

# Update from 2013 Phosphorus Summit: **Financing Phosphorus Reduction**

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## Clean Water Fund Program 101

- Provide financial assistance to municipalities
- Subsidized loans (up to 20 years)
- 75% of Market Rate
  - Current market rate: 3.5%
  - Subsidized rate: 2.625%
- Principal Forgiveness
  - Based on MHI/Population



## Clean Water Fund Program 101

- Eligible traditional projects
  - Wastewater & urban runoff treatment facilities
  - Wastewater collection systems
  - Structural Urban Best Management Practices (BMPs)



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

- March 2013 statutory authority to fund "pilot projects":
  - Consistent with federal CW Act
  - Non-specified interest rate
  - Rules not required



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

### Fundamentals:

- Funding agreement must be with a municipality
- Project must be to improve/ protect water quality or human health
- Must have a construction component associated with it
- Must submit an "*Intent to Apply*" form for future funding



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

### Working with an advisory group to develop program protocols

- DNR staff
  - Adaptive management coordinator
  - Nonpoint Source managers
  - Financial Assistance staff
- Municipal WWT reps
- WLWCA
- DATCP
- Counties



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

### Proposal to date:

- “0” percent interest loans
- Length of loan tied to permit terms (5 year increments)
- Loan awarded to WPDES Permit Holder
  - Revenue stream needed
- WWT facilities use counties as “consultant” for implementing activities



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

### Proposal to date (cont'd):

- Pre-adaptive management is eligible
  - Includes installation of gaging stations (considered “construction”)
- Need Adaptive Management Plan approved by the DNR
- Principal Forgiveness not awarded to pilot projects



## Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

### Obstacles/Further Discussions:

- Funding limitations
  - Easements/land acquisition
  - Activities on private property
  - Scoring system for Projects
- Need to complement other NPS funding
- Timing



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