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# Water Quality Improvement Projects and Non-Ag Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant

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**Water Quality  
Improvement Projects  
(WQIP)**

# Water Quality Improvement Project Overview

## Overview

- Competitive, statewide implementation grant
- Improves water quality or habitat
- Promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency
- Protects a drinking water source
- Over \$200 million awarded in 2025 for 131 projects

## Funding Source

- Based on NYS Budget
  - Clean Water Infrastructure Act
  - Environmental Protection Fund
  - 2022 Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act
  - Federal Watershed Specific Funding

# 2025 WQIP Eligible Projects

## Types of Projects

- Wastewater Treatment Improvement
- Non-Ag Nonpoint Source: Abatement and Control
- Nonpoint Source: Project or Program
- Vacuum Trucks in MS4 Areas
- Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection: Project or Program
- Salt Storage or Road Salt Reduction
- Dam Safety: Rehab or Removal
- Aquatic Connectivity Restoration
- Marine District Habitat Restoration
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement



# WQIP: Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

## Eligible Practices in 2025:

- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems
  - Green Infrastructure Practices
  - Stormwater Retrofits
  - Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization
  - Riparian Buffers
  - In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Bathing Beach Restoration
  - Stream Culvert Repair and Replacement
  - Nonpoint Source Programs
    - Implement particular nonpoint source BMPs within a defined area

# Application Information

## Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities, including municipal corporations and Indian Nations
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- 501(c)(3) Not-for-profit corporations can apply for:
  - Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection
  - Dam Safety Repair/Rehabilitation and Dam Removal
  - Aquatic Connectivity Restoration
  - Marine District Habitat Restoration
  - Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration

## Application period:

- Early May – July in the CFA

## Available funding:

- \$100,000 - \$15 million
  - Depending on project type

## Match requirements:

- 25% of requested funds

**Non-Agricultural Nonpoint  
Source Planning and  
Municipal Separate Storm  
Sewer System Mapping  
Grant (NPG)**

# Nonpoint Source Planning Grant (NPG) Overview

## Overview

- Competitive, statewide planning grant to help pay for:
  - Planning reports, such as engineering feasibility studies, needed for nonpoint source projects
  - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) stormwater system mapping
- \$2.9 million awarded in 2025 for 44 projects

## Funding Source

- Based on NYS Budget
  - Environmental Protection Fund



## 2025 NPG Eligible Report Types

- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems
- Green Infrastructure
- Stormwater Retrofits
- Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization
- Comprehensive Stream Corridor Assessment
- Stream Debris Management Plan
- In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Bathing Beach Restoration
- Stream Culvert Repair and Replacement
- Berm Removal
- Floodplain Creation/Restoration/Reconnection
- Wetland Creation/Restoration
- Coastal Storm Erosion Risk Management
- Winter Road Maintenance
- Dam Safety Repair/Rehabilitation and Dam Removal
- Sanitary Survey for Alternative Waste Management
- Riparian Corridor Restoration and Enhancement

# Application Information

## Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts

## Application period:

- Early May – July in the CFA

## Available funding:

- \$50,000 - \$400,000
  - Depending on project type

## Match requirements:

- 10% of requested funding

# Helpful Tips for Applicants

## The most important tip for success:

- Attach everything required

## Applicants should keep in mind to:

- Start early & review entire Program Overview
- Make connection to water quality (show how your project fits the grant)
- Self score your application
- Only include eligible costs in the budget

## WQIP and NPG Resources:

- Review tutorials on budget, PEJA/DAC, Floodplain Mapping
- Land Acquisition Toolkit

## Find More Information

Water Quality Improvement Projects  
(WQIP) Program



Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source  
Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG)



**Questions?**

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