

Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed

RFP Questions and Answers

Q: Can Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) funds be used as match?
A: No, funds from FL-LOWPA are from another state grant source. Per § 1.3 of the RFP, portions of a project funded from other State sources <u>will not</u> be considered match.
Q: If the project is on rented land, who’s name should the application be in, the farmer or landowner?
A: Only Soil and Water Conservation Districts can be listed as eligible applicants under Part 1 of the application. For projects on rented land, there must be a written lease agreement between the landowner and the farm operator that exceeds the lifespan of the practices to be implemented. For this situation, the operator’s (farmer) information may be used under Part 2 of the application.
Q: Can match come from the landowner (and/or a lakefront neighborhood group)?
A: Yes, match can come from any non-State source.
Q: On question #8, why are there so many lines if it is only one project per application?
A: Question #8 has multiple lines to accommodate multiple BMPs that may be implemented on a single farm.
Q: Can total project costs exceed \$10,000?
A: Yes, total project cost may exceed \$10,000 but State funds may not.
Q: Looking at the Focus Area Map, does the makeup of the “Genesee River <u>and</u> Finger Lakes Eligible” area consist solely of the watersheds for Conesus, Hemlock and Canadice Lakes?
A: The “Genesee River and Finger Lakes Eligible” area includes the watersheds of Conesus, Hemlock, Canadice and Honeoye Lakes. Please see the attached map.

Q: Part 6, question 1 of the application asks if a Tier 3 plan has been developed for the farm. If the answer is no, is the project still eligible for funding?

A: Yes, the project will still be eligible, however, §2.3 of the RFP states that eligible projects must follow the AEM planning process. Therefore, all awarded projects are expected to have, at a minimum, a Tier 3a plan which addresses the resource concern identified in the application, prior to implementation.

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