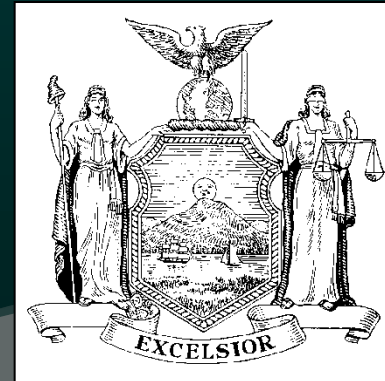


Sustainable Watershed Planning: Strategies for Ongoing Funding & Facilitation

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- ◎ Financial Assistance – Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (Title 11)
- ◎ Technical assistance – Staff support, publications, mapping products
- ◎ Facilitate partnerships among communities, state agencies and non-profits



Title 11 Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

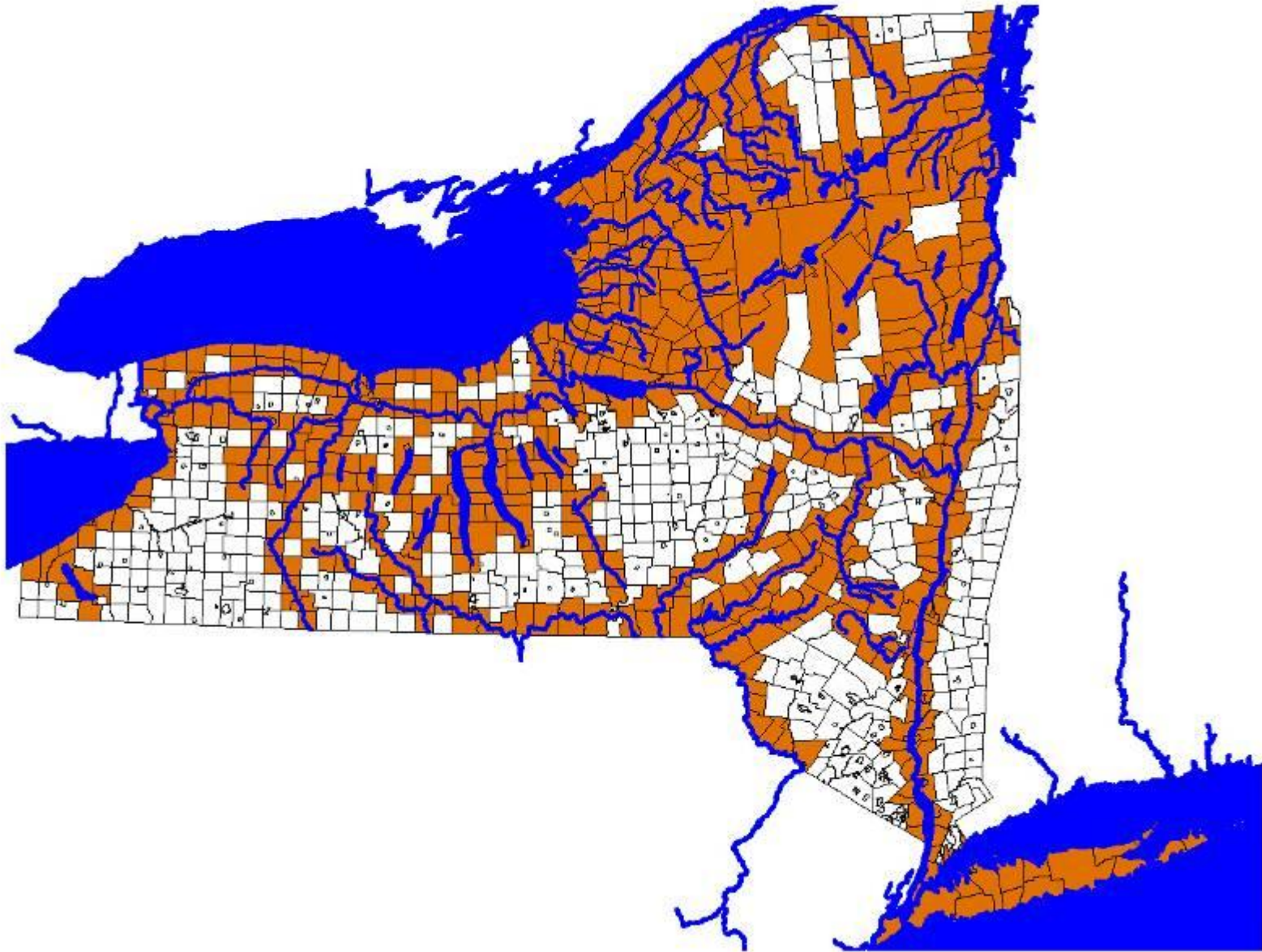
- Annual grant program
- 50/50 matching grants
- Applicant must be an eligible community
- Funds may be used for planning, design and construction
- Preparing or implementing a local or regional watershed management plan

