



Non-Point Source Grants Webinar

Eligibility, Priorities, Process
&
Notice of Intent

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Housekeeping

- All lines will be muted
- Questions can be sent to us via the question/chat box
- We will use polls during the webinar
- A short survey will be sent after the webinar – please respond
- We will record the webinar and post it online

Today's Presenters



Rob Selesky



Bob Day



Bob Sweet

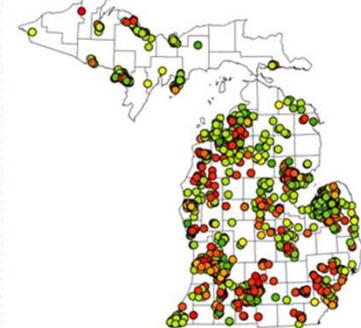


Rob Selesky

- NPS Program Overview
- Information and help
- Webinar Goals
- Agenda
- Process and schedule
- Eligibility – who & where

Michigan's Nonpoint Source Program

- Assists partners to restore and protect waters from impacts of NPS pollution.
- Education and Outreach, Monitoring, Technical Assistance, Partnerships, and Enforcement.
- Pass Through Grants:
 - 7 – 12 projects a year totaling over \$3 million and leveraging over \$1 million more in local matching funds.
 - Over 700 grants since 1990 totaling about \$145 million in grant funds
 - Approximately 3,100 individual BMPs installed since 1990
 - Calculated load reductions
 - Sediment – 1.5 million tons/year
 - Nitrogen – 2.3 million pounds/year
 - Phosphorus – 1.0 million pounds/year



Nonpoint Source Program Website

www.michigan.gov/nps

Where to go for information or help

- Staff contact information.
- The RFP and appendices.
- All forms and Instructions.
- *Past Project Fact Sheets – Warning!*



Goals for this Webinar

- Discuss eligibility (who, what and where).
- Explain the schedule and process for FY15 NPS grant funding.
- Review the FY15 NPS Program priorities targeted water bodies and eligible activities.
- Explain the Notice of Intent Form.
- Answer any questions about applications or proposed work.



Agenda

- **Process and Schedule**
- **Eligibility Criteria**
- **Targeted Water Bodies**
- **Program Priorities**
- **Notice of Intent (NOI) Form**
- **Wrap up**

Process and Schedule

- **Request for Proposals Released**
 - Wednesday July 30th
- **Notice of Intent (NOI) Due**
 - Wednesday August 20th
- **Invitation for full proposal**
 - Wednesday September 3rd
- **Webinar for Full Proposal Preparation**
 - Week of September 8th
- **Deadline for Full Proposal**
 - Friday October 17th

Process and Schedule

What Takes So Long?

- Initial Review – Internal and external reviewers representing different expertise's and programs.
- District Staff – Rank proposals on a District basis.
- NPS Unit - A Recommendation Package is put together on a Statewide basis.
- Management Review - Sequentially by WRD Management, DEQ Management, EPA Region 5, and for projects over \$250,000 the State Ad Board.
- Congressional adoption of a federal budget
- Project Awards!



Eligible Applicants

- Nonfederal Units of government,
- Public and private colleges and universities,
- Incorporated nonprofit organizations.

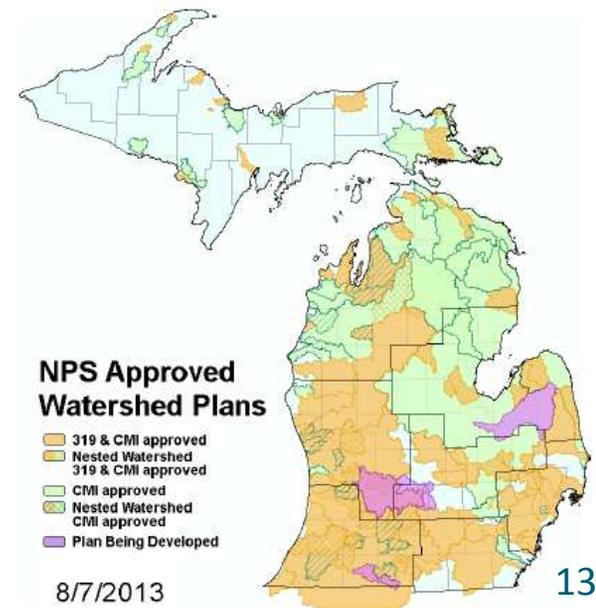


In addition, all applicants must:

- Supply proof of a successful financial audit,
- Be in good standing with DEQ programs,
 - No DEQ grant revoked or terminated.
 - No demonstrated inability to manage a grant or meet the obligations in a project contract with the DEQ.
- Not on the Federal Debarment and Suspension List.
- Not an Iran-linked business

Eligible Watersheds

- Watersheds with watershed management plan approved as meeting State and federal criteria on or before July 30, 2014 (See map and listing [here](#)).



Questions?



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Bob Day, NPS Unit Chief

- **Eligible Activities - what**
- **Targeted Water Bodies**
- **Program Priorities**

Eligible/Non-Eligible Activities

- Eligible
 - High priority recommendations in approved WMP
 - Located in critical area in WMP
 - Consistent with NPS Program Plan
- Ineligible
 - Activities required by permit, law or enforcement order
 - Maintenance activities
 - Land Acquisition *in fee simple* (outright purchase)
 - Point Source Related projects

Watershed Planning

- No longer a standalone funding category.
- Limited funds for Technical Updates available.
- Proposals including a Technical Update will be evaluated on the implementation portion.
- Applicants should consider the timing of the technical update relative to implementation.

