WQIP Land Acquisition Projects for Source Water Protection

Review of Parcels Proposed Under the Program Project Type

If an awardee applied as a program, there was never a formal review of the parcel (i.e. parcel map, parcel description, etc.) since the parcel was not known at the time of application. Once a WQIP Land Acquisition PROGRAM contract is executed and awardees move from prioritizing parcels to developing purchase agreements with landowners, awardees must submit documentation to DEC for review and approval.

In order for DEC to complete a formal review of the proposed parcel(s), awardees must submit the following:

- A map meeting the following requirements:
  - Applicant name, date, project title
  - North arrow/legend
  - Graphical scale (i.e. 1” = 20’)
  - Active public water supply location (including system ID number)
  - Parcel location(s)
  - Surface waterbody, tributaries and HUC 12 watershed boundary (for projects to protect surface water sources)
  - Groundwater wellhead locations, 1,000 ft boundary line, 1,500 ft boundary line, and groundwater recharge zone (for projects to protect groundwater sources)
  - Existing riparian buffer or wetland areas
  - Proposed riparian buffer or wetland restoration sites
  - National Land Cover Dataset (2016) ([https://www.mrlc.gov/data?f%5B0%5D=category%3Aland%20cover](https://www.mrlc.gov/data?f%5B0%5D=category%3Aland%20cover))

- A description of the property including:
  - Parcel location (i.e. located in Town X, County X, etc.)
  - Parcel size (acres)
  - Current use of the property (i.e. open space, active agricultural fields, etc.)
  - Public water supply the property is intended to protect
  - Whether the parcel is intended for fee simple or conservation easement acquisition
  - If the parcel is mentioned in any source water protection, DEC-approved watershed implementation plan, or other plan produced by a licensed geologist, Rural Water Authority or Regional Planning Authority specifically for the purpose of protecting public sources of drinking water
    - Awardees must specify the page number the parcel is mentioned
  - Any water frontage the property has (e.g. parcel has X feet of water frontage along X surface waterbody)
  - Any potential restoration work that needs to be done (i.e. Riparian buffer or wetland)