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● Eligibility

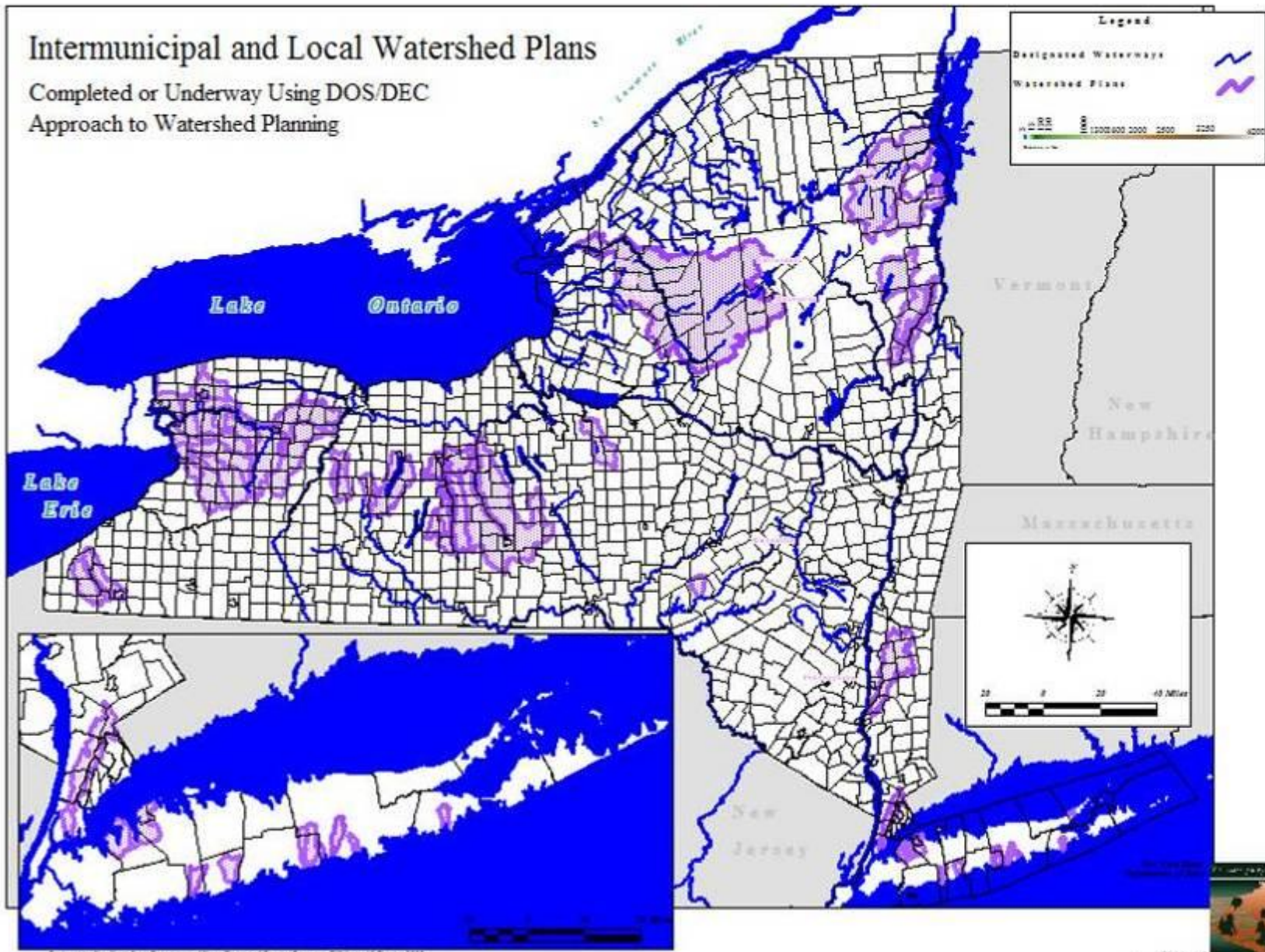
- Municipality located on the State's coastal waters or on a designated inland waterway
- A county that encompasses an eligible waterbody / waterway and is working with eligible municipalities
- Joint applications from two or more eligible applications for applications are encouraged

