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**DEC ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$11 MILLION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
Grants Will Help Support 58 Projects Statewide**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation today announced \$10,851,331 million in grants for 58 Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) that will help reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality, and restore habitat in New York State waters.

A total of \$4,879,830 will be awarded to 37 municipalities and Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state to assist with projects to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff, improve the storage and handling of road salt and reduce pollution from malfunctioning septic systems – which are major sources of water pollution in New York – as well as projects that will improve stream habitat.

A total of \$2,655,511 will be awarded for 14 projects designed to help 132 municipalities in Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, Washington, Tompkins, Ontario, Wayne, Monroe, and Erie counties. This funding is being awarded to urban municipalities to comply with the federal Clean Water Act's Phase II stormwater controls by developing and implementing required stormwater management programs. Stormwater management will limit stormwater runoff and control pollutants from runoff so that water quality is restored and protected.

An additional \$2,742,990 will be awarded to six municipalities along the upper Hudson River to implement seasonal disinfection at their wastewater treatment facilities and abate combined sewer overflows. The projects announced today will further improve water quality and help to restore swimming in many locations along the Hudson River, a Natural Heritage River.

The Village of Patchogue in Suffolk County will receive \$573,000 from the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act to improve the operations of their wastewater treatment facilities. The project addresses priorities identified in management plans developed for the Peconic Estuary, including the reduction of nitrogen from wastewater treatment plants.

The Department periodically issues a call for projects, evaluates applications, and ranks projects for funding under the WQIP process. This is the ninth round of WQIP funding. A total of 180 applications were received in this round. State assistance payments will fund up to 50 percent of the costs for the projects announced today.

The list of projects is attached.

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County	Applicant	Project Summary	S
Albany	<p>Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC)</p> <p>Albany Pool Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan consultant team, Albany and Rensselaer County Sewer Districts, and the Albany Pool SPDES Permittees (Albany Water Board, Cities of Cohoes, Watervliet, Rensselaer, Troy, V.Green Island)</p>	<p>CDRPC will conduct a study to analyze the effects of point and nonpoint sources of pollution on water quality conditions in the Class C section of the Hudson River and its tributaries near their confluence with the Hudson.</p>	
Cayuga	<p>Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)</p>	<p>The Cayuga County SWCD will stabilize streambanks along the Owasco Inlet with rock riprap, willow plantings, and hydroseeding to reduce erosion and restore aquatic habitat.</p>	
Cayuga	<p>Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)</p>	<p>The Cayuga County SWCD will implement stream bank stabilization and debris removal on Putnam Brook to reduce erosion and restore aquatic habitat.</p>	
Cayuga	<p>Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)</p>	<p>The Cayuga County SWCD will stabilize critical areas including road banks and ditches, construction sites, and stream banks to reduce storm runoff.</p>	
Chautauqua	<p>Town of Portland</p>	<p>The Town of Portland will construct a new culvert with head and wing walls to reduce sediments from entering the Brocton Reservoir and Lake Erie.</p>	
Chemung	<p>Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)</p>	<p>The Chumung County SWCD will restore fourteen acres of wetlands to mitigate storm flows and improve water quality and habitat in the Seeley Creek watershed.</p>	
Chemung	<p>Chumung County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)</p>	<p>The Chemung County SWCD and the Town of Horseheads will implement critical area seeding, debris removal and stabilize sections of Halderman Hollow Creek to improve aquatic habitat.</p>	

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Chemung	Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board (STCRPDB)	The STCRPDB will provide technical assistance to regulated and non-regulated MS4s in the Elmira urbanized area to help municipalities develop their MS4 program. The program will include public outreach/education; public involvement/participation; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction and post-construction management and training; and assistance for local highway departments on good stormwater management practices.	\$249,103
Chenango	Town of Plymouth	The Town of Plymouth will reconstruct the Canasawacta Creek by clearing obstructions and restoring streambanks to increase channel capacity, reduce silt and sediment deposits and improve aquatic habitat.	\$175,900
Delaware	Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Delaware County SWCD will restore stream corridors to improve water quality, aquatic habitat and fish passage.	\$161,700
Dutchess	City of Beacon	The City of Beacon will implement activities to detect and eliminate illicit discharges in conjunction with their Stormwater Management Program.	\$230,682

