



Applications will be reviewed and scored by a team including staff from the Hudson River Watershed Alliance and NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program based on the following criteria.

Eligibility

This section will determine watershed group eligibility for this technical assistance opportunity. To be eligible, the answer to all three questions must be Yes.

Is the applicant a watershed group, defined as a collective of people that are working together locally to protect a specific watershed?

Yes No

Is the focus watershed within the Hudson River Estuary Program's Boundary?

Yes No

Are there 5-6 people from the watershed group's leadership or membership who have committed to participating in this facilitation process?

Yes No

Watershed Group Timing/Readiness

The questions in this section will be scored.

Has the watershed group met regularly within the last year?

Yes = 5 points, No = 0 points

What organizational development or capacity challenges is your watershed group currently facing?

Scored from 0 to 10 points, based on the ability to articulate organizational development or capacity challenges.

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How will this technical assistance process support your watershed group's goals? What do you hope to accomplish by the end of this process?

Scored from 0 to 15 points, based on the group's readiness to work on organizational development and capacity-building, ability to use this opportunity to accomplish next steps to implement watershed group goals, and the fit of the challenges for this technical assistance opportunity.

Why is this technical assistance opportunity timely for your watershed group?

Scored from 0 to 10 points, based on the timeliness of this opportunity and outcomes anticipated from supporting the watershed group during this timeframe.

Does this technical assistance opportunity support next steps related to any specific watershed planning processes or other projects? This could include past, present, or future planning or other projects.

Scored from 0 to 5 points, based on the opportunity to coordinate with and leveraging other projects, to improve outcomes.

Additional Context on Watershed Group

The questions in this section will not be scored, but will help us have a better understanding of your group's current structure.

How frequently does your watershed group meet? Does your watershed group have a standing meeting day and time?

Are your watershed group meetings held in-person, virtually, or hybrid?

Approximately how many people participate in your watershed group?

Through the facilitation process, each participating watershed group will select one capacity-building priority action to be implemented during the February-July timeframe, with support from Hudson River Watershed Alliance staff. The specific project will be identified as part of developing the strategic workplan. At this time, which of these types of projects do you think your group might be interested in working on?

How would you describe your watershed group's current organizational structure?

Is there anything else you'd like to add?