

Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Watershed Action Plan - Potential Funding Sources

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New York SEA Grant A number of grants are available throughout the year http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/					Varies
NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html Region 1 contact – Cathy Haas (631) 444-0427					October
Green Innovation Grant Program http://www.nysefc.org/GreenGrants.aspx Suzanna Randall, Green Infrastructure Coordinator, 518-486-9246 or 1-800-200-2200	\$750,000		50% for design, 10 % for construction		
State Revolving Fund (SRF) - Low interest loans and subsidies http://www.nysefc.org/CleanWaterStateRevolvingFund.aspx Dwight Brown, SRF Program Services Coordinator. 518-402-7396 or 1-800-882-9721					
New York State Department of State Shared Municipal Services Initiative Resources purchased for sharing under a cooperative agreement may be eligible for a Local Government Efficiency Grant http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lg/lge-index.html					
Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/grantopps_BOA.asp Curtis Cravens, (212) 417-2252 David Ashton (518) 473-2473			10% or more of on-site costs	Continuous	3/31 for 5/31 decisions, 9/29 for 11/30 decisions
Environmental Protection Fund http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5071.html				6/1/11	9/1/11

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EPA Green Infrastructure Funding Website http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/greeninfrastructure/fundingopportunities.cfm Index to funding opportunities for LID practices and pollution reduction projects.					
America the Beautiful Grant Program USDA Forest Service funding	\$8000		50%	May	June
Eastman Kodak / Nat'l Geographic American Greenways Awards optional Program jwhite@conservationfund.org , Jen White	\$2500	\$300	Optional	April	June
EPA Healthy Communities Grant Program Padula.Jennifer@epa.gov 617-918-1698	\$35,000	\$5,000	Optional, up to 5%	March	May
EPA Targeted Watershed Grants Program http://www.epa.gov/twg/ Requires Governor nomination.			25% of total project costs (non-federal)		
DEC CWA Section 319 NPS Nonpoint Source Management program			40% of total project costs (non-federal)		

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<p>NYS Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</p> <p>http://www.dhses.ny.gov/</p> <p>Provides financial assistance to state, county, and local governments for projects that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects from natural hazards.</p>			75% Federal / 25% Local		
<p>NYS Clean Vessels Assistance Program</p> <p>To increase the availability and awareness of marine pumpout stations</p> <p>http://www.nysefc.org/</p>	60,000		25% or more		
<p>NYS Department of Transportation Environmental Initiative</p> <p>DOT funds and implements Environmental Benefit Projects that are well suited to its mission and capabilities</p> <p>https://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/engineering/environmental-analysis/environmental-initiative</p>					
<p>NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program</p> <p>http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/</p> <p>This program is available to farmers and ranchers to address natural resource concerns on their lands.</p>					

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<p>American Rivers – NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership</p> <p>http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/dams/noaa-grants-program.html</p> <p>These grants are designed to provide support for local communities that are utilizing dam removal or fish passage to restore and protect the ecological integrity of their rivers and improve freshwater habitats important to migratory fish.</p>					
<p>FishAmerica Foundation Conservation Grants</p> <p>703-519-9691 x247</p> <p>fishamerica@asafishing.org</p>	Average \$7,500				
<p>NOAA Open Rivers Initiative</p> <p>http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/ori.html</p> <p>Tisa Shostik (Tisa.Shostik@noaa.gov) 301-713-0174 x184 Cathy Bozek (Cathy.Bozek@noaa.gov) 301-713-0174 x150</p>	\$3,000,000	\$100,000	Optional 1:1 non-federal		Fall/Winter
<p>NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund Small Grants</p>	\$6,000	\$1,000	Optional (non-federal)	Fall/Winter	Spring/Summer
<p>NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund Large Grants</p> <p>631-289-0150 Lynn Dwyer</p> <p>Lynn.Dwyer@nfwf.org</p>	\$150,000	\$10,000	Optional (non-federal)	Fall/Winter	Spring/Summer

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NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov For creation, enhancement, maintenance of wildlife habitat; for privately owned lands.	\$50,000/year	\$1,000	25%		
NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov For implementation of conservation measures on agricultural lands.	\$50,000/year		25-50%		
NRCS Healthy Forests Reserve Program http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/hfrp/proginfo/index.html For restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems					
NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov For protection, restoration and enhancement of wetlands					
USFS Watershed and Clean Water Action and Forestry Innovation Grants http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/gp_innovation.shtm This effort between USDA FS-Northeastern Area and State Foresters is to implement a challenge grant program to promote watershed health through support of state and local restoration and protection efforts.					

