

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

**Call for Funding Applications
June 29, 2015**

Application Available Online June 30, 2015

Applications Due August 14, 2015

The WQPRP Review Committee is planning to convene during September 2015 to consider funding requests. Applications are due in to the Water Quality Improvement Division of the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning by 4pm on August 14, 2015.

Please do not begin completing the application you may currently have on file. A new application (dated June 2015) will be available online by the end of June. You may visit: <http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/EconomicDevelopmentandPlanning/PlanningandEnvironment/WaterQualityImprovement.aspx> to download the application. Completed applications will be sent to WQPRP@suffolkcountyny.gov.

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

- Applications may be submitted by any County Department, or by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Suffolk County.
- All applicants are required to participate in at least one out of the two Proposer's Conferences listed on page three.
- All applications must have a County Department or Office as its Sponsor.
- Only one application may be submitted per non-County applicant.
- Applications from 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 without 501(c)(3) status will not be considered. Applications will not be considered from non-profit organizations and other non-County municipalities if the applicant was awarded funding through this program prior to 2013 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

This round of funding will focus primarily on construction and site improvements. 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 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.

- A copy of the organization's tax exemption letter from the IRS (for not for profits - IRS 501(c)(3) status).

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 Conferences: All applicants are **required** to participate in at least one session listed below. Please bring any and all questions/comments on the application with you at that time.

Session I: Tuesday July 14, 2015 @ 1:00pm

Session II: Thursday July 16, 2015 @ 6:00pm

H. Lee Dennison Building, 4th Floor Conference Room
100 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

or

Call In: 1-888-431-3632

Participant Code: 7462533