

2018 New York Rural Roads Active Management Program (RRAMP)

The mission of the *Rural Roads Active Management Program* is to protect infrastructure and water quality within the Lake Champlain Watershed communities through integration of economically-feasible, harmonious, resilient, and sustainable networks of secondary road corridors.

Call for Planning and Implementation Projects

The Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of NY, under its *Rural Roads Active Management Program*, is pleased to announce the availability of funding for the implementation of erosion control, water quality improvement, and habitat protection projects on municipal roads throughout the Lake Champlain Watershed of NY. These funds will be distributed as small grants to address public road erosion issues through this water quality improvement initiative.

Eligible applicants include municipalities (County, Town or Village) that may apply under one of two funding categories (A & B).

A. Road Inventory and Capital Budget Planning (Maximum Grant Amount: \$3,750)

Reduction of roadside erosion requires planning and budgeting to realize cost savings and long-term road improvements. Eligible projects under this category must address erosion control/water quality issues through identification of site-specific best practices within a written plan that includes (1) an inventory of specific sites with road related erosion issues affecting water quality in a particular sub-watershed or municipality, (2) prioritization of the identified sites based on severity, and (3) development of a capital budget plan to correct the identified problems over a specified period of time. It is the intent of this funding is to provide a starting point for municipalities to begin a long-term and sustainable roadside improvement program.

B. Remediation of a Roadside Erosion Site(s) (Maximum Grant Amount: \$7,500)

Eligible projects for remediation of roadside erosion sites must demonstrate either a tangible water quality or a water connectivity benefit. Applications must also clearly explain the longevity and effectiveness of the proposed solution, while taking into consideration the use of vegetative solutions where appropriate. Applicable projects can be enhancements of a scheduled project that provides additional erosion control benefits, such as ditch stabilization in conjunction with a culvert replacement, or it can be a standalone erosion control solution.

Examples of best management practices and/or projects include, but are not limited to:

✓ Rock lined ditch	✓ Stabilize bank
✓Turnouts	✓ Retention Basins
✓ Diversion berm	✓ Energy dissipaters

- ✓Culvert Improvements ✓Velocity reducers
- ✓ Streambank stabilization

The proposed project should <u>not</u> be for erosion control measures already required by town, state, or federal regulations or Orders on Consent.

Work should be done to the specifications contained in the NYS DEC's 2016 *Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control* which can be found at <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29066.html</u>.

Additional consideration will be given to applications with creative and innovate solutions that have supporting documentation for the best management practices to be implemented. Examples of where to find supporting documentation include; Cornell Local Roads support and recommendations, plans and/or designs drafted by a NYS-certified Professional Engineer, Invasive Plant Eradication and Management, De-Icing Management and Filtration, NRCS/SWCD Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with recommendations or the Northern Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative Program.

PERMITS – If your project will require a permit, please contact the appropriate permit provider (DEC, APA, etc.) prior to submitting your application to this grant opportunity to ensure a permit may be issued for your project. The permit provider may provide a letter of support for the project with your application. This will help streamline the review process for your grant and reduce the approval time. If you have questions regarding what type of permit you might need or who to contact for a permit, please call one of the individuals on the contact list below.

Please contact your County Soil and Water Conservation District for information and/or further assistance:

- Corrina Aldrich, Washington County SWCD -- (518) 692.9940 e-mail: corrina.aldrich@ny.nacdnet.net
- Peter Hagar, Clinton County SWCD -- (518) 561.4616 e-mail: peter.hagar@ccsoil-water.com
- Chastity Miller, Franklin County SWCD (518) 651-2097 e-mail: cmiller@fcswcd.org
- Jim Lieberum, Warren County SWCD (518) 623.3110 e-mail: jim99@nycap.rr.com
- Dave Reckahn, Essex County SWCD (518) 962.8225 e-mail: essexswcd@westelcom.com

Please follow the information provided in the application packet. Applications must be received in the Essex County SWCD office on or before **April 6, 2018.** No faxed applications accepted.

Send completed application to:
R.R.A.M.P.
PO Box 407
Westport, NY 12993
If you would like a digital copy of the application, please contact dreckahn@westelcom.com.

