicants:** States, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions/organizations, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.
- Summary of program:** Grants are available to fund research, investigations, experiments, training, surveys, studies, and demonstrations that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. Depending on each fiscal year's Request for Proposals, this may include green infrastructure.
- Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants>

EPA Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Green Infrastructure Grants

- Eligible applicants:** Cities with shoreline that directly touches one of the Great Lakes or a connecting channel, with a population greater than 25,000 and less than 50,000.
- Summary of program:** Grants to eligible shoreline cities to fund green infrastructure projects that will improve Great Lakes water quality. Green infrastructure projects must be within ½ mile of the shoreline of a Great Lake or connecting channel. Available funding for each application was capped at \$250,000.
Project stage funded: Implementation
- Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-shoreline-cities-grants>

EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

Eligible applicants: Non-federal governmental entities, including state agencies, interstate agencies, federal-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and local governments; institutions of higher learning; and nonprofit organizations. In 2014, green infrastructure projects conducted by a municipality located directly on the shore of a Great Lake or a Great Lakes connecting channel are ineligible. Green infrastructure projects conducted by other eligible applicants are eligible.

Summary of program: Green infrastructure projects that improve habitat and other ecosystem functions in the Great Lakes are eligible for funding.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-glri>

Challenge Cost Share Grant Program

Eligible applicants: U.S. non-federal organization and tribal agencies

Summary of program: Green infrastructure projects that improve habitat and other ecosystem functions in the Great Lakes are eligible for funding.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-glri>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund

Eligible applicants: Non-profit 501© organizations, local governments and agencies, state government agencies and academic institutions. Projects must be implemented entirely within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Summary of program: Nonpoint source best management practices meeting Chesapeake Bay priorities

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/Pages/2014-chesapeake-rfp.aspx#.Vdbe1FOZ1gg>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Delaware River Restoration Fund

- Eligible applicants:** Non-profit organizations and local governments. Projects must be implemented entirely within the Delaware River watershed.
- Summary of program:** Nonpoint source best management practices to benefit the Delaware River basin.
- Website:** <http://www.nfwf.org/delaware/Pages/2014-Delaware-RFP.aspx#.VDbhG1OZ1gp>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Urban Waters Restoration

Eligible applicants: Any entity that can receive grants. While partnerships are encouraged to include state and federal agencies as partners, those entities **may not** serve as the grantee **unless** the community partners demonstrate that the state or federal agency is best suited to coordinate the community-based project.

Summary of program: In 2014, project priorities include addressing developing educational programs to provide training to schools, businesses, community groups and homeowners on how to implement green infrastructure practices including sustainable forestry practices; or designing projects intended to control rain water through green infrastructure tools such as tree canopy, permeable pavement, green street designs, bioswales, planter boxes and green roofs, to reduce stormwater flow, controlling flooding and slowing run-off into surface water.

Project stage funded: Planning.

Frequency grant released: Annually.

Tracking/reports: Award recipients are listed in a press release for each funding period.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx#.VDblP1OZ1gp>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Long Island Sound Futures Fund

Eligible applicants: Non-profit 501© organizations; state, tribal, and local governments; and academic or educational institutions. Nonpoint source or stormwater management, education, and fish passage projects may be in any portion of the Long Island Sound and its watersheds within the states of Connecticut and New York, but must demonstrate a quantifiable and measurable impact on improving Long Island Sound or its ecosystem.

Summary of program: Funding priorities include planning and implementing green infrastructure projects.

Project stage funded: Planning and implementation.

Frequency grant released: Annually.

Tracking/reports: A link to projects is included on the below website.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/lisff/Pages/home.aspx#.VdbnlIOZ1gp>

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants

Eligible applicants: States, local governments, tribes, private non-profit organizations

Summary of program: Provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. FEMA Hazard Mitigation grants will fund green infrastructure if a benefit-cost analysis shows that the damages saved from the project exceed the cost of the project.

Project stage funded: Planning and implementation

Frequency grant released: Following a disaster declaration, the state will advertise that Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding is available to fund mitigation projects in the state.

Tracking/reports: N/A

Website: <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Green Infrastructure Grant Program

Eligible applicants: Private property owners in combined sewer areas of New York City.

Summary of program: Funds are available for design and construction of green infrastructure projects such as blue or green roofs, rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting.

Project stage funded: Planning and implementation.

Frequency grant released: Annually.

Tracking/reports: Annual reports document completion of grant projects, posted on this website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/stormwater/nyc_green_infrastructure_plan.shtml

Website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/stormwater/nyc_green_infrastructure_grant_program.shtml

City of Binghamton 50/50 Stormwater Management Fund & Green Stormwater and Landscaping

Eligible applicants: Landowners and developers

Summary of program: An incentive program for landowners and developers to implement green infrastructure practices that exceed the requirements of the City of Binghamton Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance. Approved projects are eligible for a 50 percent match, not to exceed \$25,000, toward the cost of installation of green infrastructure. Developments funded through this program will function as case studies to demonstrate the cost, construction techniques and maintenance requirements of green infrastructure.

Project stage funded: Pilot and implementation.

Frequency grant released: Ongoing – end date and whether program will be repeated is unknown.

Tracking/reports: N/A at this time.

Website: <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/grant-opportunities>

City of Binghamton Green Stormwater and Landscaping Management Fund

Eligible applicants: Residential property owners, non-profits, and small business owners in the City of Binghamton.

