

GREAT LAKES CAPACITY/ FUNDING WEBINAR SERIES

Webinar #1: The Why's, How's and 'What's in it for me' of Watershed Management



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- Syracuse EFC works with elected representatives and technical assistance on environmental infrastructure projects, including water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, sustainable materials management, land-use planning, agricultural infrastructure, and green infrastructure.
- Areas of Focus
 - Advancing Sustainable Communities
 - Rural Leadership Development
 - Infrastructure Education and Outreach Tools
 - University-Agency-Community Collaborations



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Great Lakes Watershed Program

- DEC staff coordinate watershed activities with other state agencies and partners
- **Program focus areas:** AOCs, LAMPs, Watershed Coordination & Mngt, and Transboundary Resource Mngt
- **Mission:** *“To protect, restore, conserve and enhance the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the waters and associated natural resources within Great Lakes basin for sustainable use and enjoyment by the people of New York”.*

Challenges



- ❑ National & basin-wide competition
- ❑ Increased onus on grantees for “specific results”
- ❑ Writing smarter proposals with limited capacity
- ❑ Not knowing which RFP(s) will be released when
- ❑ Grants for planning and action – not capacity
- ❑ Spread the benefits

Purpose of Webinar Series



- ❑ Engage a larger, more diverse audience in Great Lakes work
- ❑ Kick start brainstorming for upcoming funding opportunities
- ❑ Improve grant applications
- ❑ Enhance communication and coordination among stakeholders
- ❑ To find out how we can support you!

Updates

□ NYS Grants Reform/Grants Gateway

- All grant applicants/vendors must be registered in the NYS Grants Gateway. **Not-for-profits** must also complete the Vendor Prequalification process.
- <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/>
- Webinars: Every Tues & Thurs until May 27 at 9am
 - Look for email!

□ WAVE is looking for citizen scientists!

■ Upcoming trainings:

- Huron, Wayne County (May 23)
- Ellisburg, Jefferson County (May 24)
- West Seneca, Erie County (May 31)
- Westfield, Chautauqua County (June 1)
- Wyoming, Wyoming County (June 21)
- For more information visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92229.html>.

Updates



■ Documentary Premiere:

IF OUR **WATER** COULD TALK

- WNED-TV (Channel 17) on Monday, May 12 at 9 p.m

■ Current grant opportunities:

- 2014 NYS Consolidated Funding Applications – Due June 16
 - NYSEFC Green Innovation Grant Program
 - NYSERDA Cleaner, Greener Communities Phase II Implementation Grants
 - DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program
- NYSDOT Transportation Alternatives Program – Due June 11
- USDA Agricultural Conservation Easements Program – Due early June

■ Monday, May 12: *Show me the Money! Understanding Upcoming Funding Opportunities*

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and request to be added to DEC's
Great Lakes stakeholder list
serve.**

NYS GREAT LAKES TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Academic/Educational Organizations

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- ❑ Center for Great Lakes Environmental Education
 - ❑ New York State Water Resources Institute (WRI)
 - ❑ Cornell Cooperative Extension, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 - ❑ Great Lakes Research Consortium
 - ❑ New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
 - ❑ New York Sea Grant
 - ❑ The Legal Institute of the Great Lakes
 - ❑ Syracuse Environmental Finance Center
 - ❑ Finger Lakes Institute

Multi- County Resource Organizations

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- ❑ Finger Lakes- Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA)
 - ❑ Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA)
 - ❑ St. Lawrence River Watershed Partnership (SLRwP)
 - ❑ New York State Regional Economic Development Councils
 - ❑ NYS Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)
 - ❑ Water Quality Coordinating Committees
 - ❑ New York State Regional Planning Councils (NYSARC)
 - ❑ Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM)s)
 - ❑ New York State Pollution Prevention Institute

Region Specific Organizations

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- Center for Environmental Initiatives (CEI)
 - ▣ Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes
 - Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper
 - Save the River
 - ▣ Upper St. Lawrence Riverkeeper
 - Basin-wide Non-Profits
 - ▣ The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited

Syracuse EFC Publications



Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Quick Guide

Prepared by the Syracuse Environmental Finance Center



This guide was printed on 100% postconsumer content paper.

Wastewater Management Handbook for Local Representatives

Second Edition



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Field Guide of Financial Support for Capital Projects



Resource Guide for New York State Farm Owners and Operators



Questions?



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