



**Watershed Mini Grant
Assistance Program
Application and Information**



The Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District (District) in coordination with the Water Quality Coordinating Committee has grant assistance available to Wayne County community members for three program efforts for 2015:

1. Repairs and maintenance of failing septic systems that could potentially impact priority water bodies or decommission of a private septic system and transfer to a municipal sewer system (Sewer Line Hook up).
2. Community Green Infrastructure practices related to Water Quality
3. Municipal Community Projects in relation to Stormwater Management practices

These funds are made available by a New York State Grant secured by New York Assemblyman Robert C. Oaks, and through the Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. This is a reimbursement program. Projects must be completed before the Grant can be awarded. There will be NO advances on any projects.

To apply, fill out the application below and return to the District Office at 10 Leach Rd. Lyons, NY 14489; email at Wayneswcd2@rochester.rr.com; or by to fax 315.946.4136.

Requirements:

- Completed Application
- SEPTIC/SEWER: A letter from your local Codes Enforcement Officer providing information of a failed/failing septic system that requires work/maintenance.
- SEPTIC/SEWER: Option to hook up to Municipal Sewer System – letter/email from municipality or Wayne County Water Sewer Authority.
- Receipt documentation: All Projects – If a grant is to be awarded, it will be on a reimbursement basis only. The applicant/landowner will be required to submit dated receipts documenting the actual costs associated with the project/repair.
- SEPTIC/SEWER: A post project inspection by the local Codes Enforcement Officer is required prior to payment.
- OTHER PROJECTS: Photo documentation and/or certified as-builts for proof of implementation of the project.

Priority Criteria:

- Potential to effect the quality of local water supply, including but not limited to a distance of 500' from a priority water body, or major drainage source (see priority water bodies that apply)
 - o Ganargua Creek, Port Bay and its tributaries, Sodus Bay and its tributaries, Wolcott Creek, Clyde River, Sodus Creek, Crusoe Creek, Erie Canal, East Bay, Blind Sodus Bay, First Creek, Mudge Creek, Military Run, Mink Creek, Marbletown Creek, Red Creek-Wolcott & Marion, Seneca River, and Lake Ontario, etc.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District's Technical Staff are available to assist with identification of priority water bodies.

Application:

Contact Name (please print)

Primary Phone No.

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Project Location

Town/Municipality: _____

Please provide a brief description of the project/repairs you intend to make; and the name and location of the nearest priority water body.

Priority Water Body: _____

Total Cost of the Project: _____

Applicant Contributions: _____

Grant Funds Requested: _____

Septic/Sewer- (50% of the final documented costs) up to \$1000.00

Community Green Infrastructure – (75%/25% cost share) up to \$1000.00

Municipal Community Project: Stormwater – (25%/75% cost share) up to \$1000.00

Please answer the following questions:

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| 1. Are any local, state, or federal permits required? | Yes | No |
| 2. If yes, have you applied for them and/or received them? | Yes | No |
| 3. Have you had your post-project codes enforcement inspection completed by the Town's Codes Enforcement Officer? | Yes | No |

By signing this form, I attest that all information presented is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and any additional information that is requested for consideration is attached.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Description of Projects:

1. Repairs and maintenance of failing septic systems that could potentially impact priority water bodies or the decommission of a private septic system and transfer to a municipal sewer system (Sewer Line Hook up).

Septic Replacement & Maintenance & Sewer Line Hookup – In conjunction with our newest program with the NYS Uniform Procedures Program, this septic mini grant program would assist projects with septic maintenance and replacement; and new connections to a municipal sewer line/system.

Utilizing criteria that have been established by the Wayne County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, applicants can apply for 50% match funding up to an award of \$1000.00.

2. Community Green Infrastructure Practices related to Water Quality

This mini grant project would allow community groups (i.e. non-profits, rotaries, legions, schools, etc.) to construct a green infrastructure water quality project for an award of up to \$1000.00. The goal of the project should focus on demonstrating to the general public that water quality is a community effort and can be accomplished by homeowners.

A 25% percent match is required by the applicant.

Green infrastructure uses vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage water and create healthier urban environments. At the scale of a city or county, green infrastructure refers to the patchwork of natural areas that provide habitat, flood protection, cleaner air, and cleaner water. At the scale of a neighborhood or site, green infrastructure refers to stormwater management systems that mimic nature by soaking up and storing water.

- Downspout Disconnection
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Rain Gardens
- Planter Boxes
- Bioswales
- Permeable Pavements
- Green Alleys and Streets
- Green Parking
- Green Roofs
- Urban Tree Canopy
- Land Conservation

(http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/gi_what.cfm)

3. Municipal Community Projects in relation to Stormwater Management Practices

Municipalities would be able to apply for mini grants up to \$1000.00 with a match of 75% of the total project.

These projects will focus on approved stormwater management projects which may include park maintenance and development of stormwater protection/filtration, increasing buffer areas, demonstration projects for recommended stormwater community practices approved by the Ontario Wayne Stormwater Coalition: <http://www.owsc.org/>. These projects could be the same as the community green infrastructure practices.