Projects will be selected by the *Rural Roads Active Management Program* Advisory Committee and grant award decisions will be made no later than **May 1, 2018.** After this date, the awardee must enter into a signed agreement with the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York.

Work under all projects must be completed no later than October 31, 2018.

The deadline to submit final reports and all applicable reimbursement paperwork for all projects is December 20, 2018. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of all committed funds.

Grant requests in **Category A** can be made for a **maximum of \$3,750** Grant requests in **Category B** can be made for a **maximum of \$7,500**

<u>NOTE</u>: These projects are to be completed on a reimbursable basis. Grant recipients will receive the funds upon completion of the project and the submission of all required paperwork, including copies of checks made for payment of services or products under this program.

Project completion will involve the submission of a final report that includes narrative on the work that was completed, expenditure report with supporting documentation, a Match Documentation Form (to be supplied), six color photos of before (2), during (2) and after (2) the project (Category B only), and the release of one news article/press release to publicize the project. *If digital pictures are used they must include the original files in Jpeg form. For Category A grants, a copy of the report generated by the use of grant funds must be submitted. Additional products specific to your project may also be required. Final project documentation is due no later than **December 20, 2018**.

***Please Note:** Funds for this program was provided to the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission and Lake Champlain Basin Program via the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with assistance from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Completed project information, press releases, photos, etc. must include acknowledgment of support from all identified parties.





NEW YORK RURAL ROADS ACTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PLANNING PROJECT APPLICATION 2018

DEADLINE: April 6, 2018

PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Date:

CATEGORY A: ROAD INVENTORY AND CAPITAL BUDGET PLANNING PROJECT

PROJECT NAME:

MUNICIPALITY:

CONTACT PERSON(s), INCLUDE DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

EXPLAIN THE NEED FOR THIS PROJECT:

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING EFFORT TO BE PERFORMED:

WHAT WATER QUALITY IMPACT WILL THE PROPOSED PLAN RESULT IN IF APPROVED?

PROGRESS TO DATE (if any):

HOW WILL YOU DETERMINE THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE SITES:

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHO WILL BE PERFORMING THE ASSESSMENTS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS TO PERFORM THE WORK:

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTING (\$3,750 max):

EST. TOTAL PROJECT COST:

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE:

<u>REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS</u>: a) Project budget

By signing this application I certify that I am authorized to enter into a binding agreement and that all the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. We will comply with all the requirements of the grant including making our books available for audit if required.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

_____ TITLE_____



NEW YORK RURAL ROADS ACTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT APPLICATION 2018

DEADLINE: April 6, 2018

PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Date:

CATEGORY B: REMEDIATION OF A ROADSIDE EROSION SITE(S)

PROJECT NAME:

MUNICIPALITY:

CONTACT PERSON(s), INCLUDE DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

LOCATION OF PROPOSED PROJECT(S):

DESCRIPTION OF SITE CONDITION (Is problem referenced in a published Plan? If so, please attach a copy)

IS THE PROJECT SITE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO A WATERBODY (circle one): Yes No DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

EMAIL:

WHAT INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS WILL BE USED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM:

ESTIMATED COST OF MAINTAINING PROBLEM AS IS VERSUS REPAIRING CORRECTLY:

Payoff will be in # years

EXPECTED EFFECTS (+ & -) (Record what water quality impact the proposed project will have on a surface water)

PROGRESS TO DATE (if any):

IS THERE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION FOR WHICH THIS PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED QUICKLY?

Please circle one: Yes No If yes, please explain:

IS THE PROJECT LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL "Right of Way," (Please circle) Yes No (If the answer is no, this project is not eligible for this funding)

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHO WILL COMPLETE THE WORK FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT(S):

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTING (\$7,500 max):

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE:

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- a) Itemized Cost Estimate (labor, equipment, materials)
- b) Project Location Map (please show location of affected waterbody; 1:12,000 USGS map, if possible)
- c) Sketch of proposed erosion control measures, including distances (FT) & estimate of waste & borrow quantities. Also, show approx. location of town/other right-of-way and/or property lines.
- d) Photo(s) of the project area.
- e) Copy of permit or letter of support from permitting agency (if applicable)
- f) Other appropriate supporting documents.

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