

July 26, 2019

Attention: Water Quality Improvement Projects
NYS DEC Division of Water
625 Broadway, 4th Floor Albany, New
York 12233-3507

RE: Letter of Intent - Water Quality Improvement Project Grant
Application- Final Syracuse Urbanized Area
MS4 Mapping Project

Dear NYSDEC WQIP Grants Administrator:

The Town of Manlius wishes to express intent to participate in the proposed project, "Final Syracuse Urbanized Area MS4 Mapping Project." It is our understanding that funding for this project is being requested from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grants Program through the Consolidated Funding Application process.

The Town of Manlius is a member of the CNY Stormwater Coalition, which was formally established in 2011 under the direction of the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board (CNY RPDB). Since 2002, the Town of Manlius has actively partnered with the CNYRPDB, Onondaga County, and other traditional MS4 communities in the Syracuse Urban Area to achieve coordinated compliance with the requirements of the NY SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.

Should the proposed project be selected for funding, the Town of Manlius intends to provide its share of the outputs in the contract work plan, as well as its share of the 25% local match requirement in the form of regular annual fees paid directly to CNY RPDB for CNY Stormwater Coalition services and staff support needed to advance completion of this project

Sincerely,

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Town of Manlius Supervisor

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Subject: MS4 Grant Opportunity/Applicaition
Attachments: MS4 Letter of Intent.docx
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

As you may be aware, CNY RPDB, under the sponsorship of the Town of DeWitt, is preparing to submit a WQIP grant proposal for funds to expand our digital mapping effort with a focus on filling data gaps and identifying outfalls. The grant is due on July 26, and I am hoping that all of the MS4 members of the CNY Stormwater Coalition will participate in this project.

Although I'm still working on the detailed program description, in general I am requesting \$500K to:

- Fill in mapping/data collection gaps and collect missing data needed to expand flow directions and other digital elements that DEC is requiring for this funding
- Review existing outfall data for accuracy and confirmation needs
- Identify MS4 outfall locations using expanded system mapping, existing municipal paper maps, design plans and consultations with MS4 staff/consultants
- Update Data Dictionary as needed to accommodate expanded data collection needs
- Conduct field work to collect coordinates, system feature data including outfall data as needed to prioritize outfalls and conduct a comprehensive outfall inspection program

The match requirement for this grant is \$125,000 and will be derived from Coalition membership fees paid to CNY RPDB for staff support for the CNY Stormwater Coalition. There will be no additional fees beyond the normal, annual Coalition membership fee to participate in this project. WQIP contracts have a 5-year timeframe for completion, but I anticipate needing 3 – 5 years.

As with past grant applications, your MS4 must provide a letter of support to participate in the grant. I have attached a draft template that you can modify and return on municipal letterhead with your mayor or supervisor's signature. **Letters of intent must be returned to me no later than July 19th.** This is an electronic submittal so scanned support letters are fine.

There is also a separate form that DEC is requiring every participating MS4 to complete. The "Mapping Status Worksheet for MS4s" form documents the extent of existing stormwater mapping completed by each MS4. I have reached out to DEC for clarification on how this form should be completed and I am still awaiting a response. For that reason, I am not sending the form now as to avoid having to ask you to re-do it later, but PLEASE keep an eye out for it so that it can be completed when it arrives and returned in time to be included as part of the application.

I realize the timeframe for this grant application is tight and I appreciate your efforts to make it a success by returning the required documentation ASAP.

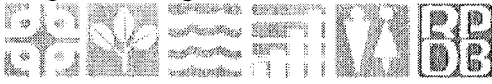
Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this developing grant application.

Thank you.

Kathy

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