

**Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program (WQPRP)
and Land Stewardship Initiatives**

**New Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program
Call for Municipal Applications**

Key Dates:	Application Available Online May 6, 2016
	Applications Due July 1, 2016 by 4 pm
	All Applicants are required to attend the Proposer's Conference: Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 2 pm (for details see page 3)

Please do not begin completing the application you may currently have on file. A new application (dated May 2016) will be available online by May 6th at: <http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/EconomicDevelopmentandPlanning/PlanningandEnvironment/WaterQualityImprovement.aspx>.

Please send completed applications to WQPRP@suffolkcountyny.gov. Only complete applications will be reviewed. (Please see page 1 of the application for an application checklist.)

This round of grant opportunities will be funded through the new Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program (Enhanced Program) created by Local Law 31-2014. Through this new Enhanced Program, only municipalities within Suffolk County will be eligible for funding. A non-profit organization may partner with a municipality for Enhanced Program funding, as long as the municipality is the applicant. The Water Quality Improvement Division anticipates releasing a call for applications during an upcoming budget cycle from the ¼% sales tax funds in which non-profit organizations may be the applicant.

It is anticipated that awards will not exceed \$250,000 of County funds requested. Announcements of awards will only be made pending funding availability. The WQPRP Review Committee is not obligated to recommend any projects for funding and all recommendations will be decided by a quorum vote.

Eligibility

- **New:** Applications may be submitted by any County Department or by any other municipality within Suffolk County. Projects being proposed solely by non-profit organizations will not be eligible for funding during this current call for applications.

- **New:** Only one application may be submitted per non-County applicant.

- **New:** Eligible expenses include construction and site improvements only. Studies, as well as design and engineering expenses will not be eligible for funding.

- **New:** Applications from non-County municipal organizations must include a complete set of Labor forms (attached) that will be required to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) between your municipality and the County. (Any subcontractors under the IMA with the County must submit a complete set of Labor forms before any reimbursements can be made.)
- All applicants are required to participate in the Proposer's Conference listed on page three.
- All applications must have a County Department or Office as its Sponsor.
- Applications from non-County municipal organizations must include an authorizing resolution adopted by the organization's managing entity (i.e.: Town Board, Village Council, etc.) that authorizes the municipality to submit the application and also agrees to the matching funds requirement.
- Only direct project costs will be eligible for funding.

Ineligibility

Applications submitted by private companies will not be considered. Applications will not be considered from non-County municipalities if the applicant was awarded funding through this program prior to 2014 and less than 50% of the funds have been spent. Applicants with outstanding projects, that may make them ineligible, have the option to withdraw their previously approved proposal(s), prior to submitting an application under this request.

Priority Project Types

Funding will be prioritized based on how projects demonstrate a clear ability to accomplish the stated objectives in one of the following targeted areas:

1. Surface and Groundwater nitrogen reduction projects – for instance:
 - a. Wastewater treatment improvements, including wastewater reuse
 - b. Fertilizer mitigation
 - c. Shellfish population enhancement specifically to improve water quality
 - d. Wetlands restorations
2. Projects that involve the remediation of nonpoint source stormwater discharges - for instance:
 - a. Construction projects for green infrastructure implementation on municipal properties
 - b. Constructed, vegetative wetlands

Project Readiness

All projects must have a funding resolution adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature within one year of the award. All funding resolutions will specify that the project must be completed within three years of the resolution's adoption.

Matching Funds

All proposed projects, which are not solely initiated by Suffolk County, will require a match of at least 50% of the **total project** cost. The availability of the matching funds must be demonstrated at the time of the application's submittal.

Other Requirements and Restrictions

Requirements – Please include as part of the application or in addition to the application

- A concise 1,000-word or less summary of the project must be provided as a Word Document or similarly editable format capable of being edited in Word.
- An organizational budget as well as a detailed, line-item project budget including expenses and all sources of public and private revenues, for the proposed project.
- A list of potential metrics related specifically to water quality to measure the success of the project over the grant period.
- Background information about the applicant's organization and the qualifications of the project's key personnel.

Restrictions

- No more than 20% of the funds requested may be used for the purchase of equipment.
- Projects cannot establish a permanent full-time position within a County Department without demonstrating how that position will be funded after the project's completion.
- If awarded WQPRP funds, the applicant may not use such funds as a match for this project or any other Federal, State, or other grant program unless specifically authorized by written consent from the County.

Proposer's Conference: All applicants are **required** to participate in the proposer's conference listed below. Please bring any and all questions/comments on the application with you at that time.

Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 2:00 pm

H. Lee Dennison Building, 2nd Floor Planning Conference Room
100 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

or

Call In: 1-888-240-3210
Participant Code: 7253457