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Erie	County of Erie Erie County DPW/DSM, Alden (Town and Village), T. Amherst, V. Angola, T. Aurora, V. Blasedell, T. Boston, Buffalo Sewer Authority, T. Cheektowaga, T. Clarence, V. Depew, V. East Aurora, T. Eden, T. Elma, T. Evans, T. Grand Island, V. Hamburg, V. Kenmore, C. Lackawanna, Lancaster (Town and Village), T. Orchard Park, V. Sloan, Tonawanda (City and Town), T. West Seneca, V. Williamsville, Niagara County DPW, T. Cambria, Lewiston (Town and Village), T. Niagara, Niagara Falls Water Board, C. North Tonawanda, T. Pendleton, T. Porter, T. Wheatfield, V. Youngstown, Peace Bridge Authority, SUNY Buffalo	The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, in partnership with 42 cooperating municipalities will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detection and elimination of illicit discharges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities • adoption of sound municipal pollution prevention management practices • training and outreach to municipal staff and others 	\$209,200
Erie	Erie County SWCD Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Erie County SWCD will restore eroding streambanks within the Eighteenmile Creek watershed with rock riprap and biotechnical/natural stream design restoration techniques to improve water quality and aquatic habitat.	\$292,342
Essex	Town of Newcomb	The Town of Newcomb will install an ultraviolet light disinfection system on their wastewater treatment facility to help achieve water quality suitable for swimming in the Hudson River.	\$100,000
Livingston	Town of Conesus	The Town of Conesus will perform roadside and ditch stabilization improvements to prevent sediments and pollutants from entering Conesus Lake.	\$139,700

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Monroe	<p>Monroe County</p> <p>Brighton, Brockport, Chili, Clarkson, East Rochester, Fairport, Gates, Greece, Henrietta, Hilton, Irondequoit, Mendon, Monroe County DOT, Ogden, Parma, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford (Town and Village), Rochester Pure Waters District/City of Rochester, Spencerport, Sweden, Webster (Town and Village), Churchville, Hamlin, Riga, Rush, Wheatland, SUNY Brockport</p>	<p>Thirty municipalities, including twenty four regulated municipalities, will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detection and elimination of illicit discharges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities • adoption of sound municipal pollution prevention management practices • training and outreach to municipal staff and others <p>In addition, the municipalities will conduct activities leading to the legal adoption of funding mechanisms to support their Stormwater Management Programs</p>	\$485,803
Nassau	Nassau County	Nassau County will purchase two Vector Trucks to clean and maintain drainage structures as part of implementing the Nassau County Stormwater Management Program.	\$350,000
Nassau	Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Nassau County SWCD will restore wetlands and construct stormwater controls to improve aquatic habitat in Hempstead Harbor.	\$83,750

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Ontario	<p>Ontario County</p> <p>Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC), the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, and the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District</p>	<p>Ontario County and its partners will implement elements of its Stormwater Management Program through adopting pollution prevention management practices to mitigate existing stormwater runoff from the campus of FLCC.</p>	\$211,325
Ontario	<p>Ontario Soil and Water Conservation District</p> <p>T.Farmington, T.Victor, V.Victor, T.Ontario, V.Macedon, T.Macedon, Ontario County Highway Department</p>	<p>The regulated municipalities in Wayne and Ontario Counties will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop required local laws to prohibit illicit discharges, control stormwater runoff from construction sites and manage post-construction stormwater discharges • detection and elimination of illicit discharges • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities • adoption of sound municipal pollution prevention management practices • training and outreach to municipal staff and others <p>In addition, the municipalities will conduct activities leading to the legal adoption of funding mechanisms to support their Stormwater Management Programs</p>	\$175,860

