

Funding Opportunities to Implement Great Lakes Restoration Actions

Consider referencing NY's [Great Lakes Action Agenda](#) goals and/or the federal [GLRI Action Plan III](#) in your applications.

Opportunity Title	Source	Focus Areas
GREAT LAKES PROGRAMS		
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Funding and initiatives for toxic substances, areas of concern, invasive species, nearshore health, non-point source pollution, habitat/wildlife protection and restoration, education/partnerships and climate change adaptation.
Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grants	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Restoration, research and regional projects to support conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes basin. (Consult with Betsy Trometer, Lower Great Lakes USFWS)
GLRI Cooperative Weed Management Areas	USDA Forest Service	Detect, prevent, eradicate, and/or control invasive plant species to promote resiliency, watershed stability, and biological diversity on Federal, State, or private land.
NY's Great Lakes Basin Small Grants	NY Sea Grant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)	Support stakeholder-driven efforts to restore and revitalize the state's Great Lakes region and demonstrate successful application of ecosystem-based management (EBM).
Great Lakes Research Consortium Small Grants	Great Lakes Research Consortium (GLRC), DEC	Funding cooperative approaches to researching and protecting the environmental quality of the Great Lakes.
Sustain Our Great Lakes	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)	Restoring and Enhancing Stream and Riparian Habitat, restoring and enhancing Coastal Wetland Habitat, Expanding Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Great Lakes Communities, and Maintaining and Enhancing Benefits of Habitat Restoration through Invasive Species Control.
NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Program Grants	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Planning and/or on-the-ground restoration activities to restore degraded Great Lakes coastal habitat and native riverine/lacustrine species



NOAA Great Lakes Region Bay Watershed Education and Training (BWET) Grants	NOAA	Supports existing environmental education programs, fosters the growth of new programs, and encourages development of partnerships among environmental education programs within watershed systems.
GLRI Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Grants	US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service	Tree planting, green infrastructure, and forest health improvement in the Great Lakes Basin.
Northeast Area State and Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration Grants	USDA Forest Service	Encourages collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes, leveraging public and private resources, and supporting priorities identified in NY's Forest Action Plan .
Great Lakes Protection Fund	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Supporting innovative, results oriented projects that have basinwide impact and foster sustainable water resource management.
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS		
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	USDA	Wetland reserve and agricultural land easements.
Environmental Quality and Incentives Program (EQIP)	USDA	Financial and technical assistance to address agriculture-related natural resource concerns.
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program	NFWF	Supports diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support.
North American Wetlands Conservation Act – Small Grants and Standard grants	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated upland habitats for wetlands-associated migratory birds. Public-private partnerships to implement projects (1:1 match).
National Fish Passage Program	USFWS	Restore aquatic organism passage at man-made barriers including dams and culverts; Priorities: freshwater mussels, brook trout, lake sturgeon, Atlantic salmon, American eel. Contact USFWS's Lower Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Conservation office (Betsy_Trometer@fws.gov)
EPA Environmental Education Grants	USEPA	Supports environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship.



NYS GRANT PROGRAMS

<u>New York State Conservation Partnership Program</u>	NYSDEC	Eligible for land trusts, to strengthen land conservation and public outreach programs, build community partnerships and implement best business practices.
<u>NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Source Water Buffer Program</u>	NYS DAM	Purchase of conservation easements on agricultural lands that support protection of public drinking water supplies and implementation of riparian buffer systems, in partnerships with land trusts and/or municipalities.
<u>DEC Trees for Tribs School Seedling Program</u>	NYSDEC	Provides schools with free trees to plant on school property.
<u>DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grants</u>	NYSDEC	Assists communities in the development of comprehensive projects to create healthy urban and community forests while enhancing the quality of life for urban residents.
<u>Clean Energy Communities Program</u>	NYSERDA	Provides tools, resources and technical assistance, and supports clean energy projects for local governments.
<u>Community Resiliency Training Program</u>	NYS DAM	Community and Municipality-based Training Events to increase resiliency to future flooding and outbreaks of harmful algal blooms in high-risk waterbodies.
<u>NYS Invasive Species Grant Program</u>	NYSDEC	Aquatic invasive species spread prevention; terrestrial and aquatic invasive species rapid response and control; terrestrial and aquatic invasive research; and lake management plans
<u>Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grants</u>	NYSDEC	Nonagricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control including green infrastructure, nature-based shoreline stabilization and riparian restoration; Municipal Wastewater Treatment; Land Acquisition Projects for Source Water Protection; Aquatic Habitat Restoration; Salt Storage; Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.
<u>Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant</u>	NYSDEC	Funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects.
<u>Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP)</u>	NYS EFC	'Green' stormwater infrastructure design and technologies.
<u>Local Waterfront Revitalization Program</u>	DOS	Community and watershed planning and implementation grants funding watershed management, redevelopment, community resiliency, revitalization, and tourism development projects.



Climate Resilient Farming Program	DAM, NYS Soil & Water Cons Committee	Projects to mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change and to enhance on-farm adaptation and resiliency (e.g. soil health, waste storage cover and flare systems, water management)
Integrated Solutions Construction Grant Program	NYS EFC	Projects that incorporate green infrastructure into Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects to remove stormwater from combined, sanitary, or storm sewers.
Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program	NYS Soil & Water Cons Committee	Funds support nonpoint source abatement and control projects that plan (AEM Tier III) or implement (AEM Tier IV) Ag BMPs on farms. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are eligible to apply.
NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant program	NYS EFC	Assistance for municipalities to fund water quality infrastructure. Grants are available for drinking water and clean water projects to improve water quality and/or protect public health.
Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Grant Program	NYSDEC	Climate adaptation and mitigation projects related to flood risk reduction, extreme event preparation, reduction of vehicle miles, waste, etc. and certification projects that advance land use, planning, and assessment actions aligned with CSC certification.
EPF Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage	OPRHP	Acquisition, planning, development and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas.
Parks and Trails NY Stewardship Grants Program	Parks & Trails NY, OPRHP	Projects and capacity to support stewardship of public lands.
OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES		
Water Finance Clearinghouse (web portal)	EPA	Contains two searchable databases: 1) available funding sources for water infrastructure and 2) contains resources, such as reports, weblinks, webinars etc.

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