Targeted Water Bodies

- List by District
 - Includes 49 water bodies
 - 11 for protection activities
 - 32 for restoration activities
 - 4 for both protection and restoration activities
 - 2 for restoration and technical plan update
- Maps (available soon)

Project Outcomes

- Restoration projects:
 1. Meet USEPA strategic targets
 - i. Fully restore impaired water bodies.
 - ii. Remove at least one specific cause of impairment.
 - iii. Improve water quality in a 12-digit HUC.
 2. Result in measurable improvements in water quality.
 3. Achieve or substantial progress toward the NPS reduction targets of a TMDL or watershed management plan.



Project Outcomes

- Protection projects:
 1. Result in measurable water quality improvement at NPS impacted sites in high quality watersheds.
 2. Achieve or substantial progress toward the land use protection targets of a watershed management plan.
- Outreach and Education projects:
 1. Result in measurable change in social indicators.



NPS Program Emphasis

Projects that utilize LID and Green Infrastructure (GI)

- In watersheds with impairments caused by unstable hydrologic conditions.
- LID or GI must be identified as a high priority activity in the approved watershed management plan.
- LID or GI must be focused on critical areas in the approved watershed management plan.

Program Priorities

- Three Tier System
 - Used Since Fiscal Year 2010
 - Changes for FY15
- Historic Tiers and Funding

FY10 – FY14	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Received	134	80	38	14
Funded	58	49	8	1



Program Funding Priorities - Tier 1

- A targeted water body.
- Implements the priority activity, and meets one or more of the measurable outcomes.
- Achieves the land use protection goals of an approved WMP, or
- LID and GI practices consistent with the program emphasis.



Program Funding Priorities – Tier 2

- Projects for any eligible water body that:
 - Meet one or more of the outcomes listed for Tier 1.
 - Achieve or make substantial progress toward the NPS load reduction target of an approved TMDL or watershed management.
 - Achieve substantial progress toward the land use protection goals of an approved watershed management plan.



Program Funding Priorities – Tier 3

- Other NPS projects which are consistent with the eligibility criteria and the NPS Program Plan.

Proposals meeting the criteria for Tier 1 will be considered for funding first. Good Tier 2 projects may be selected over Tier 1 projects that poorly address priorities. Tier 3 proposals will be considered last.

Questions?



Bob Day

- Eligible Activities - what
- Targeted Water Bodies
- Program Priorities



Bob Sweet

- **Notice of Intent (NOI) Form**
- **Wrap up**

Notice Of Intent Forms

- What
 - Short form requesting basic information.
- Why
 - Assess eligibility.
 - Improve projects prior to full proposals being due.
 - Helps applicants assess the competitiveness of their idea.
- Submitting the Form
 - Word© Format via e-mail.
 - E-mail response.

NOI Form

Organization Name: [REDACTED]

Organization Address: (Street Name and #) [REDACTED]
(City, Zip Code) [REDACTED]

Organization Phone #: [REDACTED]

Contact Person: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Contact's E-Mail: [REDACTED]
(Name)(Title)

Organization can provide proof of a successful audit? Yes No

Organization is a: Nonprofit -or- Unit of Governmental

NOI Form

Project Name: [REDACTED]
Project Location (Primary County): [REDACTED]
Water body Name: [REDACTED] HUC Code: [REDACTED]
Watershed Management Plan Name: [REDACTED]
Plan is: CMI Approved 319 Approved
Specific Recommendation(s) being implemented: [REDACTED]

Listed Watersheds:
12 Digit HUC: [REDACTED] Designated Use: [REDACTED] TMDL Date: [REDACTED]
12 Digit HUC: [REDACTED] Designated Use: [REDACTED] TMDL Date: [REDACTED]

Watershed is a 2014 NPS Targeted Watershed

To find your 12 digit HUC

- Go to: <http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html>
- Enter the City and State of your project area.
- Select “Boundaries and Water Features” on the menu on the right side of the screen.
- Check the box next to “Watershed (HUC 12)”.
- Click “Identify” on the left of the screen and check the “Click a point” box in the Identify pop-up.
- Click within the watershed of interest and then on “Boundaries and Water Features in the new pop-up.
- The 12 digit HUC and watershed name will be displayed.

NOI Form

Project Summary (Maximum 200 words):

Project Outcomes (Maximum 100 words):

NOI Form

Project Includes:

- Physical Best Management Practice (BMP) Installation: [REDACTED]
BMP Type: [REDACTED]
- Managerial BMPs: [REDACTED]
BMP Type: [REDACTED]
- Technical Support for BMP installation via other funding source
- Land Protection: [REDACTED]
- Information and Education Efforts
- Environmental Monitoring
- Social Monitoring
- Technical Watershed Plan Update

NOI Form

Partners:

Consultants:

Estimated Grant Funds: \$

Estimated Local Match: \$

NOI Submittal

- Due before 5pm Wednesday, August 20th,
- In Word© Format,
- Email as an attachment to:
deq-npsgrants@michigan.gov
- Confirmation email within 2 hours.

Questions?



Bob Sweet

- NOI Form
- Anything Else?

Wrap Up

- Recording
- Evaluation
- Contacts
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