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Putnam	Town of Carmel	<p>The Town of Carmel will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop required local laws to prohibit illicit discharges, control stormwater runoff from construction sites and manage post-construction stormwater discharges; • detection and elimination of illicit discharges and • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities. 	\$31,500
Putnam	Town of Putnam Valley	Putnam Valley will implement activities to detect and eliminate illicit discharges in conjunction with their Stormwater Management Program.	\$13,220
Putnam	Town of Carmel	The Town of Carmel will install stormwater treatment and control structures to reduce the amount of silt and sediment entering the New York City Reservoir system.	\$200,000

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Rockland	<p>Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District</p> <p>T.Clarkstown, Haverstraw (Town and Village), T.Orangetown, T.Ramapo, T.Stony Point, V.Chestnut Ridge, V.Montecello, V.Nyack, V.Pomona, V.South Nyack, V.Suffern, V.Upper Nyack, V.West Haverstraw, V.Piermont, V.Wesley Hills</p>	<p>The participating municipalities in the Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detection and elimination of illicit discharges; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities; • training and outreach to municipal staff and others. <p>In addition, the Town will conduct activities leading to the legal adoption of funding mechanisms to support their Stormwater Management Program. The consortium will also be expanded to include all 24 municipalities in county and they will develop a comprehensive Stormwater Management Program for the county.</p>	\$411,000
Saratoga	City of Mechanicville	<p>The City will address overflow issues with the sanitary sewer system by correcting inflow and infiltration and separating the sanitary and storm sewer systems in select areas of the City.</p>	\$598,000
Saratoga	Town of Waterford	<p>The Town will install disinfection equipment to provide seasonal disinfection of effluent to help achieve water quality suitable for swimming in the Hudson River.</p>	\$722,500

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Saratoga	Village of Schuylerville	The Village will install an ultraviolet light disinfection system at their wastewater treatment facility to help achieve water quality suitable for swimming in the Hudson River.	\$167,445
Schenectady	County of Schenectady C.Schenectady, V.Scotia, T.Glenville, T.Niskayuna, T.Princetown, T.Rotterdam	Seven regulated municipalities in Schenectady County will conduct training and outreach for municipal staff and teachers as part of implementing their Phase II Stormwater Management Program.	\$8,521
Schuyler	Schuyler County	Schuyler County will implement wastewater management laws that require wastewater system inspections for all lakefront properties on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.	\$17,025
Schuyler	Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District	The Schuyler County Highway Department, with the Town of Hector, will stabilize several sections of road ditch, improving water quality by reducing the amount of sediment entering important waterbodies.	\$89,750
Steuben	Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Steuben County SWCD will stabilize streambanks along Meads Creek by constructing rock vanes and planting willows for buffer development and improved fish habitat.	\$30,845
Steuben	Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Steuben County SWCD will stabilize streambanks and improve aquatic habitat by removing a gravel bar, constructing rock vanes, and planting willows.	\$21,250

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Steuben	Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Steuben County SWCD will stabilize a section of Bennett's Creek by constructing four rock vanes to reduce sedimentation and erosion and to improve fish habitat.	\$38,997
Suffolk	Town of Brookhaven	The Town of Brookhaven will construct leaching catch basins and an infiltration system at the Pine Neck Boat Ramp to reduce the amount of silt, sediment and pathogens entering the Swan River.	\$83,000
Suffolk	Town of Brookhaven	The Town of Brookhaven will construct stormwater drainage improvements to collect stormwater and mitigate stormwater impacts on Swan Lake	\$150,000
Suffolk	Town of Shelter Island	The Town of Shelter Island will purchase a vacuum truck to clean out drywells in order to reduce stormwater runoff into the Peconic Estuary.	\$150,000
Suffolk	Town of Southampton (Seg. 1)	The Town of Southampton will construct stormwater improvements to reduce pollutant discharges into surface waters and wetlands.	\$67,500
Suffolk	Village of Babylon	The Village of Babylon will purchase a drain cleaner and street sweeper to reduce the amount of sediment and pollutants entering drainage basins.	\$40,000
Suffolk	Village of Babylon	The Village of Babylon will purchase a street sweeper to reduce sediments and pollutants entering drainage basins.	\$125,000