Eligible Communities



Intermunicipal and Local Watershed Plans

Completed or Underway Using DOS/DEC
Approach to Watershed Planning



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- ⦿ Eligible costs for reimbursement
 - Salary and wages
 - Supplies and equipment (directly related to project, ie. water quality probe), travel, printing, materials
 - Consultant and contractual services

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⦿ Eligible Matches / Local Share

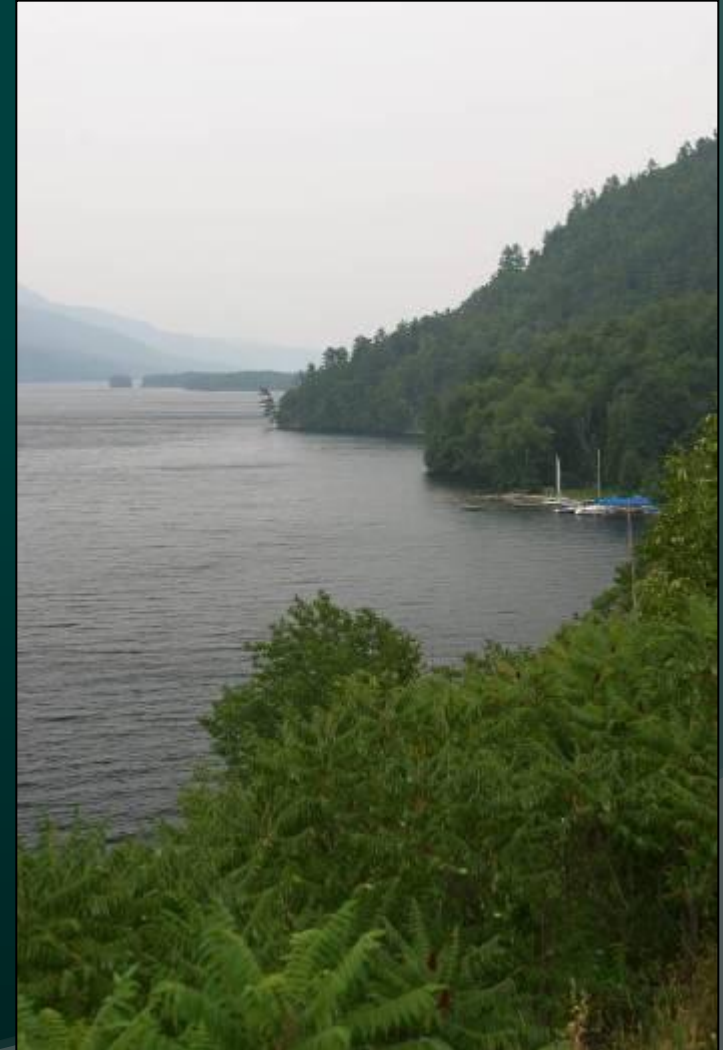
- In-kind salary and wages from municipal applicant or partners, including fringe benefits
- Volunteer services @ \$15/hr (members of the project advisory committee, students for fieldwork, community members for data collection, etc.)
- Professional services at professional billing rate (other municipal employees in joint applications, attorney's, etc.)
- In-kind match through equipment use

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- ⦿ Ineligible matches or costs
 - Federal assistance and other state assistance from the Environmental Protection Fund
 - Funds provided by this program can not be used as the local share for any federal grants
 - Indirect or overhead costs of municipality
 - Salaries and other expenses of elected officials (can be used in volunteer services as local share if services are outside official duties)

Watershed Planning and Implementation

- ◎ 458 communities participating
 - Over 11,500 square miles of watershed
 - \$38 million in grants provided since 1994