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Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP) http://www.ny-cwrp.org/ Can also apply for in-kind services, e.g. surveying, etc.	Typically \$20,000	Typically \$5,000	3 to 1	April and August	
Trout Unlimited Embrace A Stream http://www.tu.org/conservation/watershed-restoration-home-rivers-initiative/embrace-a-stream	\$5,000				
USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Ken Burton 703-358-2229 Only states can apply.	\$1 million		50%		
YSI Foundation 937-767-7241 x406 Susan Miller Susan Miller smiller@ysi.com	\$60,000		Optional	March	April
Other Financial Opportunities					
Private Foundation Grants and Awards Private foundations are potential sources of funding to support watershed management activities. Many private foundations post grant guidelines on websites. Two online resources for researching sources of potential funding are provided in the contact information.					
Congressional Appropriation - Direct Federal Funding					
State Appropriations - Direct State Funding					

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<p>Membership Drives</p> <p>Membership drives can provide a stable source of income to support watershed management programs.</p>					
<p>Donations</p> <p>Donations can be a major source of revenue for supporting watershed activities, and can be received in a variety of ways.</p>					
<p>User Fees, Taxes, and Assessments</p> <p>Taxes are used to fund activities that do not provide a specific benefit, but provide a more general benefit to the community.</p>					
<p>Rates and Charges</p> <p>State law authorizes some public utilities to collect rates and charges for the services they provide.</p>					
<p>Stormwater Utility Districts</p> <p>A stormwater utility district is a legal construction that allows municipalities to designated management districts where storm sewers are maintained in order to the quality of local waters. Once the district is established, the municipality may assess a fee to all property owners.</p>					
<p>Impact Fees</p> <p>Impact fees are also known as capital contribution, facilities fees, or system development charges, among other names.</p>					
<p>Special Assessments</p> <p>Special assessments are created for the specific purpose of financing capital improvements, such as provisions, to serve a specific area.</p>					
<p>Property Tax</p> <p>These taxes generally support a significant portion of a county's or municipality's non-public enterprise activities.</p>					
<p>Excise Taxes</p> <p>These taxes require special legislation, and the funds generated through the tax are limited to specific uses: lodging, food, etc.</p>					

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<p>Bonds and Loans</p> <p>Bonds and loans can be used to finance capital improvements. These programs are appropriate for local governments and utilities to support capital projects.</p>					
<p>Investment Income</p> <p>Some organizations have elected to establish their own foundations or endowment funds to provide long-term funding stability. Endowment funds can be established and managed by a single organization-specific foundation or an organization may elect to have a community foundation to hold and administer its endowment. With an endowment fund, the principal or actual cash raised is invested. The organization may elect to tap into the principal under certain established circumstances.</p>					
<p>Emerging Opportunities for Program Support Water Quality Trading</p> <p>Allows regulated entities to purchase credits for pollutant reductions in the watershed or a specified part of the watershed to meet or exceed regulatory or voluntary goals. There are a number of variations for water quality credit trading frameworks. Credits can be traded, or bought and sold, between point sources only, between NPSs only, or between point sources and NPSs.</p>					
<p>Mitigation and Conservation Banks</p> <p>Created by property owners who restore and/or preserve their land in its natural condition. Such banks have been developed by public, nonprofit, and private entities. In exchange for preserving the land, the “bankers” get permission from appropriate state and federal agencies to sell mitigation banking credits to developers wanting to mitigate the impacts of proposed development. By purchasing the mitigation bank credits, the developer avoids having to mitigate the impacts of their development on site. Public and nonprofit mitigation banks may use the funds generated from the sale of the credits to fund the purchase of additional land for preservation and/or for the restoration of the lands to a natural state.</p>					