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Suffolk	Village of Patchogue	Funds will be used to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to remove nitrogen that is discharged from the facility.	\$573,000
Tioga	Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Tioga County SWCD will help municipalities and landowners implement nonpoint source hydrological and habitat restoration projects by providing coordination, planning, data collection, facilitation, project design/oversight, and program development assistance.	\$350,200
Tompkins	Tompkins SWCD C.Ithaca, T.Ithaca, T.Caroline, T.Dryden,T.Lansing, T.Newfield, T.Ulysses, V.Cayuga Heights, V.Lansing, Tompkins County	Ten municipalities will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detection and elimination of illicit discharges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and post construction site reviews and management activities • adoption of sound municipal pollution prevention management practices • training and outreach to municipal staff and others 	\$148,400
Tompkins	Tompkins County	The Tompkins County Planning Department will implement a comprehensive stream buffer program to establish a contiguous stream buffer throughout the County.	\$70,000

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Tompkins	Tompkins County	Tompkins County will construct a stormwater control facility and streambed grade control structures to implement the Ludlowville Stormwater Control Project.	\$240,000
Tompkins	Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Tompkins County SWCD will construct rock structures to provide grade control in the streambed and plant vegetation to reduce erosion and improve aquatic habitat on Six Mile Creek.	\$220,285
Tompkins	Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Tompkins County SWCD will install a series of grade control structures, rock vanes, and riparian buffer zones to reduce erosion and improve aquatic habitat.	\$100,500
Tompkins	Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District	The Tompkins County Highway Department will purchase a combination street sweeper, catchbasin cleaner vacuum truck to help implement their Stormwater Management Program.	\$92,000
Warren	City of Glens Falls	The City of Glens Falls will install an ultraviolet light disinfection system on their wastewater treatment facility to help achieve water quality suitable for swimming in the Hudson River.	\$608,289
Warren	Town of Queensbury	The Town of Queensbury will establish three Septic Maintenance Districts to deliver a program that provides technical assistance, financial assistance, and enforcement of safe on-site sewage systems.	\$100,000

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Warren	Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Warren County SWCD will install a stormwater treatment system to reduce the pollutant load to Halfway Brook.	\$184,200
Warren	Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Warren County SWCD, with the Town of Queensbury, will construct and install stormwater retrofits and related improvements to reduce urban runoff to Glen Lake.	\$122,000
Warren	Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)	The Warren County SWCD will undertake a comprehensive on-site septic system improvement program that includes voluntary system inspections, a GIS data base, and an education and outreach program focusing on water conservation, septic and water quality issues on Loon Lake.	\$15,150
Washington	Town of Kingsbury Town of Fort Edward Village of Fort Edward Hudson Falls Washington County	Five participating municipalities will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop required local laws to prohibit illicit discharges, control stormwater runoff from construction sites and manage post-construction stormwater discharges • training and outreach to municipal staff and others 	\$30,000

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Washington	Washington Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Town of Fort Edward Village of Fort Edward Village of Hudson Falls Town of Kingsbury	Four participating MS4s, under the guidance of Washington County SWCD, will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Program through the adoption of sound municipal pollution prevention management practices.	\$200,000
Washington	Washington County Sewer District	The Washington County Sewer District will install an ultraviolet light disinfection system at their wastewater treatment facility to help achieve water quality suitable for swimming in the Hudson River.	\$546,756
Westchester	Town of North Salem	The Town of North Salem will implement elements of their Phase II Stormwater Management Program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete adoption of required local laws to prohibit illicit discharges, control stormwater runoff from construction sites and manage post-construction stormwater discharges; and • form a Stormwater Management District to support its Stormwater Management Program. 	\$25,000
Westchester	Town of Bedford	The Town of Bedford will construct stormwater control structures to reduce silt and sediment.	\$154,000

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Westchester	Westchester County	The County of Westchester will improve intertidal habitat and restore native vegetation in Manursing Lake, a part of Long Island Sound.	\$400,000

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