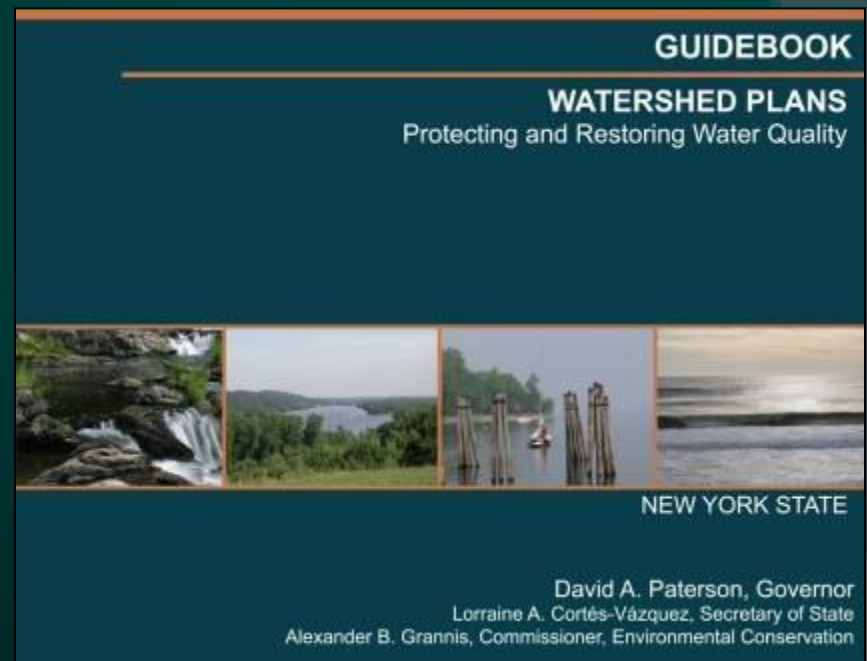


Watershed Plans: Protecting and Restoring Water Quality

- Introduction
- Laying the Foundation
- Understanding Your Watershed
- Identifying Opportunities for Improvement
- Crafting the Watershed Plan
- Putting Your Plan into Action

Full document can be found at:

<http://nyswaterfronts.com/>



Strategies for Ongoing Funding & Facilitation

- ⦿ Memorandum of Agreement: includes municipalities and non-governmental organizations; a nonbinding, or good faith agreement.
- ⦿ Intermunicipal Agreement: limited to governmental entities; involves legislation Article 5-G Section 119-o of the General Municipal Law of NYS.

Lake George Watershed Conference

- ⦿ LGWC formed in 1999 to update the original plan, and entered into agreement (MOA) in 2001
- ⦿ Members include local governments within the Lake George watershed (9 municipalities, 3 counties), NYS agencies and other cooperating parties with an interest in protecting the lake
- ⦿ Focus on sediment and invasive plants
- ⦿ Capital improvements to capture sediment and local controls/BMPs

Conesus Lake Watershed Coalition

- The Conesus Lake Watershed Coalition, an intermunicipal watershed organization, developed the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan in 2003
- Department of State assisted in the formation of the intermunicipal watershed organization, and awarded \$192,000 to prepare the watershed management plan, and over \$561,00 for implementation projects

Canandaigua Lake Council Intermunicipal Agreement

- In 2001, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, made up of representatives of the 14 watershed municipalities and other stakeholder organizations, developed the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Plan
- Goal: maintain and enhance the high water quality of the Canandaigua Lake watershed through education, research, restoration and if necessary regulation
- Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council hired a Watershed Manager to oversee the implementation of the watershed management plan
- Department of State awarded nearly \$250,000 to implement stream corridor improvements to a major tributary within the watershed

Black River Memorandum of Understanding

- ⦿ MOU among communities within 5 counties, and 56 municipalities
- ⦿ Goal: improve water quality through coordinating water quality management activities through the Soil and Water Conservation Districts', Water Quality Coordinating Committees and Planning Departments
- ⦿ Town of Grieg received two grants from the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources totaling \$160,000 on behalf of all communities throughout the Black River watershed to prepare the Black River Watershed Management Plan

First Wilderness Corridor Plan Intermunicipal Agreement

- ◉ Intermunicipal agreement between Warren County and 9 municipalities
- ◉ Purpose: to implement recommendations of the First Wilderness Corridor Plan, targeting the 42 mile northern Hudson River Corridor between the Town of Corinth and the Hamlet of North Creek
- ◉ Town of Johnsbury received \$150,000 from the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources for the continued implementation of the First Wilderness Corridor Plan

Intermunicipal Agreements/Memoranda of Agreements

- ◎ Focus planning and implementation efforts to:
 - sustain momentum
 - More efficiently use local resources, through shared arrangements
 - identify additional needed financial and human resources
 - identify and secure local match needed to obtaining state and federal assistance grants
 - Increase credibility of watershed efforts

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