Summary of program: This grant was created to help homeowners and businesses pursue small green infrastructure projects that will contribute to the City's resilience to flooding and help improve water quality. Total project area must be less than 5,000 square feet.

Project stage funded: Implementation.

Frequency grant released: Ongoing until December 2014.

Tracking/reports: N/A at this time.

Website: <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/grant-opportunities>

Onondaga County "Save the Rain" Program: Green Improvement Fund (GIF)

Eligible applicants: Owners of a commercial business or not-for-profit facility located within the Green Improvement Fund boundary.

Summary of program: The grant is intended to offer assistance to applicants installing GI technologies as an aspect of the development, and/or retrofitting of certain classes of privately owned properties (commercial, business, and not-for-profit owned properties) in specific geographical locations within the Clinton, Harbor Brook, and Midland combined sewer system, as outlined in the Green Improvement Fund Program Boundary Map, and generally located in the City of Syracuse.

Project stage funded: Implementation

Frequency grant released: Annually.

Tracking/reports: Previously funded projects are documented on the below website.

Website: <http://savetherain.us/green-improvement-fund-gif/>

Onondaga County "Save the Rain" Program: Suburban Green Infrastructure Program (SGIP)

Eligible applicants: Municipal entities within Onondaga County that are planning projects to reduced inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system. Projects must be on municipal property within the Onondaga County sewer system.

Summary of program: The program is designed to support the development of green infrastructure and stormwater mitigation techniques on public property within the Onondaga County sanitary sewer district but outside of the City of Syracuse.

Project stage funded: Implementation

Frequency grant released: Unknown – funding was offered in 2012 and 2013.

Tracking/reports: Previously funded projects are documented on this website:
<http://savetherain.us/suburbs-green-projects/>.

Website: <http://savetherain.us/sqip/>

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New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program

Eligible applicants:	County Soil and Water Conservation Districts administer and implement AEM at the local level through. SWCDs engage local partners such as Cooperative Extension, NRCS, AEM Certified Planners, Certified Crop Advisors, USDA Technical Service Providers, and agri-businesses
Summary of program:	The New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program supports farmers in their efforts to protect water quality and conserve natural resources, while enhancing farm viability. New York's AEM Program helps farmers protect water quality by providing a framework to assess environmental stewardship and coordinate technical and financial assistance from the Federal, State, and local levels to address priority water quality issues on the farm.
Website:	http://www.nys-soilandwater.org/

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program (ANSACP)

Eligible applicants:	Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Summary of program:	Competitive financial assistance program available to Soil and Water Conservation Districts that provides funding to plan, design, and implement priority BMPs, as well as cost-share funding to farmers to implement BMPs.
Website:	www.nyssoilandwater.org/aem/nonpoint.html

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Programs

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Eligible applicants:	Landowners with eligible land
Summary of program:	CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, farmers can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.
Website:	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Eligible applicants: Landowners with eligible land

Summary of program: The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is an offshoot of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CREP targets high-priority conservation issues identified by local, state, or tribal governments or non-governmental organizations. In exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from production and introducing conservation practices, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural land owners are paid an annual rental rate and incentive payments.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-enhancement/index>

Debt for Nature (DFN) Program

Eligible applicants: Landowners with eligible FSA loans and land

Summary of program: Debt for Nature (DFN) is available to persons with Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans secured by real estate. These individuals may qualify for cancellation of a portion of their FSA indebtedness in exchange for a conservation contract with a term of 50, 30, or 10 years. The conservation contract is a voluntary legal agreement that restricts the type and amount of development that may take place on portions of the landowner's property. Contracts may be established on marginal cropland and other environmentally sensitive lands for conservation, recreation, and wildlife purposes.

Website: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/debtfornature07.pdf

Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP)

Eligible applicants: Landowners with eligible land

Summary of program: The Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) is a voluntary program is designed to restore previously farmed wetlands and wetland buffer to improve both vegetation and water flow. Participants must agree to restore the wetlands, establish plant cover, and to not use enrolled land for commercial purposes.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/farmable-wetlands/index>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Eligible applicants:	Landowners with eligible land
Summary of program:	The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. Under the Agricultural Land Easements component, NRCS helps Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Under the Wetlands Reserve Easements component, NRCS helps to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands.
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/

Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program

Eligible applicants:	Landowners with eligible land
Summary of program:	The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/ama/

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Eligible applicants:	Landowners with eligible land
Summary of program:	The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns.
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Eligible applicants: Landowners with eligible land

Summary of program: The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related natural resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. EQIP may also help producers meet Federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ny/programs/financial/eqip/>

Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)

Eligible applicants: Landowners with eligible land

Summary of program: The purpose of the Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) is to assist landowners, on a voluntary basis, in restoring, enhancing and protecting forestland resources on private lands through easements, 30-year contracts and 10-year cost-share agreements.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/forests/>

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP)

Eligible applicants: Agricultural or silvicultural producer associations, farmer cooperatives or other groups of producers, state or local governments, American Indian tribes, municipal water treatment entities, water and irrigation districts, conservation-driven nongovernmental organizations and institutions of higher education

Summary of program: The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) promotes coordination between Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rpp/>

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program

Eligible applicants: States, local governments and Tribes

Summary of program: The Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program provides technical and financial assistance to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of: watershed protection, flood mitigation, water quality improvements, soil erosion reduction, rural, municipal and industrial water supply, irrigation, water management, sediment control, fish and wildlife enhancement, and hydropower.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wfpo/>