



Department of State
Planning, Development
& Community Infrastructure

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION &
PLANNING WORKSHOP

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LWRP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) offers local governments the opportunity to participate in the State's Coastal Management Program on a voluntary basis.
- Available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
- **Eligible Activities:**
 - Planning – **Watershed Management Plans**
 - Design
 - Construction
 - Implementation
- A map depicting eligible municipalities, coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways and the Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List are available on the Department of State's website.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Villages, towns, or cities
 - located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways
- Counties or Regional Planning Councils
 - Watershed management planning can be done with support from municipalities

**DOS Watershed
Management Plans Gateway**



tinyurl.com/4kwnkd4s



POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Grantees can establish partnerships with other organizations during planning. This collaboration connects different partners and state agencies for future implementation projects.

- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Local Universities
- Not-for-profit
- Other Municipalities
 - Intermunicipal Agreement

COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE OF THE
CANANDAIGUA LAKE
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN
2014
THE CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL



PROTECTING THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR REGION

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT (IMA)

- Cooperative/contractual agreement between two or more municipalities (or counties) to provide any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each has power to provide separately.
 - GMU Article 5-G
 - NYS Constitution Article IX § 1
- Cost efficient way to:
 - Protect shared natural resource
 - Prevent border wars
 - Plan jointly/regionally
 - Promote shared economic issues



APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Tips:
 - Expand on application sections, considering larger implications
 - Regional/Local Significance
 - Economic value
- Planning goals can influence requirements and workplans for awarded projects
 - Updates and/or expanding on completed work

RFA #25-LWRP-9	
New York State Department of State Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program 2025 – 2026 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS	
RFA Release Date:	May 19, 2025. This Request for Applications (RFA) and additional grant resources have been posted on the Department of State's (Department or DOS) website at https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities . All applicants are encouraged to read the RFA in its entirety as grant program requirements may change from year to year.
RFA Updates/Questions:	<p>Any updates and/or modifications to this RFA will be posted on the Department's website at: https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities.</p> <p>Written questions will be accepted until June 20, 2025. Questions should be submitted by e-mail to LWRP@dos.ny.gov or in writing to the address below. When corresponding by e-mail, clearly indicate the subject as: "25-LWRP-9 RFA Questions". To the degree possible, each inquiry should cite the RFA section and paragraph to which it refers. Responses to questions received by June 20th will be posted by July 11th on the Department's website at: DOS Funding & Bid Opportunities website. No responses will be provided to inquiries made by telephone, social media, or by contacting DOS staff directly via email or telephone.</p> <p>It is recommended all applicants review the final responses. The responses to questions received during this time period will be official responses by the Department to questions and will be incorporated into this Request for Applications.</p>
Workshops & Webinars:	A schedule of regional workshops and webinars which provide an overview of the application process and program requirements are available at: http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/ . Recorded webinars are also posted on the DOS Funding & Bid Opportunities website .
Applications Due:	Applications are due by 4:00 PM, July 31, 2025, and must be submitted through the web-based Consolidated Funding Application, as noted below.
Application Submission:	To apply, or to access related Consolidated Funding Application materials, go to: http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/
Contact:	NYS DOS Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure Attn: LWRP RFA Questions 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010 Albany, NY 12231 LWRP@dos.ny.gov
Letter of Support:	Letters of support are encouraged and can be submitted through the CFA portal. Letters may be addressed to: NYS Secretary of State, c/o Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010, Albany, NY 12231.

WHY PLANNING MATTERS

There are Federal and State water quality protections in place, but protection at the local level is still a critical component of water quality protection and management.

Water Quality impacts:

- Drinking
- Recreation
- Community resilience

“No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced”

- David Attenborough



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT V. 9E WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS

Similarities

- Causes and sources of nonpoint pollution
- Key stakeholders involved
- Restoration and protection strategies are identified
- Nonregulatory
- Description and assessment of local laws and programs (DOS Funded)

Differences

- Additional quantification of pollutant loading and estimates reductions
- Data and modeling required
- Quality Assurance Protection Plan
- NYSDEC and NYSDOS to approve
- Projects identified in approved 9Es are eligible for additional points for some grants

WHAT PLAN DOES A COMMUNITY OR WATERSHED NEED

- Understanding of current water quality concerns
 - Is it something that can be modeled?
- Completion of any previous watershed analysis or planning
- Existing Data (Quality and Quantity)
- Budget
- Timeline: DOS grants are 5 years
- Funding opportunities

Land Cover Category and Wastewater Source Type	Land Cover (acres) and Percent of Watershed Area	Annual Total Phosphorus Load (lbs./year)	Percent of Total Annual Total Phosphorus Load to Canandaigua Lake
Residential/Commercial	10,211/ 9%	4,003	9%
Cultivated Land	23,840 / 22%	21,899	48%
Forest and Wetlands	59,111/ 54%	7,901	17%
Hay/Pasture and Successional Old Fields	15,984 / 15%	7,364	16%
Septic Systems	--	3,000	7%
Wastewater Treatment Plants	--	1,676	4%
Total	109,145	45,843	100%

Average annual total phosphorus loading from 2000-2020 based on watershed model, septic system calculations, permitted load from wastewater treatment plans for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed

DOS WATERSHED PLANNING FRAMEWORK

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Characterization
 - Description and Assessment of Waterbody(ies) and Watershed Resources
 - Description and Assessment of the Ability of Local Laws and Programs to Implement Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality
- Watershed Management Recommendations
- Implementation Strategy
- Monitoring and Tracking



IMPLEMENTING WATERSHED RECOMMENDATIONS

- Implementation strategy should inform approach
- Continue momentum
 - Doesn't always mean the highest priority
 - Visible, significant public interest, or even as simple as a project that can be completed quickly and has a willing sponsor or participant
 - Work with DOS and other agencies if assistance is needed





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